



Southern Region-AAAE Meeting Business and Award Session Minutes February 13 – February 15, 2022

Opening Session (Nottoway) Sunday, February 13, 9-10 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Southern Region AAAE Vice President Dr. Stacy Vincent.

Dr. Vincent welcomed the group to New Orleans to attend conference again in-person and shared that this conference was one of the largest registered Southern region conferences in 10 years with 140 registered guests.

He introduced the University of Kentucky team as well as the Southern Region leadership and committee chairs and thanked them for their assistance with the conference. He also made a few general announcements regarding room locations that varied from the schedule and noted that the business meetings on Tuesday would all be held in the Waterbury room.

Remarks from AAAE President

AAAE President, Dr. Mike Retallick, from Iowa State University joined the session to bring greetings on behalf of the national executive board and provided a few updates from the AAAE Executive board.

He reported that board has been focused on several initiatives including the development of an operations manual for the organization, updating issues which resulted from the loss of tax exempt status and the move to new platforms for the Journal as well as the review of Journal articles. In addition, he discussed the committee updating the AAAE research agenda and because of these changes, he shared with the group that the strategic plan will be renewed through May 2023 to allow other initiatives to move forward first and then focus on the development of the strategic plan.

There was a dues increase which took effect this year and was rolled out on January 1 with a few system issues that they have been working through.

He also reminded participants of the annual conference in Oklahoma City May 16-19.

Welcome from Host Committee

Donna Westfall-Rudd and Rebekah Epps came forward to discuss professional development activities during the conference as well as the conference social that would be held as a GooseChase scavenger hunt for conference participants. Dr. Epps reviewed the process for connecting to the app and the rules and prizes for the event.

Graduate Student Introductions

Chris Estep, University of Arkansas (Member Services chair) came forward to recognize the 74 graduate students registered for the event. He also provided reminders for the Graduate Student Breakfast which would be held the following morning from 7:30 – 9:30.



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Memorials

Memorials were shared for Dr. James Perry Key and Dr. Howard Robert (Bob) Terry Sr. both from Oklahoma State University

Other Announcements - Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky

Dr. Vincent shared additional reminders including nominations for Southern Region AAAE leadership will be taken at the Monday business meeting. Committee Reports will also be presented at the Monday business meeting. Elections and action items will be voted on Tuesday morning and he reminded the group that only active members can vote.

The next business meeting will take place on the 14th at 10:45 in Napoleon B2 and research session will begin at 10:15.

Carley Calico gave updates about the research poster session including location as well as the voting procedure for posters.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32am



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Business Session 1

Monday, February 14; 10:45-11:45 am (Napoleon B2)

Call to Order

Stacy Vincent S-AAAE Vice President Called the meeting to order at 10:46 am

He provided reminders that lunch is in Bayside AB and C and that the session tomorrow would be held in the Waterbury room on the second floor.

Approval of the 2021 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 2021 business meetings were sent out in advance via email.

Dr. Joey Blackburn, from Louisiana State University moved to approved the minutes as submitted.

Dr. Travis Park, North Carolina State University seconded the motion.

With no further discussion the minutes were approved as submitted.

AAAE Research Agenda Update

Ricky Telg, University of Florida and the Chair of the AAAE Research Agenda presented an update on the revision process for the AAAE Research Agenda. The committee is composed of three faculty from each AAAE region, one assistant professor, one associate professor and one full professor.

In order to gain a better understanding of the views of the AAAE membership, in person listening session were conducted for Western Region and North Central Regions. For the Southern Region, two virtual sessions were conducted via zoom as well as an additional survey link for those who could not attend the listening sessions.

Overall findings across regions described the majority of the membership were not using the national research agenda as a way to direct research, instead it is primarily used as a checkbox to show a manuscripts priority area during manuscript submission. It is however, being used as a planning tool in graduate research methods courses.

Some members indicated they wanted something shorter and more specific, while some thought it was too broad and vague. Additionally, some believed that the NRA was not updated often enough to allow for new innovations.

As a result of these focus groups, the committee has called into question what the purpose is of the agenda and if it is intended to lead research or to check off that our research fits certain areas.

The committee met last month and will be meeting again at the national conference to talk more about the next steps. Including beginning to ask some of the questions such as: What is the purpose of the NRA? Do we need one? If we do, what does it need to look like? If not, would a framework be more appropriate?



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The committee is looking at possibly something shorter and maybe aligned with funding sources.

The NRA committee is scheduled to present their final findings by the 2023 national conference.

Nominations for the 2024 conference

Oklahoma will host the 2023 conference.

Nominations were opened to host the 2024 conference in Atlanta. Currently, University of Tennessee is nominated to host.

No other nominations were made for 2024.

Committee Reports

Member Services

The Member Services report was presented by Chris Estep from the University of Arkansas

- Laura Greenhaw will serve as the incoming chair
- Travis Park was selected as chair-elect/secretary
- The committee met on January 19th. The committee discussed the need to update the Southern Region Constitution and By-laws to make necessary changes to align Southern Region with national AAAE. The committee will be organizing and making those changes over the next year. The committee also reported two open spots for the nomination of new committee members
- No action items were presented.

Program Improvement

The Program Improvement report was presented by Carley Morrison, Mississippi State University

- Kimberly Bellah will serve as the incoming chair
- Wendy Warner was elected to serve as chair-elect/secretary
- The committee met to organize and review posters. They had 52 research posters submitted and 38 accepted for a 73% response rate. For innovative posters, 35 submitted and 27 accepted for a 77% acceptance rate.
- The program Improvement Committee provided several action items.
 - a) One faculty member from the program improvement committee and one graduate student should be selected each year to work with 2023 conference planning committee to help plan high impact learning opportunities or options for the conference.
 - b) The committee also requested that posters be grouped thematically in proceedings beginning 2023.

After discussion, it was decided that a formal motion did not need to be made for this action item and that the decision to group posters is one that should be made by the committee.



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During discussion, it was also requested that the location of posters be brought up again to SAAS to try to ensure that the posters are in a large enough location to be viewed comfortably.

- c) The committee also shared their recommendations for host selection for the S-AAAE portion of the SAAS conference. It was discussed that with some institutions being smaller, the institutions from the conference region should work together to determine who will host when the conference falls within their region. This would allow institutions to decide who can host that year and determine if one institution could host or if it would be more appropriate to work as a group of institutions.

It was discussed that the current rotation is in the bylaws and only goes up to 2025.

Carley Morrison moved that the host rotation for Southern Region AAAE at SAAS follow the regional site selection as followed by SAAS East (East Coast states), west (OK, TX, LA, AK) and Central (AI, MS, KY, TN).

The motion was seconded by Michael Newman

With no objections the motion passed.

Professional Development Committee

Donna Westfall-Rudd, from Virginia Tech presented the Professional Development Committee Report.

- Debra Berry, incoming chair
 - Lauren Cline, elected chair elect/secretary
 - The Professional Development Committee met on January 28th
 - Natalie Ferand had agreed to serve on the committee and they are looking for one additional committee member to serve.
- a) They provided several announcements including formally thanking the faculty who served as the leads at each table during the graduate student breakfast on February 14th and reminded members about the professional development workshop which would be held that afternoon focused on “engaging research in times of crisis” which would take place from 3:15 – 4:30.



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Research Committee

Dr. Joey Blackburn, Louisiana State University presented the research committee report for committee chair Ashley Yopp

- Joey Blackburn, incoming chair
- JC Bunch, elected chair elect/secretary
- Several new members were nominated to serve on the research committee, including:
 - a) Lauren Cline
 - b) Bradley Coleman
 - c) Andrew Thoron
 - d) Shelli Danjean-Rampold
- The committee met on January 20th to review conference submissions. 53 papers were submitted and 35 were accepted for a 70% acceptance rate. For emerging research, there were 17 submissions and 10 were accepted for a 59% acceptance rate.
- For the Journal of Southern Agricultural Education Research, 10 articles were submitted, 6 were accepted and 6 are still being edited to include in the next issue.
- National AAAE is negotiating with PKP, as part of the process to transition the journal to a new platform. As part of that process, DOI's and articles will be re-indexed. The interface will change though it will look similar to the current format for submissions. This will be an open access journal. It will take a lot of work to get it migrated over and indexed in the new system. A new link will be linked to the new Journal.
- The research committee had several action items
 - a) The committee moved to formally encourage and thank the AAAE organization for beginning the process to make the journal open access.
 - b) The committee moved to begin a formal process for reviewer training on the national level. AAAE is already looking into this process and will begin with the editing and managing board to get training first and then move into regions and then the entire organization.
 - c) As part of this training process, the Southern Region Research Committee moved to formally analyze the review process for bias and develop trainings or make changes as needed. This included the development of rubrics to match the new abstract format for Southern Region.

During discussion of these items, it was suggested that the research committee could look into partnering with the professional development committee for the emerging abstract sessions and for roundtables, so that both groups might be able to collaborate to develop new processes for the conference.

It was further discussed that several reviews had been received that were unprofessional and not helpful to the review and draft process. There is a need to develop new training for researchers and for the association to police itself more thoroughly against individuals who refuse to review or who review in an unprofessional manner.



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Dr. Vincent reported the national organization is looking at the process to train reviewers, increase consistency, create training, and analyze the review process as a whole.

Nominations for Committee Membership

Dr. Stacy Vincent reminder the membership that nominations will close at the end of the current business meeting for new members who will roll onto the committees, the term for these new members will end in 2025. For committees that did not already enough new nominees, nominations were taken from the floor.

- Member Services
 - a) Stephen Edwards, was nominated to complete Kellie Claflin's term (2024)
 - b) Jason McKibbin, Auburn
 - c) Maggie Salem, UT Commerce
- Program Improvement
 - b) Joy Morgan, North Carolina State University
 - c) Wendy Warner, North Carolina State University
- Professional Development
 - a) Natalie Ferand, Virginia Tech
 - b) O.P. McCubbins, Mississippi State University
 - c) Misty Lambert, North Carolina State University
- Research
 - a) Shelli Rampold, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 - b) Brian Myers, University of Florida
 - c) Andrew Thoron, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
 - d) Lauren Cline, Oklahoma State
 - e) Trent Wells, Southern Arkansas State
- JAE Editing-Managing Board (1 position). 3-year term, 2021-2023 (Joey Blackburn rotates off)
 - a) Chris Eck, Oklahoma State
 - b) J. C. Bunch, University of Florida
 - c) Trent Wells, Southern Arkansas

Southern Region Officer Nominations

Dr. Stacy Vincent opened the floor for nominations for Southern Region AAAE Leadership

- Secretary – 2022-2024
 - a) Eric Rubenstein, University of Georgia, Athens
 - b) Misty Lambert, North Carolina State University



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- Vice President – 2022-2024
 - a) Kristin Stair, Louisiana State University
 - b) Tre Easterly, University of Florida
- President
 - a) Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky

Other Motions and Discussion

Dr. Brian Myers strongly encouraged the group to consider moving the format of the Southern Region to a format more similar with the Western Region to encourage more roundtables and teams to help build collaboration.

After discussion, Dr. Brian Myers, University of Florida moved to move for the S-AAAE conference to adopt a model similar to the western region with flexibility from the regional leadership to make changes as needed based on the limitations of the conference location or SAAS structure.

The motion was seconded by Dr. J. C. Bunch, University of Florida

It was discussed that this motion may change the newly adopted process for paper abstracts.

It was suggested that this should go through the research committee rather than being a general motion for the region. There was hesitation expressed in pushing this through the committee because it would take longer to implement changes.

It was further discussed that this may be an opportunity for the professional development committee and the research committee to work together to develop new processes for the region. Concerns were raised about the many changes that would need to be made to our process as compared to Western Region and that the research process had already changed considerably last year.

Andrew Thoron shared his experiences as the Journal of Agricultural Education Editor, and described the review process for both Western Region and North Central. He addressed some of the positives and negatives of their current process for the members to consider before moving to a similar process, especially focused on the large number of reviews that individuals within their region complete to get papers ready for their conference. In some regions, a small group is paid a stipend to review all of the materials which can be a challenge.

It was discussed that the review process is available on the AAAE website for both the Western and the North Central Region and that the Southern Region members should review those processes before making any decisions when this motion comes to a vote at the next business meeting.



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Other Announcements

Dr. Joey Blackburn, Louisiana State University announced that the profession will be looking for new Editor for the Journal of Southern Agricultural Education Research. He also formally thanked Eric Rubenstein for his service in this role.

Tre Easterly, University of Florida moved to adjourn the meeting.
Chris Haynes, Texas A and M Commerce seconded the motion.
The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.



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Business Session II

Tuesday, February 15, 8:00-9:00 am (Napoleon A2/A3)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Southern Region AAAE Vice President, Dr. Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky

Dr. Vincent reviewed the process for voting and reminded the group that graduate students are not allowed to vote.

Committee Membership Elections

Member Services

- a) Stephen Edwards, was nominated to complete Kellie Claflin's term (2024)
- b) Jason McKibbin, Auburn
- c) Maggie Salem, UT Commerce

The membership moved to approve all nominees

The motion passed

- Program Improvement

- a) Joy Morgan, North Carolina State University
- b) Wendy Warner, North Carolina State University

The membership moved to approve all nominees

The motion passed

- Professional Development

- a) Natalie Ferand, Virginia Tech
- b) O.P. McCubbins, Mississippi State University
- c) Misty Lambert, North Carolina State University

After a ballot vote, O.P. McCubbins and Misty Lambert were elected to serve on the board.

- Research

- a) Shelli Rampold, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- b) Brian Myers, University of Florida
- c) Andrew Thoron, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
- d) Trent Wells, Southern Arkansas State

After a ballot vote, Dr. Shelli Rampold and Trent Wells were elected to serve on the board.

- JAE Editing-Managing Board (1 position). 3-year term, 2021-2023 (Joey Blackburn rotating off)

- a) Chris Eck, Oklahoma State
- b) J. C. Bunch, U of F
- c) Trent Wells, Southern Arkansas



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After a ballot vote, Dr. J. C. Bunch was elected to serve on the JAE Editing/Managing Board

Southern Region Officer Nominations

- Secretary – 2022-2024
 - a) Eric Rubenstein, University of Georgia, Athens
 - b) Misty Lambert, North Carolina State University

After a ballot vote, Misty Lambert was elected to serve as Secretary for 2022-2024

- Vice President – 2022-2024
 - a) Kristin Stair, Louisiana State University
 - b) Tre Easterly, University of Florida

After a ballot vote, Kristin Stair was elected to serve as the Secretary for 2022-2024

- President
 - Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky

With no opposition, a motion was made to approve the nomination of Stacy Vincent as the President for 2022-2024. The motion passed.

Committee Action Items

- Member Services
 - a) No action items
- Program Improvement
 - a) The committee moved that the host rotation for coordinating the Ag Ed program at SAAS follow the regional site selection as followed by SAAS (East - coastal states), West (OK, TX, LA, AR), Central (AL, MS, KY, TN).
The motion passed
- Professional Development
 - a) No action items
- Research
 - a) Moved to recommend AAAE review the review process for bias on a national level.
 - b) Moved to recommend AAAE create a reviewer training process on the national level.
 - c) Moved to encourage AAAE to index the Journal of Agricultural Education.

It was decided that these items did not need to be made as a formal motion for consideration by the membership.



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Change to structure of the hosting process for Southern Region:

Dr. Brian Myers moved to move the S-AAAE conference to a model similar to the western region with flexibility from the regional leadership to make changes as needed based on the limitations of the conference location or SAAS structure.

Before action could be taken on this motion, Dr. Stacy Vincent called the motion out of order, due to the fact that the organization of the conference budget is a budgetary process and will need to be approved by the National AAAE board to allow for funding the reviewers based on the Western Region review process. Also, the new research submission and review process which was passed at the 2021 conference passed with a trial period of three years, therefore, a change to the process before that time would be out of order.

There was additional discussion was made that the committees all have latitude to organize the presentations as they see fit. It is possible that changes could be made for the upcoming conference within those committees. It was suggested that the conference chairs that organize research within the conference, should discuss how changes could be made to next years conference during their call for reviews and organization of the posters and papers.

Identification of 2024 AAAE-S meeting host

It was moved that the 2024 convention will be hosted by University of Tennessee.
With no discussion, the motion passed.

With no further business, Dr. Joey Blackburn, Louisiana State University moved to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was seconded by Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech University
With no discussion, the motion passed and the business meeting was adjourned.



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Session III – Distinguished Manuscripts and Awards presentations

Tuesday, February 15, 9:15-12:00

Distinguished Manuscripts

Introduced by Dr. Joey Blackburn, Louisiana State University

Distinguished Manuscript Presentation 1

The Effects of Single-Sex Classrooms Compared to Coeducational Classrooms on Secondary Student Career Interest, Brett M. Wasden, Stacy K. Vincent, Eric M. Moser – University of Kentucky

Regional Awards

Presented by Dr. Chris Estepp, University of Arkansas

Distinguished Agricultural Communications Educator Award, Shelly Legg. Oklahoma State University
Distinguished Extension Educator Award, Robert Strong, Texas A&M

Distinguished Manuscript Presentation 2

The Effects of Survey Response Mode and Incentives on Response Rates, Dr. Will Doss, Dr. John Rayfield, Dr. David Lawver, Dr. Scott Burriss – Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Tech University

Outstanding Poster Awards

Presented by Dr. Carley Morrison, Mississippi State University

Distinguished Research Posters

Teaching Agricultural Education Today: Discovering the Characteristics of Generation Z.
Daniela Medina, K. Jill Rucker, Casandra K. Cox - University of Arkansas

Who Knows Hemp? A knowledge Comparison of Hemp Production in Louisiana Among Undergraduates in Agriculture and Non-Agriculture Degree Programs
Raegan Ramage, Tyler Granberry, Rexanna Powers, Janiece Pigg and Joey Blackburn - Louisiana State University

Perceptions and Understanding of Race and Racism Among Agricultural Education and Communications Students. - Cecilia E. Suarez and Kenzie Bastian, University of Florida

Outstanding Research Posters

Student Perceptions of the Fifth Annual Greenhand Leadership Conference at Auburn University
Alexandria N. McLead, Makeda I. Nurradin, Garrett T. Hancock, Amanda L. Hyjek, Jason McKibbon, Christopher Clemons, and Jimmy Lindner - Auburn University



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Distinguished Innovative Idea Posters

Framing Up: Contextualizing Organizational Leadership in Agricultural and Natural Resources
Caitlin Lunzmann, Nicole Steadman and Grady Roberts - University of Florida.

Leadership Development through Livestock SAE's Using Near-Peer Groups to Build Students' Leadership and Animal Science Knowledge and Skills

Tyler Price and Craig Edwards - Oklahoma State University

Outstanding Innovative Idea Poster:

Using Interactive Case Studies to Practice Small Gasoline Engine Troubleshooting - Tyler Granberry and J. Joey Blackburn

Distinguished Manuscript Presentation 3

Identifying Challenges Faced by School-Based Agricultural Education Teachers, Dr. Will Doss, Dr. John Rayfield, Dr. David Lawver – Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Tech University

Regional Awards

Presented by Dr. Chris Estepp, University of Arkansas

Distinguished International Agricultural Educator Award - Dr. Craig Edwards, Oklahoma State University

Distinguished Agriculture Teacher Educator Award - Dr. Tony Brannon, Murray State University,

Distinguished Manuscript Presentation 4

Evaluation of Cultural Diversity in Secondary Agricultural Textbooks, Tara E. Rojas & Stacy K. Vincent – University of Kentucky

JSAER Outstanding Article

Presented by Dr. Eric Rubenstein, University of Georgia

An Examination of Organizational Citizenship Behavior Characteristics Amongst Undergraduate Students

Kevin W. Lamm, Alyssa Powell, Alexa J. Lamm and Eric D. Rubenstein - University of Georgia

Distinguished Manuscript Presentation 5

Casting a Critical Lens on Thailand's Higher Education System: A Case Study of Women's Experiences as Agricultural Extension Faculty, Dr. Morgan A. Richardson Gilley, Dr. Richie Roberts, Dr. Kristin S. Stair, Dr. J. Joey Blackburn – Louisiana State University



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Regional Awards

Presented by Dr. Chris Estep, University of Arkansas

Outstanding Early Career Member - Dr. Richie Roberts, Louisiana State University

Outstanding Teaching Award - Dr. Grady Roberts, University of Florida

Outstanding Researcher Award - Dr. Antoine Alston, North Carolina A&T

Host State Social Scavenger Hunt Awards

Presented by Donna Westfall-Rudd & Rebekah Epps

Eight Teams completed the full points for GooseChase, style points were used to select the winners.

1. Hail State, Mississippi State University
2. CruOrleans, Team consisted of members from Virginia Tech, University of Kentucky and University of Florida
3. Ag Dawgs, University of Georgia

Invitation to 2023 AAAE-S in Oklahoma City, OK

Presented by Dr. Lauren Cline, Oklahoma State University

AAAE-S Outstanding Manuscript

Presented by Dr. Joey Blackburn, Louisiana State University

The Effects of Survey Response Mode and Incentives on Response Rates, Dr. Will Doss, Dr. John Rayfield, Dr. David Lawver, and Dr. Scott Burriss – Texas Tech

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am by Southern Region AAAE President, Dr. Stacy Vincent, University of Kentucky