

Business Session I: Minutes
Tuesday, September 20th, 2022: 11:00-12:00

- I. Call to Order –President Kattlyn Wolf
 - a. 1:38 pm
- II. Introductions – Western Region AAAE members and guests
 - a. Introduction of officers- next year we will be electing officers
 - b. Universities present: Chico State, Colorado State University, Eastern New Mexico University, Fresno State University, Kansas State University, Montana State University, New Mexico State University, Oklahoma State University, Oregon State University,
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 - Sam Houston State University-
 - Texas A&M University- 4 phd students, 2 masters students
 - Texas A&M University-Kingsville-
 - Texas A&M University- Commerce-
 - Texas State University- 2 graduate students, 1 undergraduate
 - Texas Tech University- David Doerfort retiring
 - University of Arizona
 - University of Idaho- hiring 2 positions
 - Utah State University- 3 graduate students
 - Washington State University
 - Others and Other Guests
- III. Minutes of the 2022 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference
 - a. Motion was made by Jon Ramsey to approve, seconded by Garrett Brogan.
 - b. Motion Passed
- IV. Review conference agenda- Becki Lawver
 - a. Meeting rooms were explained for the rest of the conference. She also provided an overview of Logan and Utah State University. The college has grown 70% and has over half of the university’s majors. She provided a description of the department and gave recommendations for dinner spots around town.
- V. AAAE President Report – Jonathan Velez
 - a. Remarks from the board
 - i. First, Dr. Velez recognized and thanked WR leadership as over half of the national presidents out of the WR, along executive committee members. He also noted the collegiality in the WR.
 - ii. Updates were provided on the national budget. It has not passed yet and has been referred back to the executive committee. The organization is operating at a deficit, but the deficit is being reduced so funds are available. The organization is moving toward a balanced

budget and reserve funds are being invested. Dr. Velez recognized Mike Speiss as the WR member on the audit and finance committee.

- iii. The organization is looking for a new poster review and submission manager. Members were encouraged to please let the board know if anyone is interested in the position.
- iv. Grad student involvement is being encouraged. Dr. Buddy McKendree of Michigan State has hosted listening sessions in order to include graduate students more in the organization. Dr. Velez thanked the individuals that coordinated graduate student reception.
- v. Finally, the executive committee is meeting in the off months to address different issues and challenges. Dr. Velez recognized those members in the WR.

VI. AAAE Treasurer's Report- Shannon Arnold

- a. No report was provided.

VII. Committees / JAE Boards Reports, Nominations, and Action Items

- a. Kat Wolf encouraged interest and participation on committees before and during the conferences.
- b. JAE Editing and Managing Board - Call for Nominations- Ryan Anderson
 - i. Fully transition over to PKP- identifying issues and smoothing them out
 - ii. Replacing Dr. Doerfort
 - iii. Nomination on the floor for Tyson Sorensen to join the board.
 - iv. Working on the qualitative reviews. This should be working correctly soon.
 - v. Working on the process steps on PKP and JAE/AAAE websites
 - vi. Hiring a journal editor for next year. 2 year commitment (editor moves to past editor) and 3 year commitment (editor elect, editor, past editor)
- c. Communications/Member Services – Kelsey Hall
 - i. Developing communications on services to the WR members
 - ii. Electing a vice chair
 - iii. Making improvements on services or resources needed
- d. Program Improvement – Ryan Anderson
 - i. Posters and other action items
 - ii. Electing two new members
- e. Professional Development - Kathryn Teixeria (Alyssa Schlager)
 - i. Met to plan the grad networking session
 - ii. Working on graduate scholarships

- f. Research Committee – Courtney Gibson
 - i. Thank you to review panel for the conference
 - ii. 36 papers submitted
 - iii. Discussing the submission date changes to increase submissions for papers
 - iv. Research paper award structure- 2023- top three papers
 - 1. People's choice awards
 - v. Need two members to join the committee
- VIII. Research Conference Report – Tyson Sorenson
 - a. skipped
- IX. Poster Conference Report – Theresa Murphrey
 - a. 21 innovative, 19 accepted; 46 submitted, 35 accepted
 - b. Encouraged members to continually submit
 - c. Awards
 - i. People's choice on top 10 innovative and research
- X. Adjourn
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