



Western Region

Business Session I

Tuesday, September 18^h, 2018

9:00-10:00

- I. Call to Order
[The meeting was called to order by President Mike Spiess](#)

- II. Introductions – Western Region AAAE members and guests
 - a. Universities present:
 - ✓ California State University, Chico – Faculty search open. 2 faculty present
 - ✓ California State University, Fresno – Faculty search open. 1 faculty present
 - ✓ Colorado State University – one faculty present
 - ✓ Eastern New Mexico University – one faculty present
 - ✓ Kansas State University – one present, hiring an ACOM position.
 - ✓ Montana State University – four faculty, two grad students.
 - ✓ New Mexico State University – one faculty, one grad student
 - ✓ Oklahoma State University – three faculty
 - ✓ Oregon State University – one faculty, one masters, one doctoral. Should have a tenure track position open soon.
 - ✓ Sam Houston State University – Doug Ulrich is the new department chair. Joe Moore retired.
 - ✓ Stephen F Austin State University – one faculty and one master’s student
 - ✓ Texas A&M University – Department chair position open. Dr. McCubbins joined for teacher education faculty. Six doctoral students present.
 - ✓ Texas A&M University-Kingsville – One faculty
 - ✓ Texas Tech University – Eight graduate students. Seven faculty.
 - ✓ University of Arizona – One new faculty member. Two present.
 - ✓ University of Idaho – Five faculty. Should have a position open this spring. Three grad students, two undergrads.
 - ✓ Utah State University – Two faculty. Six grad students.
 - ✓ Washington State University – One faculty.

- III. Minutes of the 2017 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference – Erica Irlbeck
[Motion to approve minutes from Avery Culbertson](#)
[Seconded by Grant Ermis](#)
[Minutes approved](#)

- IV. Review conference agenda – Kasee Smith and Kattlyn Wolf
[Kasee Smith provided an overview of the conference ahead.](#)

- V. AAAE President Report – Robert Torres
[Dr. Torres provided the following information from the national association:](#)
[Barry Croom, Georgia, will assume the treasurer’s responsibilities](#)
[Andrew Thoron will take over the research paper submission process.](#)
[Mark Balschweid will be moving the strategic plan forward.](#)



Plans are moving forward for the May 2019 conference in Des Moines. There will be some changes to the agenda based on feedback.

Oklahoma State will host the 2020 national conference, and planning is in progress.

At the last national meeting, there was a motion for a AAAE Leadership Academy. Ed Osborn, Florida, is drafting the agenda and has requested for a day prior to the national meeting for the leadership academy. There will be an application process. Details are not fully available.

Dr. Torres attended the National Council for Agricultural Education meeting. The council is at a point where they feel like they need to disband or re-invent itself with stronger leadership and a unified voice. The council has been around since the mid 1980s. The national summit will bring forward some ideas for the council.

VI. Identify new business items

a. Awards – Align with National – Lori Moore

Western Region's awards are out of alignment when compared to AAAE. Both groups offer Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Researcher, Outstanding Ag Educator, and Outstanding Early Career Awards. Western awards an Outstanding International Ag Educator and national does not. Dr. Moore asked if we wanted to offer the same awards as national. However, rarely does the region award all five categories.

Carl Igo moved to add the national awards and keep the International Ag Educator award.

John Ramsey seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

The motion passed.

b. Officer terms – change to one year – Mike Spiess

i. Proposed: Officers shall serve a four year term, rotating through the offices from secretary, vice president, president, and finally past president.

Dr. Spiess noted that to improve leadership participation, shortening the terms might help. The current eight year commitment may be too much for some people.

Erica Irlbeck moved to change the officer terms for one year per office.

Lori Moore seconded

The current officer team would go to one year per office.

The motion passed. Bylaws will be changed.

VII. Research Conference Report – Conference Coordinator – Kasee Smith

Kasee Smith said the overall research submissions decreased. There were 43 manuscripts sent to reviewers. This is down from 55 in 2017. Molly Aschenbrenner, Becky Lawver, Shannon Arnold, Rob Terry, and Courtney Meyers served on the panel and were acknowledged for their service.

VIII. Poster Session Report – Theresa Murphrey

Theresa Murphrey said the poster abstract submission system remains the same. There were 61 abstracts submitted: 17 innovative and 41 research. The reviewers accepted 12



innovative and 28 research posters. Posters were accepted based on those that had two reviewers that supported the poster.

IX. 2019 Western Region Meeting (Committee)

The 2019 meeting was scheduled to be in Wyoming; however, their one faculty member moved away from the Western Region. Spiess sought input for direction for what the region would like to do.

Discussion followed.

Molly Aschenbrenner moved to host the conference to New Mexico in 2019.

Tre Easterly seconded the motion.

Discussion of future sites was moved to the second business meeting.

Motion passed.

X. Committees / JAE Boards

- a. Communications/Member Services – Holli Leggette-Archer
- b. Program Improvement – Jeremy Faulk
- c. Professional Development – TBD
- d. Research Committee – Tyson Sorensen
- e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board
- f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board

XI. Adjourn

President Spiess adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.



Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order – Mike Spiess
[The meeting was called to order at 10:50 by President Mike Spiess.](#)

- II. Initial Nominations for Western Region Leadership, Committees and Representatives
 - a. WRAAAE Secretary
[Kattlyn Wolf, Shannon Arnold](#)
 - b. Communications/Member Services Committee (elect 2)
[Boot Chumbley, Rudy Ritz](#)
 - c. Program Improvement Committee (elect 2)
[Courtney Meyers, Mollie Aschenbrener](#)
 - d. Professional Development Committee (elect 2)
[Anna Warner, Sarah Bush](#)
 - e. Research Committee (elect 2)
[Tyson Sorensen, Becki Lawver](#)
 - f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Managing Board (elect 1)
2 yr. commitment: [Lori Moore](#)
3 year commitment: [Josh Stewart](#)
 - g. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Review Board (recommend 3)
[Becki Lawver, Ryan Saucier – three year commitment](#)
[Holli Archer, Tre Easterly – two year committee](#)

- III. Reports
 - a. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board
 - b. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial - Review Board
[Ryan Saucier presented the report.](#)

- IV. Committee Reports
[See below for individual committee reports.](#)
 - a. Communications/Member Services
[Holli Archer presented the report.](#)
 - b. Program Improvement
[Jeremy Faulk presented the report.](#)
 - c. Professional Development
[Candis Carraway presented the report.](#)
 - d. Research Committee
[Tyson Sorensen presented the report.](#)



Candis Carraway moved to accept the recommendations of the research committee
Rob Terry seconded.

V. New Business

a. Awards

Nothing new for this portion of the meeting.

b. Change in length of officer's terms

c. Committee Proposals if any

d. New research protocol

VI. WRAAAE elections

a. WRAAAE Secretary

Kattlyn Wolf, University of Idaho

Steve Frazee moved to accept all the other nominees by acclamation

Candis Carraway seconded.

b. Communications/Member Services Committee

Boot Chumbley, Rudy Ritz

c. Program Improvement Committee

Courtney Meyers, Mollie Aschenbrener

d. Professional Development Committee

Anna Warner, Sarah Bush

e. Research Committee

Tyson Sorensen, Becki Lawver

f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Managing Board

Lori Moore (2-year), Josh Stewart (3 year)

g. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board

Becki Lawver, Ryan Saucier – three year commitment

Holli Archer, Tre Easterly – two year committee

VII. Western Region Conference Rotation and Dates (see attached). Action: Confirm 2020.

Several members were concerned about the rotation of conferences moving forward.

Mollie Aschenbrener moved to reconsider the motion she made in the previous meeting.

Tre Easterly seconded.

Tre Easterly moved to send the issue to a committee with full power to act

Courtney Meyers seconded.

The committee will have a date and location by October 15.

Committee members: Lori Moore, Erica Irlbeck, Tre Easterly, Steve Frazee, Dwayne Cartmel, Shannon Norris, Kasee Smith, Kat Wolf.

VIII. Award Presentations

a. Western Region Awards – Lori Moore



Holli Archer presented the Outstanding Early Career Member Award to Tyson Sorensen, Utah State

Dwayne Cartmell presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Shannon Arnold, Montana State

Dwayne Cartmell presented the International Award to Jon Ramsey, Oklahoma State

Courtney Meyers presented the Distinguished Researcher Award to Dwayne Cartmell, Oklahoma State

b. Poster Session Awards – Theresa Murphrey

Innovative Idea:

Distinguished Innovative Poster :

Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Using interactive silent discussion to uncover work-life balance tensions and contradictions of early career agricultural teachers” (Oregon State University)

Best Poster Design:

Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Using interactive silent discussion to uncover work-life balance tensions and contradictions of early career agricultural teachers” (Oregon State University)

Biggest Impact Poster:

Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Using interactive silent discussion to uncover work-life balance tensions and contradictions of early career agricultural teachers” (Oregon State University)

Most Innovative Poster (Three way tie):

- Dr. Courtney Meyers, Dr. Gaea Hock, & Dr. Tobin Redwine: “Show and Tell: Using Videos to Provide Assignment Feedback” (Texas Tech University, Kansas State University, & Texas A&M University)
- Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Using interactive silent discussion to uncover work-life balance tensions and contradictions of early career agricultural teachers” (Oregon State University)
- Kristyn Dickey, Kelsey Opat, & Erica Irlbeck: “Texas Tech University Center for Agri-Science Communications” (Texas Tech University)

Research:

Distinguished Innovative Poster:

Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Exploring Barriers to Work-Life Balance of Early Career Agriculture Teachers” (Oregon State University)

Best Poster Design (Three way tie):

- Colten Smith, Tyson J. Sorensen, & Rebecca G. Lawver: “Why Ag Ed? Examining the Motives to Teach Agriculture among Non-SBAE Students” (Utah State University)



- William L. Doss, Keith J. Frost, & Dr. John Rayfield: “Analyzing Time Spent as an FFA Advisor and School Based Agricultural Education Teacher During Two Student Teaching Cohorts” (Texas Tech University)
- Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Exploring Barriers to Work-Life Balance of Early Career Agriculture Teachers” (Oregon State University)

Biggest Impact Poster:

C. Zane Sheehan & Lori L. Moore: “Impact of Affiliation on National FFA Recognition A Secondary Analysis of Existing Data” (Texas A&M University)

Most Innovative Poster (Two way tie):

- Haylee M. Lindsey, Keith J. Frost, & Dr. John Rayfield: “Comparison of Progression of Time Through Student Teaching” (Texas Tech University)
- Haley Q. Clement, Kellie Claflin, & Jonathan J. Velez: “Exploring Barriers to Work-Life Balance of Early Career Agriculture Teachers” (Oregon State University)

c. Research Presentation Awards – Kasee Smith

Distinguished Manuscript – Joenell Futrell, Marshall Baker, & Shane Robinson

Distinguished Manuscript – Abbie Carlson and Avery Culbertson

Outstanding Manuscript – Lauren LaGrande, Cara Lawson & Courtney Meyers

Outstanding Research Impact Award - Haley Clement, Kellie Claflin, and Jonathan Velez

Outstanding Innovation in Research – Jean Parrilla & Kasee Smith

IX. Memoriam

Steve Frazee honored Dr. Lewis Eggenberger, Texas Tech University

Lori Moore honored Dr. James Christensen, Texas A&M University

X. Recognition of 2018 Research, Poster, and Conference Chairs

Mike Spiess recognized Teresa Murphrey, Kasee Smith, Kat Wolf, and the University of Idaho for their work in putting the conference and research sessions together.

XI. Student Scholarships

Shannon Arnold presented student scholarship awards to Cara Lawson, Shania Simons, Haley Klement, and Lauren LaGrande

XII. Introduction of newly elected committee members and representatives

Kat Wolf was elected WRAAAE secretary.

Lori Moore was installed as WRAAAE president.

Lori Moore recognized Mike Spiess for his years of service.

XIII. Adjourn

Ryan Saucier moved to adjourn

Candis Carraway seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Moore at 12:04



Proposed Western Region Meeting Rotation

2019	New Mexico
2020	Montana
2021	TBD
2022	Utah
2023	Alaska or Hawaii
2024	California
2025	Texas
2026	Nevada
2027	Oklahoma



Committee: Member Services

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Members:

Carl Igo, Matt Mars, Holli Leggette, Jack Elliot, Nan Li, Angel Riggs

Chair for 2018: Matt Mars

Vice-chair for 2018: Holli Leggette

Nominations:

Kellie Claflin, Oregon State, Ph.D.; Shannon Norris, Texas A&M, Ph.D.; Kassandra Simpson, New Mexico State, Masters.

Minutes:

- One of the concerns at the national level in the member services committee was how to get members more involved, especially as it relates to reviewing journal articles. Two of the members on the regional committee have not reviewed an article in a year or two because they have not received an article to review. This could be an issue on the system side or the individual side. So, **we recommend that we look into this issue more to see if there is a missing step or link that is causing faculty to not receive articles to review.**
- We also recognize that reviewing is hard in terms of time and effort. Therefore, **we recommend that faculty have the opportunity to nominate masters students to review posters at the regional level.** If faculty have an outstanding masters student that they believe has the research experience to review poster abstracts, we believe those students should have the opportunity to experience the review process.
- We brainstormed ways that we could increase attendance at the regional meetings. One way we discussed it incorporating an opportunity to form collaborations—much like an intellectual synergy. **We recommend this replaces one of the committee meetings and that it occur in the middle of the conference and not tacked on to the front or the back.** We also discussed creating an opportunity for graduate students to ask senior faculty members questions in a roundtable format. Each table has a faculty member and a topic, and graduate students can go to the table and ask questions. Examples of topics would be mentoring graduate students, grants, promotion and tenure, etc. **We recommend the hosts in the coming years consider this type of activity.**



- If we want an increase in attendance, we may want to consider alternative ways of doing things.
To make solid recommendations, we would need more data.

Attendance Sheet:

Carl Igo, Matt Mars, Holli Leggette, Kellie Claflin, Shannon Norris, Cassandra Simpson



Committee: Program Improvement

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Members: (roll-off year)

Courtney Meyers – 2018
Mike Spiess – 2018
Avery Culbertson – 2019
Marshall Swafford – 2019 ABSENT
Theresa Murphrey – 2020
Jeremy Falk – 2020
Courtney Meyers – 2021
Mollie Aschenbrener – 2021

Also in attendance: Becky Haddad

Chair for 2018: Jeremy Falk

Vice-chair for 2018: Theresa Murphrey

(Continue as chair and vice chair for 2019)

Minutes:

Select a new chair

Jeremy Falk nominated and accepted.

Nominate 2 new members

Courtney Meyers nominated and accepted. Molly Aschenbrener nominated and accepted.

Review National Meeting

Nothing notable.

Format of Research Presentations

Has likely impacted the submissions for posters. We like it.

New Business:

1. Create and disseminate an evaluation of the conference.



2. New poster award structure:

Poster Awards – one in each category; in the divisions of Innovative and Research

- Score of Abstracts (Highest score of reviewed abstract. Disqualified if doesn't arrive for poster session.)
- Submit PDF of poster, judge for design and look (Only posters that are submitted by a week in advance, reviewed by Program Improvement Committee, rubric to be designed by May, disqualified if doesn't arrive for poster session.)
- Interview/presentation score (our familiar People's Choice Award).



Committee: Professional Development

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Members:

Term expires 2018

Shannon Arnold, Montana State University

Candis Carraway Stephen F. Austin State University_

Term expires 2019

Steven "Boot" Chumley, Texas A&M – Kingsville

Amber Rice, University of Arizona

Term expires 2020

Ryan Saucier, Sam Houston State University

Josh Stewart, Oregon State University

Term Expires 2021

Anna Warner, Washington State University

Sarah Bush, University of Idaho

Chair for 2018: ___Shannon Arnold_____

Vice-chair for 2018: ___Candis Carraway_____

Nominations:

___new members Anna Warner and Sarah Bush_____

Minutes:

The meeting began with introductions and Shannon explaining the roles of the committee.

Discussion of the Early Career and graduate student breakfast/reception was held. The suggestion made to National AAAE is to consider an evening event instead of a morning event and consider the set-up of the room (should promote interaction)/

Also suggest considering the time of Barrick Seminar and Knapp Seminar. When scheduled at a meal time (and meal not provided) or close to meal time then less people tend to attend the event.

Dr. Ramsey brought up the idea of having a list of "experts" or people who would feel willing to talk to others about certain topics available on the website.



Dr. Arnold brought up the idea of rotating through early career, mid career, and late career topics of interest.

The is was discussed to have everyone in the room at the same time by be seated at tables by years of experience at each table to facilitate discussion relevant to each group.

Discussing the student scholarship took the majority of our time.

We recommend that the scholarship be called an award and that it be advertised with the other awards but an additional announcement about the award should be sent out by the chair or communications person. The due date should be July 1 and the committee should try to make selections by August 1st. The students should be notified about the award then as that may impact their decision to attend. The committee recommends this be an award that is not tied to the amount of the registration fee and that we delete any language of registration fees from the application. Instead we recommend the award be set at \$250 and the committee will decide on the number awarded based on the funds available for the scholarship award.

The committee also discussed this award should be eligible to undergraduate researchers. Shannon read the current language in the application and undergraduates are included.

We discussed this year's professional development format and everyone seem to like it. It was suggested that we use some of the "innovative ideas" to help facilitate this type of Professional Development in the future or at least model others strategies instead of repeating the same strategy.

We recommend for next year's Professional Focus on teaching since this year focused on research.

We elected two new members to the committee with a term expiring in 2021. These new members are Anna Warner from Washington State University and Sarah Bush from University of Idaho.

Attendance Sheet:

Shannon Arnold, Montana State University
Candis Carraway Stephen F. Austin State University_
Steven "Boot" Chumley, Texas A&M – Kingsville
Amber Rice, University of Arizona
Ryan Saucier, Sam Houston State University



Josh Stewart, Oregon State University
Anna Warner, Washington State University
Sarah Bush, University of Idaho
Jessica Shepherd (MSU graduate student)
Jaycee Riander (MSU grad student)
John Ramsey, Oklahoma State University



Committee: Research

Members:

Tyson Sorensen, Kasee Smith, Kat Wolf, John Rayfield, Dustin Perry,
Chair for 2018: Tyson Sorensen; Vice-chair for 2018: Kasee Smith

Nominations:

Chair for 2019: Kasee Smith

Vice Chair for 2019: Dustin Perry

Committee members rolling off in 2018: Tyson Sorensen, Kat Wolf

Committee members nominated for replacement: Tyson Sorensen and Becki Lawver

Minutes:

1. Discussion about the current conference format and any issues or concerns. Only concern is the need for a protocol to be formalized so the conference has some continuity in terms of submissions, reviews, assignments, awards, etc.
2. Discussed and developed a formal protocol based on the AAEE research protocol and adapted for the new Western Region research conference format. Unanimous support by the committee for the new protocol.
 - a. MOTION TO BRING TO THE BODY: We move to adopt the protocol as developed by the research committee.
3. Thanks to the panel of reviewers (Rob Terry, Becki Lawver, Shannon Arnold, Mollie Aschenbrener, Courtney Meyers). As per the new protocol (and the motion adopted at last conference) we will move forward on payment of the \$200 stipend for their efforts.

Attendance Sheet:

Grant Ermis (Graduate student Oregon State)

Bashal ? (graduate student U of I)

Becki Lawver

Tyson Sorensen (Chair)

Kasee Smith (Vice chair)

Kat Wolf (committee member)

John Rayfield (committee member)

Dustin Perry (committee member)