

**American Association for Agricultural Education
North Central Region Conference – Ithaca, NY
Business Session Minutes
September 23rd, 2008**

Business session was called to order by President Lloyd Bell promptly at 9:35 a.m. at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Ithaca, NY. He announced that the Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE will be the host site for the 2009 conference.

President Bell asked for approval on the 2007 minutes from last year's conference held in Columbia, MO. Bob Birkenholz promptly moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Allen Talbert. The minutes were approved by a majority vote from the group.

President Bell took some time to recognize Bill Camp and Travis Park for their efforts in organizing the 2008 conference. He also thanked Cornell University for their efforts and hospitality.

President Bell asked Jerry Peters to distribute the ballot for regional leadership positions to active members. Jerry then instructed the membership to complete the ballot with write-in members for elected positions as well as committee roles. The ballot was completed as follows:

Regional Vice-President: Rob Terry

Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Baker

Member Services: Allen Talbert & Susan Camp

Professional Development: Amy Smith & Deborah Boone

Program Improvement: Steve Haberstreit & John Ewing, strike out Mark Balschweid

JAE: Anna Ball

Regional National FFA Board: Harry Boone & Bryan Garton

Jerry asked the membership to cast their ballots. They were collected for count.

President Bell asked for the Treasurers Report from Andy Baker. Andy proceeded to pass out the audit report, which was reviewed and completed by Richard Steffen from Illinois State University. He then proceeded to talk about the 2007 conference financial report. The 2007 conference basically broke-even, because the receipts and expenditures were basically the same except for the funds used for the regional awards and a few minor expenses. A seven month Cash Deposit was opened up this year to try to draw some interest off the account during the idle months. The CD matured in August with a gain of +\$52.70. The current balance of the account at the day of the conference was \$2991.31. The Treasurers report was moved by Rob Terry to approve and seconded by Tracy Hoover. The Treasurers Report was approved by the membership by majority vote.

President Bell asked Deborah Boone to give the Member Services Committee report. Deborah proceeded to inform the membership about the issue in trying to find out all past

regional award winners. She asked the membership if anyone had any information about past award winners to pass them forward. The committee was in support of the continuation of a regional meeting. The group was in support of the continuation of regional meeting, because of the professional development benefits as well as integrating graduate students and new faculty into the region. However, one of the barriers associated with the regional meeting is “timing”, which means time of the year as well as time between regional meeting and national meeting. The committee also talked about the importance of conference planning for the profession. The committee indicated they would like to see someone in the profession that would be paid to plan the national conference instead of hiring firms. This individual could be hired year after year, if they so desire. Deborah moved to accept the report as read, Travis Park seconded the motion, and the membership approved by majority vote.

President Bell asked Jerry Peters to give the Professional Development Committee report. Jerry encouraged every department to submit a nominee for at least one regional award. He also suggested to present memorials and awards to be given on two different platforms. The committee indicated that the format for the 2009 conference will use round tables to discuss several issues. Suggested round table issues are: LPS, graduate students, Assistant Professors, grants, teaching methods, etc. It was also discussed to continue informative tours for next year’s conference and that we need to discuss what AAAE is, in future conferences. The committee also indicated that they were in support of regional meetings. Jerry moved to accept the committee report as read, Mark Balschweid seconded, and the membership approved by majority vote.

Other awards announced earlier in the conference by Professional Development chairman, Jerry Peters, were:

- * 2008 AAAE North-Central Region Outstanding Early Career Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. Shannon G. Washburn from Kansas State University
- * 2008 AAAE North-Central Region Distinguished Teaching Award, Dr. Rama B. Radhakrishna, The Pennsylvania State University
- * 2008 AAAE North-Central Region Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award, Dr. Robert M. Torres, University of Missouri

Memorial Briefs:

Dr. Robert Terry presented a memorial brief for Dr. Paul Vaughn, University of Missouri
Dr. Robert Birkenholz presented a memorial brief for Dr. Mac McCaslin, The Ohio State University

Retirements:

Dr. Dennis C. Scanlon, The Pennsylvania State University, was recognized and honored by the profession upon the announcement of his retirement.

President Bell asked John Ewing to give the Program Improvement Committee report. John began by recognizing the individuals who assisted with poster sessions. He indicated that there was an 80% acceptance rate this year for posters. There were 20 submitted and 16 accepted (9 research & 7 innovative). He announced that Kansas State

University would be the site for the 2010 conference. The committee was also in support of regional meetings. John announced that future conferences will use Fast Track for paper submission as soon as the 2009 conference. John moved to accept the committee report as read, Travis Park seconded the motion, and the membership approved by majority vote.

President Bell asked Mike Retallick to give the Research Committee report. Dann Husmann's report has been handed out for review about this year's research conference. Anna Ball and Travis Park serve on the national committee reviewing The Fast Track paper submission process. Last year, Mizzou's group did pod casting for the 2007 conference, which was not done at his year's conference. There seems to be interest in trying to do similar pod casting at future conferences, if resources are available. The committee wanted Michael Retallick to send letters of appreciation to session chairs for the research conference. John Ewing and Jackie Bruce will be responsible for the 2009 research conference and Brad Greiman will be responsible for the 2010 conference. The committee also felt that the regional conference still has value and would like continue efforts to conduct this conference to benefit all levels of the profession. Michael Retallick moved to accept the report as read, Travis Park seconded the motion, and the membership approved by majority vote.

President Bell took some time to recognize the committee chairs for their hard work this year.

Regional Committee membership is as follows:

2008 Chair – Jerry Peters

Professional Development:

Jason Scales	2009 – Chair
Jerry Peters	2009
Matt Spindler	2010
Tracy Hoover	2010
Amy Smith	2011
Deborah Boone	2011

2008 Chair – John Ewing

Program Improvement:

Seb Pense	2009
Harry Boone	2009 - Chair
Tim Buttles	2010
Wade Miller	2010
John Ewing	2011
Steve Haberstreit	2011

2008 Chair – Michael Retallick

Research :

Jeno Rivera	2009 – Chair
Bobby Torres	2009
Travis Park	2010 – Vice Chair
James Anderson	2010
Anna Ball	2011
Mark Balschweid	2011

2008 Chair – Deborah Boone

Member Services:

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Dann Husmann	2009 - Chair
Emily Rhodes	2010
Bob Birkenholz	2010 – Vice Chair
Allen Talbert	2011
Susan Camp	2011

Gary Moore gave report on behalf of AAAE. Gary began by giving a brief history lesson on region meetings. He announced this is his third regional conference this year. He indicated that there were 172 participants that attended the southern region conference in February in Dallas. There were 30 AAAE members who attended the western region in

Utah. He also announced that some of the evaluations over the Reno conference indicated that there were some members didn't appreciate the smoke filled casino. Fast Track submissions possesses some barriers. It only allows for one score sheet, so what do we do with papers and posters. The other problem is what we do with our innovative posters. Gary indicated that the greatest thing to happen this year was the redevelopment of the website. Gary then proceeded to talk about the 2009 conference in Louisville. He proclaimed that there will be a Wednesday night dinner cruise and we will be at Churchill Downs for the banquet. A potential cash flow problem may be materializing due to increasing AAAE costs. Discussion is focused around a possible dues increase. The journal is getting more expensive to publish and the fact that there are some additional expenses associated with Fast Track. Gary would also like to develop a operational manual to help leadership positions with conducting profession activities. He is also working with reviving old and new teacher education programs, like Delaware Valley and Rutgers. Gary also indicated there is no longer a secret handshake to get into the National FFA Inservice meeting. The inservice is now the responsibility of The National Council, instead of the National FFA Organization. It is now in a grant format designed for travel arrangements by each state. A strategic planning will begin next week in Columbus for The Council. He is also working on completing the three white papers.

Tracy Hoover gave the JAE report on behalf of Rama Radhakrishna. She indicated that there were 51 submissions so far with 11 papers being accepted. The JAE had a 56% acceptance rate in 2005, 52% acceptance rate in 2006, and 46% acceptance rate in 2007. There will be 3 reviewers for manuscripts and that Fast Track is going through the University of Missouri.

John Ewing was given the floor to announce poster winners.

Research Poster: announced by John Ewing

2nd runner-up winner: David Frazier & Bryan Garton (Mizzou) "The Relationship Between College of Agriculture Students' Self-Perceived Interpersonal Communication Styles and Verbal Communication Skills"

1st runner-up winner: Ryan Saucier & Rob Terry (Mizzou) "Selected Demographics of Missouri Agricultural Mechanics Programs"

Outstanding Research Poster: Amy Smith & Bryan Garton (Mizzou) "Faculty Advising in a College of Agriculture: An Investigation of Student Needs and Faculty Performance"

Innovative Poster: announced by John Ewing

2nd runner-up winner: Daniel Foster, James Connors, Jamie Cano, & Susie Whittington (OSU) "An Undergraduate Peer Teaching Approach to Portfolio Development Across the Curriculum"

1st runner-up winner: Richard Steffen, Jessica Chambers, & Jeff Wood (ISU) "Engaging Community Volunteers to Establish a Teaching and Learning Center in Horticulture"

Outstanding Innovative Poster: Stacey Vincent & Anna Ball (Mizzou) “Becoming the Teacher of Best Practices: A Pre-Service Teacher Self-Assessment”

Michael Retallick was asked to announce the awards for Outstanding Research Paper/Presentation. Michael announced the following winners:

2nd runner-up winner: Jon Ulmer, Misty Lambert, & Amy Smith (Mizzou) “Does Mind Matter? Mind Styles and Satisfaction Among Mentor/Protégé Pairs in Missouri”

2nd runner-up winner: Jon Simonsen & Robert Birkenholz (OSU) “Leadership Courses Required in Agricultural Teacher Education programs”

1st runner-up winner: Mollie Aschenbrener, Robert Terry, & Robert Torres (Mizzou) “Creative and Effective Teaching Behaviors of University Instructors”

Outstanding Paper/Presentation: Marlene Von Stein & Anna Ball (Mizzou) “Examining Undergraduate Student Involvement in Collegiate Student Organizations in Colleges of Agriculture”

Jerry Peters was given the floor to announce voting results for regional leadership positions. They are as follows:

Regional President = Greg Miller	
Regional Vice-President = Rob Terry	2010
Secretary/Treasurer = Andy Baker	2010
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Research = Anna Ball & Mark Balschweid	2011
JAE = Anna Ball	2011
FFA Board = Bryan Garton	2012

President Bell passed the notebook to Greg Miller. With Greg now presiding, Greg then presented Lloyd with memento for his efforts as Regional President for the last two years. Greg then announced that next year’s conference will be in Lincoln and Penn State will be responsible for the research conference. A straw poll was taken to continue the undergraduate conference in the future conferences. The poll indicated to continue this effort. It was then announced that letters of appreciation will be sent to Cornell for their efforts. Michael then moved to adjourn and Jerry seconded the motion, which was approved by the membership by a majority vote. The meeting was officially adjourned by Greg at 10:45 am in Ithaca, NY.

Respectively submitted,

Andrew J. Baker

Dr. Andrew J. Baker
NC-AAAE Secretary/Treasurer
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