Meeting was called to order by Bill Camp, AAAE President at 1:30 p.m. Attendees included Greg Thompson, Tracy Hoover, Larry Case, Jacque Deeds, Tim Murphy, Gary Moore, Ed Osborne, James Smith, and Dennis Duncan.

The conference agenda and overview were reviewed; attendance and hotel room reservations; and attendance at the pre-conference seminar.

Moore suggested that AAAE consider charging one fee for the conference that would include the pre-conference seminar and the Barrick symposium. Deeds will bring this before the membership at the next business meeting and make a final decision before final plans are made for the 2007 conference.

Deeds suggested that if the author(s) of a research paper presentation are unable to attend the conference, their paper should be considered as an alternate paper. One suggestion to discourage this from happening is to require all presenters to pay the conference registration fees or have them sign a document that requires one author to be present. This issue will be discussed at the research committee meeting this week. Moore expressed his concern that author(s) are presenting multiple papers from one study – there is too much repetition among papers by the same author(s).

Reviewed the luncheon program – Jacque agreed to lead the program. It was recommended that members notify Dr. Flowers of special guests that need to be recognized. This would include new faculty members and graduate students.

Reviewed awards dinner program – each Board member should introduce the next speaker/member before stepping down from the podium. Pictures will be taken of each award winner. Photos and award titles will be uploaded to the AAAE web site with the assistance of Dwayne Cartmell.

Bob Birkenholtz shared his report on the Task Force on Teacher Education Accreditation. He discussed the disconnect between NCATE and AAAE standards. The question of "How do we dissolve this disconnect?" was discussed. The development of possible solutions are in the early stages.

Reviewed assignments for the conference – changes should be given to Bill.

Tim Murphy discussed the budget. JAE is over budget because of two cover copies in one fiscal year. This is due to the change in the AAAE budget cycle. It was discussed to look at the conference planner for future conferences. It was also discussed to have a standing conference committee similar to AIAEE.

Deeds discussed the 10X15 project (10,000 ag ed programs by 2015). All organizations associated with agricultural education endorse this concept/goal. AAAE members will add this goal to the mission and vote at the 5/19 business meeting.

Dr. Case discussed the Agricultural Education Opportunity Fund – a foundation will be developed to raise \$5 million with \$1.5 million to be spent. The Council will determine how the money is to be distributed. Hoover will discuss this in her report at the Friday business meeting. It was discussed that AAAE consider giving approximately \$3,000 toward this fund.

Deeds shared the dates and location for the 2007 AAAE annual conference (Minneapolis, MN Radisson on the U of M campus. The 2008 meeting will be held in in Reno, NV at the Peppermill Resort. It was moved and seconded that Camp sign and send the contract back to the Peppermill to secure the dates and rooms for the conference.

Leising reported on the Legislative Task Force. Members of the task force have divided into two groups -1) will focus on changing the wording of the USDA Secondary – Post Secondary Challenge Grant so university faculty can serve as principal PI. 2) Developed a white paper that focused on the future relationship between USDA and Ag Education. It was discussed and agreed among Board members that AAAE maintain a legislative committee.

Jay Jackman has requested that AAAE faculty consider submitting papers that would be of interest to secondary agriculture teachers at the annual NAAE conference. This will be presented to the AAAE members and voted on at the Friday business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.