

AAAE Business Meeting
May 22, 2009
Marriott Downtown Louisville, Kentucky

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Moore at 3:20 PM.

Gary provided an update on the Banquet Plans, remaining JAE Mugs and conference siting for 2009.

Lloyd Bell provided an overview of the 2010 Conference in Omaha NE
Jim Connors provided an overview of the 2011 Conference to be held in Coeur d'Alene Idaho May 24-27, 2011

Motion to approve minutes by Steve Harbstreit, seconded. Motion passed.

Jacque Deeds presented the AAAE Officer Ballot as follows:

President Elect

Tim Murphy
Susie Whittington

Secretary

Anna Ball
Mark Kistler

Treasurer Elect

Tracy Kitchel

Historian

Barry Croom

National FFA Board of Directors

Tom Dobbins
Robin Peiter Horstmeier
Brian Myers
Penny Haase Whittler
Curtis White

Deeds also announced that Grady Roberts' term on the **National FFA CDE Committee** will expire this year and needs to be filled. The following nominations were received for this position. Dave Doerfert moved and Tim Murphy seconded that nominations cease. Motion passed

John Ulmer
Don Edgar

David Doerfert provided the following overview of the FastTrac review process implementation

FastTrac is a Journal system and has required extra work to make it functional for conference paper reviews

- There is a limit to the number of papers presented at conferences. Not all deemed acceptable are actually accepted for conference presentation.
- A single contract is required rather than a contract for each region
- Scores had to be extracted from FastTrac and imported to Excel for review by the conference paper acceptance
- Are doctoral students ready to be reviewers?

The research committee will review the use of FastTrac for conferences over the next year and determine whether it will continue to be feasible for conference paper evaluation

Ed Osborne chaired a committee to evaluate the Regional structure of the AAAE . Dr. Osborne presented a Constitutional amendment developed by the committee.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike the following words on page 2 of the constitution:

Members from Texas and Oklahoma institutions may chose to be either in the Souther or Western Region. However, the member must indicate (at the time they pay their annual dues) the region in which they participate. Members are only eligible to represent one region.

Add the following words:

Members can accept regional leadership positions/awards only in their home region, as specified in the AAAE Constitution, except that members in Texas and Oklahoma may individually designate the Western Region as their alternate "home" region and accept regional leadership positions and awards in that region instead of their home region as defined by the constitution.

The motion to approve the amendment was presented by Osborne and seconded by Roberts. The motion passed without discussion.

Executive Committee report provided by Gary Moore included the following:

- Fiscal Year has been changed from June through May to January through December
- Recommendation to the membership that we hire a part-time executive director to manage conference planning duties
- Recommendation to the membership that a dues increase be considered
- Evaluation of the proposed 2009-10 Budget

Journal of Agricultural Education Report presented by Matt Baker

- Copyright issues are being explored by the Editing Managing Board
- Business Manager Elect Barry Croom will be evaluating the full scope of JAE costs and revenues

- Editor elect Grady Roberts will be examining the role and function of regional editors
- Baker reminded the membership that elected members of the Editing Managing Board need to make every effort to attend the Board meetings

Research Committee Report was presented by David Doerfert

- Doerfert discussed the protocol guidelines for Conference Paper Selection, Presentations and Awards as outlined in a handout
- Also discussed was an amendment to the changes to the protocol as printed
- Committee has been established to evaluate the use of FastTrac
- NASAE via Steve Gratz has requested that we share our research with their membership. A committee has been established to explore how this might be put into practice.
- A chair of the 2011 Conference has not been identified. Doerfert requested a chair. Brian Warnick volunteered Utah State University to serve as coordinator for the Research Session
- David Doerfert will be serving as Chair and Brian Myers will be Chair Elect for 2010

Professional Development Committee Report Presented by Brian Warnick

- Comments were positive about having two professional development sessions
- Responses were positive that the professional development did not require additional fees for participation
- RFP for the 2010 offerings were discussed
- Tracy Rutherford will be exploring the possibility of having Gallup play a role in the Professional Development
- Ben Swan will serve as chair, Ben Swan Vice Chair, Shannon Arnold Chair Elect in the coming year
- Warnick moved to change the name from the AAAE Fellow Award to the AAAE Academy of Fellows, to change the limit on the number of senior fellows from 1-3 in any one year, to assign the Academy of Fellows as a standing committee of AAE with the responsibility to meet at least annually to examine the priorities of the association and undertake leadership initiatives appropriate to recognized leaders of the association at the request of the President and Board of AAAE.

Program Improvement Committee David Jones

- Graduate student poster award
- Recommend to member services to explore a virtual common
- Mike Spiess will serve as chair of the 2010 Conference

Member Services Committee Cindy Akers

- Reminded the membership to update their profiles on the website
- Committee chairs and secretaries are reminded to upload their reports on the website

- Chairs reminded to update the AAAE wiki on their responsibilities
- Thank Jason Peake for his work on the website, Adam Kantrovich for the Supply and Demand study, Joe Gliem on the faculty salary survey, Allen Talbert for managing the AAAE listserve, and Gary Moore and the Executive Board for putting on the conference
- Following offices elected Lynn Martindale will serve as chair, Emily Rhoades as Vice Chair and Kirk Swortzel as secretary.
- Action item: Recommend that the AAAE Executive Committee visit with the National Council to secure funds for creating a virtual Commons
- The Supply and Demand Survey is important and it was moved that it be conducted.

Tracy Rutherford moved and it was seconded that the Committee Reports be accepted. The motion passed

Motion from the Professional Development Committee made by Brian Warnick and seconded by Jacque Deeds to: 1) change the name from the AAAE Fellow Award to the AAAE Academy of Fellows, 2) to change the limit on the number of senior fellows from 1-3 in any one year, 3) to assign the Academy of Fellows as a standing committee of AAE with the responsibility to meet at least annually to examine the priorities of the association and undertake leadership initiatives appropriate to recognized leaders of the association at the request of the President and Board of AAAE.

Bill Camp provided a rationale for the motion. The motion passed and the Bylaws will be changed to reflect the third portion of the motion

Cindy Akers moved for the Member Services Committee that the Supply and Demand survey be conducted in the Fall of 2009 with a target completion date and presentation at the 2010 National AAAE Conference. The motion was seconded by David Doerfert. The following will provide leadership for Member Services in the coming year: Lynn Martindale – Chair, Emily Rhoades – Vice Chair and Kirk Swortzel – Secretary.

Gary Moore reported that has appointed a committee to conduct this survey with Bobby Torres will take the lead on this survey with support from Adam Kantrovich and Lynn Martindale. The Council will appoint another three members.

The Motion passed

Jacque Deeds presented a report from The Council

- National Quality Program Standards have been completed
- National Curriculum Standards have been completed
- Dr. Deeds suggested that these two sets of standards be utilized

Dr. Deeds presented the slate of newly elected officers and representatives

FFA CDE Committee Representative: Jon Ulmer
National FFA Board of Directors names to be forwarded to the Department of Education: Robin Peiter-Horstmeier, Curtis White, Brian Myers

Historian: Barry Croom

Treasurer Elect: Tracy Kitchel

Secretary: Anna Ball

President Elect: Susie Whittington

Jim Flowers presented a report as the AAAE representative to Council for Agricultural Sciences and Technology (CAST)

- CAST's role is to prepare reports related to agricultural issues for distribution to scientists and members of congress
- There are financial issues with CAST. The following changes are being made
 - Membership to CAST has historically been an assessment based on membership size. This was \$679 for AAAE last year. The AAAE representative is able to request reimbursement for travel up to \$679 for the two annual meetings.
 - CAST will no longer reimburse representatives for travel, the assumption is that the organization sending the representatives should support their travel
 - In order to represent CAST on the Board, one is also required to be an individual member of CAST. Membership dues are \$100 annually.
 - Dr. Flowers supports what CAST is doing, but is proposing that if we are to continue sending a representative to CAST, the costs of our representation should include:
 - The cost of membership
 - Travel to board meetings
 - Individual membership for the representative
 - These items will range from \$1700 to \$1800 annually

Dr. Moore announced that we may need to consider sending representatives to NASAE and NAAE

Dr. Moore presented the Treasurers report for Dr. Dobbins who was not able to be present

Membership report was presented North Central Region 103 members, Southern Region 144 members, Western Region 43 members, Other members 43 for 307 total members with 58 Life/Retired members

Dr. Deeds has agreed to serve as a membership "Bulldog"

Current Financial Status:

Checking: \$29,184.94

Savings: \$32,507.11

4 mo CD: \$31,321.63

9 mo CD: \$10,543.44

Total Assets: \$103,557.12 with approximately \$25,000 in outstanding bills for the current conference

The June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 Profit and Loss Statement reflected a net loss of \$21,288.32 This is due primarily to the following factors: Journal of Agricultural Education expenses were higher than budgeted because the conversion to FastTrac was delayed, the Southern Region conference operated at a loss

Gary Moore presented the following historical financial perspective:

Over the past three years, approximately \$50,000 was transferred from Savings to present a balanced budget. The actual amount that was transferred from Savings totaled approximately \$18,000

The proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year was presented

Barry Croom moved to raise membership dues as follows:

Full membership to \$105

Student membership to \$40

Associate Membership to \$50

The motion was seconded by Jason Peake

Todd Brashears moved to amend the motion to raise full membership dues to \$115 and leave student dues at \$20. Ed Osborne seconded the proposed amendment.

After discussion, the amendment passed.

After no additional discussion, the motion to increase dues passed.

Bryan Garton moved and John Kessel seconded the proposed budget as distributed to the members present.

Matt Baker moved to amend the budget by removing CAST from the proposed budget. Seconded by Rob Terry.

After discussion, the motion failed.

The budget as proposed passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

