

AAAE Annual Business Meeting
Omaha, NE
Thursday, May 27, 2010

The meeting began with an introduction of graduate students and new faculty by the various department chairs across the nation.

Announcement of 2012 national meeting—Gary Moore announced that the 2010 national meeting as hosted by the Southern Region will be in Asheville North Carolina. The meeting will be in the Doubletree Hotel in the historic Biltmore village district of Asheville.

Call to the 2011 national meeting—Susie Whittington announced that the conference will be at the Cours d'Alene resort in Cours d'Alene Idaho. This is one of the top ranked resort areas in the nation. The conference will be the same week next year, the week before Memorial Day, beginning on the Tuesday evening with the Barrick and Knapp seminars and adjourning on Friday at noon with the awards banquet and luncheon.

Call for approval of minutes from 2009 business meeting—The minutes were posted on the web. Tim Murphy moved Denis Duncan seconded their approval and minutes were accepted.

Presentation of AAAE election ballot—Gary Moore distributed the ballot for open elections. He reminded the audience that only active members had voting privileges. He asked the members to mark their ballots and proceeded with the election.

Using the AAAE Website—Jason Peake gave a report on the many new features of the AAAE website that he implemented since his tenure as the Vice President of Communications. He noted that he created a framework on the website where individual members could post content on the website. Jason noted that if you are a conference coordinator, or in charge of specific features, you will have more choices on your profile page. Also, it was important to note that you can identify your research interests by SIG or by the research agenda and people can search by specific research interests. He encouraged members to add/upload files on their own to the conference files. Folks can upload files for general viewing or as member only viewing. Only the person who uploaded a file can take the file back down. Remember that the commons has been created, and that the SIG's will be charged with populating the commons with information files and keeping the commons areas updated. The membership have moved toward using online payment for paying dues, and members can refer to that system when paying dues. Lloyd Bell presented Jason Peake with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his service the past two years as the Vice President for Communications.

Executive committee report—Lloyd Bell gave an overview of the major highlights from the executive committee meeting that should be considered by the membership, particularly at the regional level.

- First, the national AAAE identification number for the IRS, can only be used if the funds from the region are distributed through at the national level. Thus, regions who have their own regional treasury and distribute funds on their own for their own conferences, cannot use the national Tax ID number for the AAAE. It's recommended that the regional conferences establish their treasury through the AAAE.
- The board approved liability insurance through the AAAE. The insurance covers national and all regional activities.
- Barry Croom has suggested that the office of Historian be dissolved permanently and that the membership permanently headquarter the archives at a university, specifically North Carolina State University in this case.
- The AAAE is a member of a lengthy list of professional memberships. The Executive Committee would like for the membership to consider all of it's affiliate memberships. Many of the organizations of which AAAE is an affiliate member, no longer offer funds to travel to their meetings. This has become a financial hardship in some cases, and the organizations may or may not align with the broader goals of the AAAE membership. Specifically NYFRES, Journal of Life Sciences & Natural Resources Education Review Board, CEEFAR, COSSA, and CAST membership affiliations should be taken under consideration.

Mike Speiss moved that the member services committee consider all of the membership affiliations and make recommendations regarding which AAAE should remain in and which should no longer be affiliates. Dave Doerfert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasures report—Tracy Kitchel presented the 2009 budget for review and the 2010 budget for approval. He also noted that one big issue with the budget is collecting membership dues. He reminded the profession to pay it's dues early in January to keep the budget strong. Further, if an executive director is hired, that will impact the 2010 budget. Mike Speiss moved to accept the Treasurer's report Ben Swan seconded it. The report was approved.

Journal of Agricultural Education report was given by Grady Roberts. Grady introduced Christopher Stripling as the associate editor. Volume 51 is in print. A couple of important changes to the journal were that reviewers can see each other's reviews once the process has been completed. JAE is now indexed with DOI numbers. A DOI is a number for a journal article that is catalogued with cross ref. Volumes 48, 49, 50, and 51 have all been catalogued and assigned DOI numbers. All back issues will be converted from the Texas A&M site to the FastPress site and will be catalogued and assigned DOI numbers. The 2009 statistics for the JAE were

highlighted and are posted on the Fastpress website. For 2009, there was a 36.3% acceptance rate. Effective June 1, 2010, a new set of review criteria will be adopted for all manuscripts. Reviewers are encouraged to upload files of additional comments so that authors receive good quality feedback. Manuscripts will be 25 pages. For a manuscript to be reviewed, one of the authors must be a current member of AAAE. The price of back issues has been raised from \$10 to \$20. The managing board will explore an entirely online delivery system for library subscriptions. This change will save AAAE approximately \$9000 per year.

Research committee report—David Doerfert presented the research committee report. The AAAE formed a partnership with NASAE. That partnership has been encouraged to continue. The 2.0 version of the National Research Agenda report went well, and printing will commence by the end of the year. For the past two years, paper submissions to the regional and national conferences has significantly increased. Reviewers are fatigued, and the work load is tedious for the research conference chair.

- The research committee moved and passed that a manager position be created and approved to be responsible for the oversight of the FastTrack submission and review process for conferences. This would be a 3 year term, and the manager would be compensated \$1500 per year.
- The research committee moved and passed research papers move from full papers to 2000 word abstracts, with a 500 word abstract in the published proceedings. A sub-committee will be developed to change the review protocol guidelines as well as the paper review criteria to reflect the changes in the paper process.
- At least one author for all papers at the national and research conferences must be current dues paying AAAE members.
- The research committee should administrate the review and award process of the Kahler outstanding dissertation award.
- We are still seeking a conference chair for 2012.

Ed Osborne moved and Mike Speiss moved to accept the research report as given. The report was accepted.

Kirb Barrick moved Jaque Deeds seconded that at least one author of the conference papers must be active members to submit papers to the research conferences. The motion passed.

Neil Knobloch moved and Brian Myers seconded to hire a manager position for the Research Conference Manager, as outlined by the research committee. The motion passed.

Tracy Hoover moved and Jim Linder seconded that the research papers go to a 2000 word abstract. The motion failed.

Bob Birkenholz moved and Dennis Duncan seconded that the Kahler dissertation award be handled by the research committee in the future.

Susie Whittington moved and Neil Knobloch seconded that the the Research Agenda 2.0 be approved with the committee having the power to act on the feedback that was added and make corrections based upon comments from the general session.

Academy of fellows committee report—Gary Moore reported on the activities of the Academy of Fellows. The committee drafted a position description for a full time executive director. That position description was discussed. Gary Moore moved that the executive committee be empowered to secure the services for a part-time executive director. Jim Flowers seconded. Ed Osborne commented that we should approve the executive director position, and use the monies for some of the other duties on the list, but that we should employ the services of an event planner to coordinate the conference location. Comments were made in support of the position but that the salary wasn't high enough. Brian Myers noted to echo Ed Osborne's comments that the Executive Director position again should be to offer continuity to the organization, not to do event planning (that event planning is in addition). Jim Flowers noted that the Executive Director should make sure that the motions and business from the meetings are carried forth during the year, rather than things falling through the cracks. The Executive Director position would be a position of offering "follow-through". Jim Flowers also commented that this position would be a great way for a recent retiree to remain involved in the profession. Tracy Rutherford suggested that the profession look into other organizations that have professional executive director positions and perhaps hire a full time executive director. Matt Baker moved call previous question. Previous question passed. The main motion was voted on and passed.

Professional development committee report—Ben Swan gave the professional development committee report. New officers are: Matt Spindler, chair Shannon Arnold, vice chair, and Secretary Ann Delay. The committee recommended that a program spearheaded by Neil Knobloch pilot a regional mentoring program for doctoral students, that could

Move to increase accountability of regional professional development funds. That the budget for each region's professional development be sent to the treasurer and approved before funds are distributed. Ben moved and Mike Spiess seconded. Motion passed.

Ben Swan moved to accept the report as read, Tracy Hoover seconded and the report passed.

Program Improvement committee report was delivered by Mike Spiess. Mike Speiss highlighted the poster session. Mike noted that if posters win and go on from the regional level to the national level, there is some responsibility for the posters should be presented. The regional PI committees should help elicit reviewers for the national poster review. For now, the poster review process will remain separate

from Fasttrack. The AAAE poster session guidelines have been posted on the wiki for the AAAE manual. Mike encouraged that people submitting poster abstracts use the guidelines offered so that formatting is correct. The PI committee should submit their abstracts with a cover page that isn't blind. That will help the Poster organizer to be able to go back and include the information on the abstracts once they have been accepted. It was noted that each region submit the top 3 research posters and top 3 innovative posters from each region go forward automatically. The committee has established a clearer timeline in their guidelines. They have established two separate divisions, a faculty and a student division for posters. Updated guidelines will be uploaded to the AAAE wiki manual. Mike Spiess moved and Ben Swan seconded that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Member services committee report—Katlyn Wolf presented the report. They recommended that the executive committee begin soliciting the services of a professional website service that will put together the AAAE website, Fasttrack, and Fast press all under one. The committee will put SIG information under the commons. The committee made a plea that the members complete the supply and demand study. Kirk Swortzel will take over the salary survey after Joe Kotrlick. Katlyn Wolf moved and Tracy Rutherford seconded the approval of the member services committee report. The report was approved. Katlyn Wolf moved and Jim Linder seconded that the executive committee solicit bids to build the new AAAE website that is one portal for all the online services. Jim Linder recommended that the executive committee check with George Chronis to see the service that he owns which will actually combine all of our portals. Jason Peake commented that a singular site would make it easier for the members. Matt Raven suggested that we make a very careful decision about who we utilize when we go to one online portal and that we still have paper archives so that we don't lose all of our records. The motion passed.

2011 National Ag Ed Summit—Ed Osborne quickly highlighted the National Ag Ed Summit. In 2011, the National Council for Ag Education will coordinate a Summit on March 2-4 on 2011 to Orlando, FL. The summit next year will include updates from the National FFA, the National Council, and the summit will address critical challenges in school-based agricultural education. The theme for 2011 will be Transforming Ag Education with a focus on SAE renewal, academic integration and developing teachers as transformational leaders for developing ag education in their communities and their schools.

Election results were presented by Gary Moore. Greg Miller is the new President-elect and Mike Spiess is the new Vice President of Communications.

Mike Retallick moved to adjourn Matt Raven seconded. The meeting was adjourned.