Meeting was called to order by Jacque Deeds, AAAE President at 3:50 p.m. in room University A of the Radisson Hotel.

Bill Camp introduced the hotel staff that has assisted the Association in preparing for the annual conference. T. Park moved and B. Birkenholtz seconded the motion that AAAE send letters of appreciation to Omni Hotel staff and management. Motion passed by majority vote.

It was moved by Birkenholtz and seconded by Swortzel to accept all committee reports as read. Motion passed

Old Business: Elections

Bill Camp lead the election of new AAAE officers. Deeds asked if there were further nominations. No further nominations were given. Ballots were distributed and collected for counting.

Committee Reports:

Members Services presented by Kirk Swortzel. It was moved by Briers, seconded by Wardlow that all awards ceremonies be organized and recorded at the regional AAAE meetings so an archive can be established. Motion passed.

Professional Development presented by Brian Warnick. Moved by Wardlow, second by Briers.

Program Improvement presented by Jackie Bruce. Moved by (didn't get), second by Harris.

Research Committee presented by Scott Burris. He recognized the efforts of Briers and Roberts for their great work leading up to the conference. Burris suggested that the committee collect research impast statements to be offered to interested parties and that the committee would place a call for research abstracts. It was also suggested that the Association consider using the FastTrac system for submitting manuscripts for all regional and national AAAE conferences. It was moved by Wardlow and seconded by Murphy to accept the report as read. Motion passed

Old Business:

National Research Agenda

Ed Osborne said it will be posted to the web and sent to affiliate groups and departments. Strongly encouraged people to use it.

New Business:

- 1- By-Laws Change: Motion to set the committee structure to six reps from each region. (Roberts moved, Fraze seconded, motion passed)
- 2- Motion to use FastTrac for the submissions of research conference proposals. (Baker moved, Rivera seconded, motion passed)
- 3- Motion for research committee to annually solicit research impact abstracts (statements) to be used with legislators and other stakeholders. (Briers moved, Wardlow seconded, motion passed)
- 4- Motion to eliminate the print copy (move to electronic) of the Journal of Ag Ed beginning with Volume 49. (Swortzel moved, Terry seconded, motion passed)
- 5- Motion to use FastTrack for online submissions to the Journal with or before Volume
- 49. (Rama moved, Murphy seconded, motion passed)

Officer Election Announcement:

Gary Moore – President Elect

Shannon Washburn - Secretary

Jim Flowers – CAST Representative

Anna Ball – Consortium of Social Science Associations

Historian – Barry Croom

Kirk Swortzel – JNRLSE Representative

Announcements:

Dr. Terry commended Gary Moore and Tim Murphy for their years of service in their officer positions.

Adjournment at 5:30pm.