



Minutes of AAAE Annual Business Meeting  
May 23, 2013  
Columbus, OH  
Greg Thompson – Presiding

President Greg Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. EST.  
David Jones, Southern Region, V.P. lead the pledge.

First item of business was **Standing Committee Reports:**

Kirk Swortzel, presented the **Member Services** report. He discussed that the Supply and Demand Study has not been conducted on a regular basis and stressed the importance of the study. It is proposed that AAAE work with Ellen Thompson at National FFA to collect yearly essential data and every three years to collect more extensive data. Action item to be brought forward will be proposal to write RFP for conducting Supply and Demand study; a \$500 stipend will be requested to support the study. There may be other potential funding from the National FFA. Refer to APPENDIX A for complete committee report.

Ann De Lay presented the **Professional Development Committee report**. She thanked Matt Spindler for conducting the Mentoring program and reported that Shannon Arnold will coordinate the Mentoring program for 2014. She reported that 25 people attended the graduate and new Faculty dinner. The Professional development committee will welcome Dr. Taylor for the Professional Development sessions. Suggestions the 2014 conference professional development will focus on Research, instrument reliability, qualitative and quantitative research. Committee Leadership: Bart Gill, Chair; Becky Lawver, Chr. Elect, Kristin Stair, Professional Development Chair. Committee recommendations to conduct 2 professional development webinars, one each semester, with a \$200 Honorarium will be brought forth as an action item. Refer to Appendix B for complete committee report.

Wendy Warner presented the **Program Improvement committee report**: She thanked Courtney Myers for coordinating the poster sessions: 164 posters submitted, 82 were accepted. The People's choice awards will recognize top 5 posters. The committee requests longer duration for display or posters. Wendy reminded group of SIG structure and the need for chairs to post minutes and review SIG guidelines as revised last year. Recommendation to conference planners that more time be allotted between committee meetings and SIG meetings. She thanked Dan Foster for Live streaming of the conference proceedings. Wendy also noted action items which would be brought forth in the second business session. Courtney Myers, will serve as committee Chair, 2013-14 and Ryan Anderson, will serve as Vice Chair, 2013-14. Refer to Appendix C for complete committee report.

Travis Park presented the **Research Committee Report**: Committee is bringing forward three action items related to Kahler and Thesis awards and what constitutes "publication date." Addressed questions about whether or not award recipients must travel to conference to receive award. Committee requests that the Academy of Fellows evaluate Dissertation and thesis for award. New leadership will be: Billy McKim, 2013-2014; Robert Strong, 2014-15. Will be

reviewing timelines related to fast track. Travis acknowledged those who had reviewed papers for any region or National conference. Refer to Appendix D for complete committee report.

Greg Miller presented the **Academy of Fellows report**: Discussed reorganization of Fellows, past chairs has been past president. May move to name their own chair and have agreed to review applications for outstanding Dissertation and thesis. Recommend that time be allowed to make sure all groups have time to meet to discuss issues relevant to that group.

Greg Thompson noted changes in the agenda, indicating that reports would be from: Teacher Education Ad Hoc, NCAC24, FFA Research Agenda.

**Kirby Barrick** reported from Teacher Education Ad Hoc Committee: Fifteen on committee to discuss issues related to Teacher Education. Is there time to discuss issues at AAAE conference? Is the SIG the proper place to conduct business? More interest in whether or not we are serving the practitioners (teachers), what can they take and use in their classroom. How do we conduct our professional development, is 1 hour and a half a year enough? How do we prepare teachers? How can we advance Teach Ag and address concerns of recruitment and retention? How do we get more people to teach? Proposed solutions that maybe Ag Ed should realign with ACTE or NAAE to be a part on a practitioner base. Standards documents (2001) needs reviewed and updated. Kirby discussed two action items to be brought forward at second session.

Lloyd Bell presented report from the **National Council**. He explained that the National Council serves as a “Think Tank” to move agricultural education forward. Lloyd reported that during the 2013 National Ag Summit, 415 persons connected on line. The 2014 Ag Ed Summit will focus on SAE renewal. Local Program Success will involve staff on SAE renewal combined with revision of curriculum and content standards. Refer to Appendix E for complete report.

Jim Flowers presented the **Journal of Agricultural Education Managing and Editing Board Report**. Jim reminded Southern and Western Regions that they need to replace folks on the Board. He thanked Grady Roberts, Past Editor for the smooth transition to Barry Croom, with Editor-Elect position. Jim Flowers will continue as chair and Harry Boone will serve as Secretary. Issue was raised about dual manuscripts in Journal of Agricultural Education and other journals and need to establish policy on redundancy; copies of the Board policy were distributed. Refer to Appendix F for complete report.

Jim Flowers also presented the **report from ACTE**. Jim is Vice President and President of the Ag Education Division. Officers rotate among the organizations, AAAE, NASE, NAAE. Leann Wilson is the new Executive Director of ACTE, 2013 meeting will be Dec 4-7 in Las Vegas, NV. ACTE has seen a decline in membership. Ag Ed is second largest group slightly behind Administration. National student membership is free. Refer to Appendix G for complete report.

George Wardlow presented report from **NCAC24**. NCAC24 consists of Department heads to enhance and provide leadership for research in Ag Ed. Represents all units and program areas. One campus leader per University is welcome to attend committee meetings; the next meeting will be Jan 8, 2014 in Tucson, AZ. The NCAC24 group recommends that planning committee consider replacing half day tours with research areas around each of the priority areas.

Professional Development should be offered on high impact research and managing research teams. Everyone would be encouraged to join a research team formed around six priorities.

All committees were reminded to submit action items for the Friday business meeting in writing by 8 a.m. Friday. Action items will be projected for Friday's meeting.

Nina Crutchfield presented a report regarding the FFA Research agenda. She distributed a list of research needs of the National FFA which are aligned with Ag Ed research priorities. Nina will be contact to assist in getting access to data or programs for research purposes.

Courtney Myers explained how poster voting will take place. Everyone was to take three tickets, to use in voting for top posters, the posters have all been numbered for easier voting. Votes are to be placed before 12 noon.

Greg Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
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AAAE Secretary

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