

2010 National PAS Board Report
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The PAS Board, PAS staff, and PAS National Officers as well as a few special guests (Dr. Larry Case & AgriKnowledge Staff) convened for their annual meeting in St. Louis, MO a few days prior to the national events. Minutes were reviewed; amendments were made, and then approved. Jeff Papke presented the financial report and Dr. Larry Case reported on that the USDE is spending \$4.35 billion on the program “Race to the Top”

Several individuals reported on the attendance of PAS to the Ag Connect Expo in Orlando, FL. The feedback was very positive on the future possibilities of linking the PAS organization and future expos. It is recommended to revisit this issue when the transition with the new executive director takes place.

A membership report was presented by Erica Flores. Erica reported there were 1,450 members at the national level. Membership issues still seem to plague the organization, because of the differences in membership structures within state systems. Erica reported that many of the members have been added over the last 3 to 5 weeks. It was stated that the system seemed to be broken and dysfunctional. It was moved, seconded, and approved to form a membership committee to problem solve some solutions.

PAS debt came to the table, which was reported that on 9/4/09 that PAS owed the National FFA Organization \$94,000. The National FFA Organization invested in the PAS to eliminate one-third of the debt leaving a balance of \$62,000. Currently, there are no reserves to pay the balance. The Executive Director will develop a budget in order to develop a repayment plan to eliminate the debt in the next five years. The issue will be revisited at the summer board meeting.

Mr. Mel Dewsnap gave a report on the management transfer of PAS and answered any questions from board members. An update would be given at the summer meeting.

A PAS Board Handbook was discussed to help with duties and responsibilities of national officers and board members. It was moved, seconded, and approved that PAS staff would begin working on the manual in time for the summer meeting.

PAS official dress was also discussed to allow members to wear apparel that was more up-to-date. This issue was postponed until the delegates had an opportunity to discuss official dress at the delegate session. The new dress code was approved by the delegate body and the official dress is now blue blazer, tan pants, and a red tie for males. For females, it is now blue blazer, tan skirt, and red scarf.

New board members were elected at the meeting. The new board members are Frank Saldana and Dave Lemon, who will both be industry representatives. Retiring members were thanked for their years of dedication to the organization.

The last item of business was the issue of reducing the number of national officers from 7 to 4. This issue was tabled for the summer meeting for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
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