

AAAE Professional Development Committee
May 26th, 2010
Doubletree Hotel
Omaha, NE

Committee Members Present:

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AAAE Members Present:

Andy Baker	Western IL
Jessica Waknine	Virginia Tech
Shawn Anderson	Oregon State
Patricia Jepson	Univ of Connecticut
Molly Aschenbrener	Chico State
Colleen Brady	Purdue
Christy Witt	Texas Tech Univ
Susie Whittington	Ohio State
Julie Harlin	Texas A&M
Jill Casten	Virginia Tech
Katherine Orvis	Purdue
Greg Miller	Iowa State

The meeting was called to order at 11:08am. The 2010 meeting agenda, the 2009 committee minutes and the committee membership roster were distributed to those in attendance. The 2010 agenda and the 2009 minutes were approved (Greg Thompson moved, Mark Kistler 2nd). The committee was introduced. Chair Ben Swan and Vice Chair Matt Spindler were absent. Secretary Shannon Arnold was acting chair. Ann De Lay served as acting Secretary.

The Gallup professional development session received high praise from the participants. No workshop evaluation was provided by AAAE as Gallup provided one. It is hoped Gallup will provide the committee with the data collected. The session was well attended and conversation related to the experience has been ongoing. While the expert panel was appreciated, participants felt more time was needed for reflection and discussion among the group, to flesh out how others in the profession use the tool. The group would like to continue to hold the professional development session(s) as part of the conference, rather than offering as a pre-session.

Susie Whittington presented the group on ideas for the 2011 AAAE – Professional Development Workshop(s). The preliminary theme for the conference is “Beyond Diversity Toward Cultural Proficiency.” Since Coeur d’ Alene has a number of Native Americans in the area, Susie Whittington and James Connors hope to collaborate with area tribes on an evening event. Regarding the professional development sessions (Andy Baker moved, Deborah Boone 2nd, motion passed), the group recommends inviting a qualitative researcher from outside the organization who engages in cultural research, or may use cultural examples in presenting the workshop. Grady Roberts and Shannon Arnold will explore the possibility of a two-hour qualitative research session. Tracy Hoover and Greg Thompson will explore the possibility of a second two-hour workshop addressing how agriculture education can collaborate with others in Colleges of Agriculture on grants. Per recommendations from this year’s Gallup session, a one-hour reflection session will be considered sometime toward the end of the conference as a way to consider next steps.

Tracy Hoover presented the Executive Board’s concerns regarding how professional development funds are used at the regional level. Each year, \$500 is allocated to each region but there has been no account of how the money is used to defray costs. The committee recommends **the regions send a budget to the AAAE Treasurer when requesting funds and provide a report to the Professional Development Committee at the national meeting highlighting how the funds were applied.**

Tracy Hoover also presented an idea on behalf of Neil Knobloch. Neil would like AAAE to offer a graduate student mentoring program. The committee felt the need is just as great for new professionals to receive mentoring through the organization. The committee recommends **Neil Knobloch explore graduate student and young member mentoring at the regional level and provide a proposal to the Professional Development Committee at the 2011 national meeting.**

The 2010 committee officers will rotate into the 2011 positions: Matt Spindler of SUNY-OSWEGO as Chair and Shannon Arnold of Montana State as Vice Chair, while Ben Swan rotates off of the committee. Ann De Lay from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo was voted in as Secretary (Grady Roberts moved, Greg Thompson 2nd, motion passed).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann De Lay
Professional Development Committee Acting Secretary