

Southern Region AAAE
Professional Development Committee Minutes 2011

February 6, 2011
Room 226, AmeriBank Center

Members present: Grady Roberts (chair), Chris Morgan (secretary), Amy Harder, Mark Kistler.

Guests present: Robert Strong, Shane Robinson, Jessica Jerrell, Chris Estep, Kirby Barrick, Bryan Patterson.

1. Meeting called to order by Grady Roberts (chair) at 12:55 pm.
2. Minutes from 2010 meeting were read by Grady Roberts. Moved to approve by Amy Harder. Seconded by Mark Kistler. Motion passed.
3. Old Business:
 - a. This year's professional development. Grady shared that earlier this year Don Edgar (SAERC coordinator) contacted him about having Mary Frick speak at this year's Southern Region meeting on the subject of Fulbright Scholarships. Grady endorsed Don's suggestion for this speaker, who is scheduled to speak Tuesday morning.
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the pre-conference professional development options for 2012. The following pre-conference trips were suggested:
 - i. Tuskegee
 - ii. Alabama A&M.Grady Roberts stated these suggestions would be presented to the SAAS planning committee as a pre-conference committee event.
 - b. Discussion of the conference professional development options for 2012. It was stated that the committee should reconsider the professional development options discussed in 2010: Using the Fast Track System, tenure and promotion, how to review articles and papers, and an overview of current ag policy. The following items were suggested:
 - i. Local agricultural organizations near Birmingham were suggested as potential speakers: Grow Alabama and Sustainable Alabama.
 - ii. A faculty panel discussion, focusing on the challenges for pre-tenured faculty (perhaps a breakfast) would be valuable. Amy Harder volunteered to organize this event, if approved.
 - iii. Reviewing and writing manuscripts – proper format for historical, philosophical, qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods (Q).
 - iv. Technology used to teach in the 21st Century (st practices for distance, face to face, and hybrid courses).

- v. The committee was reminded that the preferred delivery of a professional development activity was that it be interspersed into the conference rather than being scheduled as a pre-conference or last-day-of-conference activity.
 - c. Nominees were solicited for new committee members. Robert Strong, Bryan Patterson, and Shane Robertson were nominated. The names will be presented to the S-AAAE nominating committee to be included on the ballot.
 - d. Officers were elected. Amy harder was elected as chair, Robert Strong was elected as secretary.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Submitted by Chris Morgan, Secretary.