



Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education Business Meeting  
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference  
South Lake Tahoe, Nevada

**Minutes - Business Session III**

Friday, April 24, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Emerald Bay Room

- I. Jack Elliot, President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Elliot recognized the graduate students from Montana State University as the recipients of this year's Dancing With the Stars????????????????????

Marty Frick was recognized as our first Fulbright Ambassador from Agricultural Education in the Western Region. Marty offered his assistance to anyone who is thinking about applying for a Fulbright Scholarship and noted that David Lawver from Texas Tech had just received a Fulbright Scholarship for a project in the Fall of 2009 in Kenya.

- II. It was announced that Billye Foster would correspond by email on the Supply and Demand.

- III. Committee elections were held. (All committees terms will begin after the National Conference and go through the summer of 2012.

- a. Elected to serve a three term (2010-2012) for the Communications/Member Services Committee were: Kattlyn Wolf from the University of Idaho and Rudy Tarpley from Utah State University.
- b. Elected to the Program Improvement Committee were Courtney Meyers from Texas Tech and Allison Touchstone from the University of Idaho
- c. Elected to serve on the Professional Development Committee were Jon Ulmer of Texas Tech and Ann DeLay from Cal Poly SLO
- d. Jim Connors from University of Idaho and John Velez from Oregon State were elected to terms on the Research Committee
- e. Elected to the Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board was Cindy Akers of Texas Tech
- f. Mike Swan from Washington State and Steve Rocca from Fresno State were elected to serve on the Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board from 2010 through 2012.

- g. Jim Knight from the University of Arizona was elected to a three year term as the AAAE Western Region Consultant to the National FFA Board of Directors
- h. Brian Warnick from Utah State University was elected as the secretary for the Western Region for 2010 and 2011 and will have an eight year commitment in the officer rotation.

IV. A vote was take for the host of the 2011 AAAE National Conference and Idaho was selected to host at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

V. Mike Spiess announced the Poster Session Awards

The Awards for **Research Posters** were:

**Third Place** Laura Jane Ashorn  
Texas Tech

**To Participate or Not To Participate, That is the Question.**

**Second Place** Rasmussen, C.L., Spielmaker, D.M., Warnick, B.K., and Monhardt, R.M.

Sul Ross State University and Utah State University

**Implementing Agricultural Literacy into the Elementary Classroom**

**First Place** Eric W. Larsen, Carl G. Igo  
MSU-Bozeman

**Orienting for Success - Making Difficult Transitions Easier**

**Innovative Idea Posters**

**Third Place** Michael Spiess

California State University, Chico

**Simple Tools for Using GPS and GIS in Your Course**

**Second Place** Amanda Galan, Daniel Lassanske, Wendy J. Warner, Ann M. DeLay

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

**Preparing to Teach Horticulture: A Graduate Course for Future Agriculture Teachers**

**First Place** Allison Touchstone  
University of Idaho

**Idaho Teach Ag**

VI. Steve Frazee offered the following five resolutions in appreciation to those responsible for the success of the 2009 Western Region AAAE Conference held in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

### **2009 Western Region AAAE Resolutions**

#### **Resolution #1**

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2009 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference was held April 21-24, 2009 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

WHEREAS, outstanding planning and implementing went into the 2009 Conference

WHEREAS, Western Region participants were treated to exceptional Nevada hospitality

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Conference Chair Vern Luft for a professional, scholarly education and research conference.

#### **Resolution #2**

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Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to the University of Nevada – Reno, the College of Education, the Nevada Department of Education and the Nevada Agricultural Teachers Association.

#### **Resolution #3**

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2009 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held April 21-24, 2009 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

WHEREAS, the research conference requires detailed planning, communication,

WHEREAS, the research conference is an important component of faculty scholarly activity

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Research Co-Chair David Doerfert, Cindy Akers, and Steve Frazee, all from Texas Tech University for a professional, scholarly research conference.

### **2009 Western Region AAAE Resolution**

#### **Resolution #4**

##### Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2009 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held April 21-24, 2009 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

WHEREAS, the poster session of the conference requires detailed planning, communication,

WHEREAS, the poster session is an important component of faculty scholarly activity

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Poster Chair Michael Spiess from Chico State University for a professional, scholarly poster session.

#### **Resolution #5**

##### Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2009 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held April 21-24, 2009 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

WHEREAS, leadership of a professional association requires unique individual talents and leadership skills

WHEREAS, leadership requires countless hours of planning, communication, and personal sacrifice.

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Western Region President Jack Elliot for six years of selfless service to the organization as an officer from secretary to president and for leading and bearing the banner of the Western Region at the national level during this time.

Steve Frazee moved for the acceptance of all five resolutions and Jim Christiansen seconded. Motion passed.

- VII. Western Region Conference Rotation and dates for 2010 were decided to be April 21 thru April 24 in Great Falls, Montana.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.