



Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education Business Meeting  
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference  
South Lake Tahoe, Nevada  
**Minutes - Business Session II**  
Thursday, April 23, 2009  
10:45 – 12:00 a.m.  
Edgewood Room

- I. Jack Elliot, President called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. and announced that it would adjourn at 11:45 for the purpose of loading buses for the educational tours.
- II. First item of business were state proposals to host the 2011 National AAEE Conference.

Jim Connors from the University of Idaho made a presentation proposal for Idaho to host at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho May 24-27, 2011 at the Coeur d' Alene Resort. Conference rates would be \$125 per room per night. The Spokane, Washington airport is 31 miles west.

Utah withdrew their proposal to hold the conference in Salt Lake City.

Tom Dormody presented a proposal to host the conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. Rooms rates for the conference would be \$125 per night with the Albuquerque airport being a major carrier.

- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Communications/Member Services: No action items to report.
  - b. Program Improvement: Mike Spiess reported that twenty-nine posters abstracts were received by the January 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline. Of the 29 abstracts, 7 were in the research category and 22 in the idea category. Fourteen Western Region universities were represented. Each poster was assigned to three reviewers who reviewed either research or idea posters using the posted rubric. Reviews were completed by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Posters were ranked by mean Z score in each category (research and idea) Acceptance was based on Z score ranking, acceptance recommendation by the reviews, and the reviewer's comments. Based on the reviews, 21 posters were accepted (72% overall). Seventeen idea posters and 4 research posters were accepted and all authors were notified by email on March 1, 2009. Reviewer scoring and comments were made available to the authors on the web site: [www.csuchicoag.org/aaee](http://www.csuchicoag.org/aaee) (reviewer is anonymous). Top three posters in each category will automatically be accepted for the AAEE national meeting. The Program Improvement Committee recognized Mike Spiess for all of his work in managing the poster session and thanked the reviewers and judges for their service.

- c. Professional Development: Brian Warnick gave the PD Committee report which was primarily concerned with the development of educational seminars to be held at future Western Region Conferences. The committee suggested that one of the first topics be a “Focus on Teaching.”
- d. Research Committee:
- e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board: David Doerfert gave the report JAE Editing – Managing Board. Doerfert reported on the progress of JAE becoming an electronic on-line journal. Jim Knight pointed to the need to wait one year to release on-line and Mike Swan discussed the idea of a 3 year period before release. Lori Moore noted it would be password protected for current members. Mike Swan suggested the need to redo the website for access. Cindy Akers moved to accept the report with Mike Swan offering a second. Report was unanimously accepted.
- f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board: Announced that Grady Roberts of Florida will serve as Editor and Barry Croom of North Carolina State will serve as Business Manager.
- g. Consultant to FFA Board of Directors and FFA Foundation Board of Trustees: Carl Igo, Western Region FFA Board Consultant gave the report of the National FFA. (FFA Report is attached at the end of the minutes)

Jim Knight moved to accept all committee reports and Rudy Tarpley seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Jack Elliot made a request for resolutions with the following being listed:
  - a. Vern Luft, University of Nevada-Reno for coordinating the 2009 conference.
  - b. Texas Tech Faculty; Doerfert, Akers, and Frazee for coordinating the research component of the conference.
  - c. Mike Spiess, Chico State for managing the poster session.
  - d. Outgoing President Jack Elliot for his service to the region
  - e. The Nevada Ag Teachers Association

Resolutions will be presented at Business Session III.

- V. No New Business:

- VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

## National FFA Board Report

### July 2008 Meeting:

Board and Center employees along with other groups framed three houses in preparation for Day of Service activities at 2008 National Convention – highlight of the entire meeting!

Accepted the National Program Affiliation fee proposal and moved to implement a pilot project in several states (initially five) for 2008-2009.

Approved recommended outcomes for Award and Recognition Program Revision committee.

1. Identify and align all applicable initiatives with AFNR National Content Standards and related academic content standards;
2. Use the NQPS for secondary Agricultural Education to guide all applicable initiatives
3. Provide the opportunity to earn available or potential industry credentials
4. Assure that business and industry partners play a significant role in the development of related technical content in all initiatives
5. Establish and recognize levels of mastery related to all initiatives
6. Establish rigor based on academic content and curriculum content standards
7. Incorporate recommendations from major task force reports into the revision process
8. Expand current award opportunities for students with exploratory, placement or entrepreneurship SAE programs

### January 2009 Meeting:

Full day of discussion and details of board governance (for more information, see Tom Dormody).

Approved a motion to recommend the 2009 Convention student delegates set member dues at \$7.00 for 2010-2011

Approved motions related to American Degree requirements to be sent to 2009 Convention delegates with a recommended implementation date of 2012:

- Add the words “after entering agricultural education” to indicate a student must demonstrate program growth during the years involved in agricultural education.
- Raise the student required SAE earnings to \$10,000.
- Leave student required SAE productive investment at \$7,500.
- Raise the minimum required productive investment when using unpaid hours to \$2,000.
- Change unpaid hours formulation to  $(\text{Unpaid Hours} \times 3.56) + (\text{Actual dollars productively invested})$  must be  $\geq 10,000$ .

Approved for submission to 2009 Convention student delegates the proposed constitutional amendment to amend the vote by which amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be amended by inserting “*and ratification by a majority of state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention*”.

Approved a motion outlining format and rules for a 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade Parliamentary Procedure event and sent the proposal to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees to secure funding support.

Approved a motion outlining format and rules for the General Agricultural Knowledge event and sent the proposal to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees to secure funding support.

My last meeting serving as your Western Region AAAE consultant will be Aug 2-4, 2009 in Indianapolis. If there are questions you'd like me to ask or ideas you'd like me to bring forth, let me know.

Thanks for the opportunity to represent the Western Region AAAE!

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**July 2008 Meeting:**

Failed a motion to direct the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees pursue special project funding to support the National Ag Ed Leadership (NAEL) Fellow as a new FFA program.

Heard a report from the consultants for the 10 x 15 Feasibility Study recommending (with staff concurring) that in light of the level of unrestricted net assets the study be delayed.

Adopted a motion to approve the pursuit of special project funding of \$30,000 to support the Project PALS Enhancement Greenhouse Grants as a new NAAE program.

Adopted a motion to seek special project funding of \$42,700 to provide support for increased enrichment of the National PAS Officers during their year of service.

Heard the appointment by Larry Case of the following to serve on a Trustee Governance Steering Committee; Joel Larsen (Chairman), Keith Cox, Marion Fletcher, Steve Brown, Rob Calvin, Larry Gundrum, Larry Case, Dennis Sargent and Tom Dormody (consultant).

**January 2009 Meeting:**

Adopted a motion to form a study committee to assemble a comprehensive review of the Foundation structure, operations, and governance. Consider available options with a recommendation due by May 1, 2009

Heard a Governance Committee report identifying several key areas that the Foundation needs to address including:

- Board structure and composition
- Drawing clearer lines between the Foundation and the FFA Organization
- Review of Foundation and FFA Organization's structure, combine or more formally split?
- Are AERO groups adequately represented on the Foundation Board?
- Review of the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Communications between Sponsors Board Representatives and Foundation Trustees
- Visioning priorities of the Foundation need to be established.
- How does the Foundation Board of Trustees consider proposals from all AEROs?

Adopted a motion to request special project funding for Middle School Parliamentary Procedure CDE and Middle School AgriKnowledge CDE.

Adopted a motion stating the Board of Trustees expectation that the National and State FFA Foundations will create, support and maintain a collaborative relationship particularly, but not limited to, sponsor solicitation and recognition.