AAAE 101: Policies and Procedures

Workshop for Professionals in the Regions of AAAE
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American Association for Agricultural Education
Our Roots

• Began as professional society for agricultural teacher educators
  – Ten-Year Teacher Trainers 1929-50
  – Teacher Trainers in Agricultural Education 1951-59
  – American Association for Teacher Educators in Agriculture 1960-91
  – American Association for Agricultural Education 1992 - present
The mission of AAAE is to advance the broad field of study that integrates social and behavioral sciences with agricultural, life, environmental, and natural resource sciences.

AAAE is a 501(c)(3) corporation headquartered in Texas.
Goals

• Advocate for improvement of teaching and learning in agriculture.
• Serve as a forum to address issues in agricultural education.
• Identify, prioritize, and organize research in teaching and learning.
• Provide opportunities for individual and organizational growth, development, and renewal.
• Provide opportunities to communicate research and other scholarly activities.
• Provide opportunities for collaboration.
• Recruit, induct, and mentor people into the profession.
As a professional organization, we value:

- Effective teaching
- Developing and empowering others
- Actively engaging learners/experiential learning
- Quality research and other scholarly activities
- An active role in contributing to both formal and non-formal educational systems
- Professional renewal and adjusting to change
- Interacting with peers
Types of Membership
Active

- Individuals employed at college and universities, Domestic or International
- Individuals engaged in agricultural education (broadly defined)
  - Agricultural teacher education
  - Extension education
  - Agricultural communication
  - Agricultural leadership education

Annual dues or life membership* (Feb 1)
Other Types of Membership

• **Associate**
  – Individuals who wish to associate with and support AAAE, but ...  
    • Do not qualify for Active Membership  
    • Do not wish to participate as Active Members

• **Student**
  – Individuals accepted into a graduate degree program in disciplines associated with AAAE
Other Types of Membership

• Honorary
  – Conferred upon recommendation to the Board of Directors.
  – Made significant contributions to the mission and goals of AAAE.

• Retired Life
  – Conferred upon recommendation to the Board of Directors
  – Active member for 5+ years.
Regions
• North Central
  – Meets annually in the fall, typically at member university campuses

• Southern
  – Meets annually in early February, with the Southern Assoc. of Agricultural Scientists

• Western
  – Meets annually in September, in awesome locations!
National Officers

- President
- President-Elect
- Past-President
- Regional Vice-Presidents (3)
- Vice-President for Communications
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Treasurer-Elect
- Historian
- The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of one member from each region. The Nominating Committee will be chaired by the Past President. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for elective offices.
National Officers

• Only Active Members may serve
• President-Elect, President, Past-President, Treasurer-Elect are elected annually
• VP-Comm, Secretary, Treasurer, are elected to two year terms
• Treasurer-Elect elected every other year to serve 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of Treasurer’s term
• Officers constitute the Board of Directors. Committee Chairs attend
Regional Officers

• President
  – Considered Regional Vice-Presidents on the National Level
  – Serve a two-year term
• Vice-President
• Secretary
• Past-President

Each regional officer shall be elected for a two-year term.
Meetings

• Conducted by Robert’s Rules of Order
• Held annually at location and time determined by Board of Directors
• BoD meets as necessary
  – Can meet virtually
  – Can make “simple, straightforward decisions or resolutions”
Voting

• All classes of membership may attend and participate in business discussions
• Only active members may vote
• Active members in attendance at the annual meeting constitute a quorum
Committees
National Standing Committees

• Meet at least once annually during AAAE annual meeting
• Annually elect a chair and vice-chair
• Only elected representatives from each region may vote
• Each region shall select six representatives to serve on standing committees. Regional members on standing committees may be selected by election or by appointment
• A proxy may be designated
• Any AAAE member may participate in committee meetings
Committee Structure

Chair & Vice-Chair

Non-voting Participants

NorthCentral
- 1-yr Rep
- 2-yr Rep
- 3-yr Rep

Southern
- 1-yr Rep
- 2-yr Rep
- 3-yr Rep

Western
- 1-yr Rep
- 2-yr Rep
- 3-yr Rep
Member Services

• Collect, summarize and distribute information/data to AAEE members
  – Directory of Agricultural Educators
  – Salary survey
  – Supply and demand study
  – Positions available
  – Increase communication within the organization
Professional Development

- Plan, develop and coordinate activities to provide growth and development of AAAE members
  - Nominations for AAAE offices
  - Conduct AAAE awards program
  - Plan and implement professional development workshops at national meetings
Program Improvement

• Support new and existing programs to positively impact agricultural education
  – Facilitate collegial working relationships
  – Support collaboration within & outside the discipline
  – Advocate for improvement of teaching & learning
  – Provide representation on other organizations
  – Coordinate AAAE poster sessions
Research

• Promote scholarly research and development to advance the profession
  – Conduct research conferences
  – Recommend policies for research conferences and journals
  – Help coordinate dissemination of research through AAAE website
  – Recognize recognition programs for research
  – Promote research collaboration
Academy of Fellows

- Composed of AAAE Fellows and Senior Fellows
- Examine priorities of AAAE
- Undertake appropriate initiatives and other activities at the request of the Board of Directors
Affiliations
AAAE Provides Representatives To:

- National Council for Agricultural Education
- National FFA Board of Directors
- National FFA Foundation
- FFA Alumni Council
- Postsecondary Agriculture Students
- National Young Farmer Education Assoc
- Journal of Natural Sciences Education
- National FFA Awards Advisory Committee
- Consultant to National FFA Officer Nomination Committee
AAAIE Includes
Representatives from:

• National Association of Agricultural Educators
• National FFA Organization
• NCAC-24: Committee of Program Leaders
Advice from the Fellows

• Attend business sessions at national and regional meetings
  – Avoid attending just to present papers
• Participate on a regional committee
  – Great way for new members to serve
• Listen and learn
  – Form collaborations with peers
  – Appreciate experiences of veteran members