**Business Session I**

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order –President Cindy Akers

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Cindy Akers.

Dr. Akers welcomed everyone to the 2016 Western Region AAAE Meeting.

1. Introductions – Western Region AAAE members and guests

Department chairs/representatives introduced graduate students and new faculty.

1. Minutes of the 2015 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference – Lori Moore

David Doerfert moved approval of the minutes as distributed; Rob Terry seconded;

Given no corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved as distributed.

1. Review Conference agenda – Ed Franklin

Ed Franklin provided a brief overview of the remaining schedule and discussed logistics

1. Identify new business items
2. AAAE President Report – Mark Balschweid

Mark Balschweid provided updates from AAAE:

* Thanks to Cindy Akers for her leadership of the region and to the leadership for organizing this conference;
* Western Region is well represented on the National Level (5 of the 10 elected positions are from Western Region);
* 5 things focusing on at the national level:

(1) a strategic plan – Ed Osborne has agreed to chair the development of the first AAAE strategic plan and has developed a timeline for the development of a document that can be discussed at the next national meeting;

(2) desire to grow membership;

(3) working to capitalize on our centennial celebration of the Smith-Hughes Act to celebrate 100 years of legislation pertaining to agricultural education;

(4) working with National Treasurer to have a financial audit completed; and

(5) updates to FastTrack profiles.

* 2017 AAAE meeting will be in San Luis Obispo, CA May 16-19, 2017
* 2018 National Conference will be in Charleston, SC with Clemson hosting
* Updates to Omega II program –
  + 30 young professionals in the cohort;
  + already met at TAMU and will be meeting at VT in a couple of weeks

1. AAAE Research Committee Report – Rob Terry

At last year’s meeting, a subcommittee of the research committee (Rob Terry [chair], Marshall Baker, Misty Lambert, Mike Martin, and Tyson Sorenson) was charged with creating a proposal for a new format for the research conference;

The committee presented the proposal (see attached) for review by the membership; to be discussed in the research committee meeting

The meeting was recessed at 11:39 am to be reconvened at 3:00 pm.

**Business Session II**

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:11 pm by President Cindy Akers.

1. Research Conference Report – Conference Coordinator – Ed Franklin

Ed Franklin provided a summary of the research conference:

20 manuscripts were submitted;

Reviews were completed by reviewers from the Western Region;

15 manuscripts were accepted (acceptance rate = 75%);

Proceedings are posted on the AAAE website;

Thank you to: the reviewers and Conference Submission Manager; chairs and facilitators; judges of distinguished manuscript presentations

1. Poster Session Report – Theresa Murphrey

45 total submissions - 27 research posters and 18 innovative idea posters were submitted

135 reviews were completed; 24 separate reviewers were utilized; Average reviews/reviewers = 5.6

20 research posters (acceptance rate = 74%) and 16 innovative idea posters (acceptance rate = 89%) were accepted; 36 total posters accepted (80% acceptance rate)

Poster abstracts included on the AAAE website;

Thank you to: the reviewers and Poster Chair Theresa Murphrey; thank you to Mike Spiess for all of his work with the system;

Voting was done by popular choice vote this year.

1. Initial Nominations for Western Region Leadership, Committees and Representatives
   1. Secretary

Erica Irlbeck; Ed Franklin

* 1. Communications/Member Services Committee (elect 2)
  2. Program Improvement Committee (elect 2)

Avery Culbertson

* 1. Professional Development Committee (elect 2)

Amber Rice

* 1. Research Committee (elect 2)

Kasee Smith

* 1. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review (recommend 2) - technically these are to be selected by the western region members of the editing managing board
  2. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Managing Board

1. New Business
   1. ?
2. Reports
   1. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board – Rob Terry

Ed Franklin discussed role of Editing Managing Board;

Two main items of business addressed by the board were:

* Handling of submissions of from international authors
* Indexing – worthwhile and financially feasible
  1. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial - Review Board - Jonathan Velez

Steve Rocca discussed the role of the Editorial Review Board

* Each paper submitted to the Journal of Agricultural Education needs to be reviewed by one member of the review board
* No review board meetings; everything is handled through FastTrack
* None of the members have been able to tell an increase in the number of papers they are asked to review
  1. State Reports

State representatives provided brief overviews of what is happening in each state

Dr. Torres publically recognized Dr. Ed Franklin for his efforts in planning and coordinating this year’s conference

1. Adjourn to Committee Meetings
   1. Communications/Member Services – Jack Elliott
   2. Program Improvement – Courtney Meyers
   3. Professional Development – Becki Lawver
   4. Research Committee – Mike Martin
   5. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing - Managing Board – Rob Terry
   6. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board – Jonathan Velez

The meeting was recessed at 3:58 pm to be reconvened at Thursday, September 21st at 9:15 am.

**Business Session III**

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Cindy Akers

The meeting was reconvened at 9:17 am by President Cindy Akers.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Communications/Member Services –Jack Elliott
2. The committee made edits on the 7 committee activities (strikeouts indicate deletions and highlights indicate additions - see below).
3. The committee supports the national survey to assess why some faculty choose to not become AAAE members.
4. The committee (see old #7/new #6) suggests high level (in lieu of; in addition to; during a meal function; etc.) Member Services events be included in future WRAAAE conferences such as:

* Non-AAAE speakers (e.g., NCBA in Colorado) who can challenge the group or address the importance of our discipline as it relates to business and industry.
* AAAE speakers (other regions do have a mystery speaker).
* A panel or round table or speed presentations on topics such as: IPAs; sabbaticals; Fulbright opportunities; visiting scholars; etc.
* States/institutions create and share their history. Formats may include a white paper; recording; video; etc.
  1. Program Improvement – Courtney Meyers
* Requirements for the proceedings
  + Theresa discussed several potential changes to the proceedings. No decisions were made to change the requirements except to let the poster chair announce the recommended changes in the poster call.
    - Add name and university after title instead of a cover page?
    - Can changes to authorship or title be made after acceptance be made?
* Western 2017
  + Request to move the poster deadline one week. This is feasible.
  + Need to have communication between the conference chairs and the conference planners to ensure space for the poster display.
  + Theresa Murphrey will be the poster chair for 2017 Western Region meeting.
  + We will use SurveyMonkey or Qualtrics next year to vote for “People’s Choice” poster winners.
* Discussed the recommendations for the research committee regarding new submission and review guidelines
  + Whatever is decided in the research committee meeting will impact posters
  + That would mean that the selection committee would review all the posters and make those decisions.
  + Innovative idea posters would still need to go through the traditional review process
  + What rubric would they use to review the papers?
  + Leave research posters as is next year and try the new model with papers first?
  + Committee members should be prepared to offer their opinions during the discussion about new research review process
  1. Professional Development – Becki Lawver
* Discussed the purpose of the PD Committee at the National Level as well as at the Regional Level.
* Discussed the charge from the National conference for assisting in the coordination of the OMEGA conference.
* Value Added Professional Development in May – more locally based ag tours for PD, Campus farms, facilities & dinner, farmers market. Potential keynote Speaker Dan Sutton, general manager POVE.
* Western Region 2017 ideas for PD
  + Undergraduates/Graduate student connecting with Faculty, space in the schedule for connecting – round table, panel, etc.
  + Campus, facility, extension tours – conference location connect with campus
* Western Region 2017 Charges to PD Committee:
  + Assess the WR awards
* Needs assessment for the profession – conducted by the National AAAE PD committee

Jon Ramsey moved to accept the Communications/Member Services, Program Improvement, and Professional Development Committee reports. MOTION PASSED.

* 1. Research Committee – Mike Martin
* Discussed the proposal for changes to the WR Research Conferenece
* Mike Martin moved to accept the proposal by the research committee for a new research conference format with details determined by a special committee made up of Rob Terry, Jim Connors, Mike Martin, Bobby Torres, Marshall Baker, Misty Lambert, Tyson Sorenson, Theresa Murphrey, and Courtney Meyers.
  + Discussion on the motion:
    - What is the goal of this committee? To determine the details on the process, including timeline for submissions, etc.
  + MOTION PASSED
* Rob Terry moved to accept report as made. MOTION PASSED.

1. WRAAAE elections
   1. Secretary

Erica Irlbeck, Ed Franklin

* 1. Communications/Member Services Committee

Carl Igo

Jack Elliot

* 1. Program Improvement Committee

Avery Culbertson

Marshall Swafford

* 1. Professional Development Committee

Amber Rice

Boot Chumbley

* 1. Research Committee

Kasee Smith

Steve Rocca

* 1. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board

Kasee Smith

Deb Spielmaker

* 1. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing Managing Board

Dustin Perry

Moved by Denise Stewardson to accept by acclimation all positions except secretary. MOTION PASSED.

Vote conducted by secret ballot for Secretary position.

1. New Business
2. Western Region Conference Rotation and Dates – Kellie Enns

* Mike Martin and Kelly Enns presented information on the 2017 WR Conference
  + September 25-27, 2017 at the Hilton Fort Collins
  + Room rates $129

1. AAAE Meeting – San Luis Obispo, California - May , 2017

* May 16-19, 2017

1. Recognition of 2016 Research, Poster and Conference Chairs

President Cindy Akers thanked Conference Chair Ed Franklin and Poster Chair Theresa Murphrey.

Thank You letters on behalf of WRAAAE will be sent to these individuals and their respective college administrators/representatives by the President.

1. Award Presentations
   1. Poster Session Awards – Theresa Murphrey

**RESEARCH POSTERS– 4 way tie for Distinguished Posters**

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

A Measure of Safety Climate Attitudes in the University Agricultural Mechanics Lab

*Steven Boot Chumbley, Curtis Langley, and Mark Hainline*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

Assessing a Food Safety Training Program Incorporating Active Learning in Vegetable Production

*Kyle A. Gavin, Carl G. Igo, and Dustin K. Perry*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

Exploring the Outcomes of Using Problem-Based Learning in an Agribusiness Sales Course

*John L. Hawley, Kelsey Hall, and Michael Pate*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

View From The Top: A California Agricultural Education Leadership Delphi Perspective

*Erin K. Gorter, Benjamin G. Swan, and F. Nicole Ray*

**INNOVATIVE IDEA POSTERS**

OUTSTANDING POSTER

There is No Guru: Mentoring Maps for International Agriculture Teacher Growth

*Misty D. Lambert*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

FFA Members Perceived Benefits & Barriers to Agricultural Education Training

*Ethan A. Igo, Dustin K. Perry, Carl G. Igo*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

Students Cultivating Ideas: Utilizing Focus Groups in Curriculuim

*Jessica Corder, Hope Hancock, Jenna Crayton, & Erica Irlbeck*

DISTINGUISHED POSTER

The Quad Squad: Drones in Agriculture

*Denise Stewardson, Gary Stewardson, & Scott Bartholemew*

* 1. Research Presentation Awards – Ed Franklin

OUTSTANDING MANUSCRIPT

A Quasi-Experimental Examination: Cognitive Sequencing of Instruction

Using Experiential Learning Theory for STEM Concepts in Agricultural Education

*Kasee L. Smith, University of Idaho*

*John Rayfield, Texas Tech University*

DISTINGUISHED MANUSCRIPT

International Rural Development Nonprofit Organizations’ Use of Facebook:   
A Content Analysis

*Joanna King, Texas Tech University*

*Dr. Courtney Meyers, Texas Tech University*

*Dr. Matt Baker, Texas Tech University*

*Dr. David Doerfert, Texas Tech University*

DISTINGUISHED MANUSCRIPT

Understanding Why Family Units Become Involved in the Livestock Exhibition

Industry: A Collective Instrumental Case Study

*Krysti L. Kelley, Oklahoma State University*

*Marshall A. Baker, Oklahoma State University*

*Avery L. Culbertson, Fresno State University*

*J. Shane Robinson, Oklahoma State University*

* 1. Western Region Awards – Mike Spiess

Distinguished Researcher: None

Outstanding Agricultural Educator Award: None

Distinguished Teaching Award: None

Outstanding International Agricultural Education Award: Dwayne Cartmell, Oklahoma State University

Outstanding Early Career Member Award: Rebecca G. Lawver, Utah State University

1. Introduction of newly elected officers, committee members and representatives

New WRAAAE Secretary is Erica Irlbeck.

1. Presentation of awards for the Cornhole Challenge:

Faculty Division: Tyson Sorenson (Utah State) and Danielle Neaves (Texas Tech)

Student Division: Mark Hainline (Texas Tech) and Kyle Gilliam (Texas Tech)

1. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am by President Mike Spiess.

Attachment – Proposed Western Region Meeting Rotation

2017 Colorado\*

2018 Idaho

2019 Oklahoma

2020 Wyoming

2021 Montana

2022 New Mexico

2023 Utah

2024 Alaska or Hawaii

2025 California

2026 Texas

2027 Nevada

\* Confirmed