

WAAE Business Meeting  
**General Membership Minutes**  
**July 7, 8, 9, 2008**  
**Marriott West, Madison**

- A. The meeting was called to order by Ralph Johnson at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Reflections were given by David Laatsch
- C. Ralph Johnson eluded to events of the week that included enrollment in the reflection log for graduate credit, constitution and by-law changes and
- D. Paul Larson moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Keith Gundlach.
- E. Rick Bockhop moved to approve the 2007 minutes as printed in the conference handbook, seconded by Paul Larson, motion passed.

Other:

Dave Shonkwiler, WACTE gave greetings and report.

#### **F. Introduction of New Members**

Jeff Hicken and Jim Gibson introduced new members. Each secondary level member was given his or her Advisor Creed and Pin by Ralph Johnson. A total of 12 new members were in attendance at the secondary level and 4 at the post secondary.

#### **G. Financial Report- Richard Aide**

Dick Aide gave the financial report and budget for next year. TJ Hankerson assisted with details including investments. Dick noted expenses in paying for 2 Executive Directors, which will decrease in the coming year with transitions from Dick to Bridget. Also a new computer/printer was bought for the new Executive Director. Dick explained that this budget would be approved on Thursday morning to give everyone a chance to look it over with questions being directed to Dick.

Paul Larson moved to accept the budget as printed in the conference handbook, Brett Iverson seconded, motion passed

#### **Association Reports were held:**

1. **FFA Center Report-** Cheryl Zimmerman- extended thanks to members for successful year and support for events and activities with record attendance at convention and 2 new events at the convention. WAAE sponsorship helped make the "Change Lives- Teach Ag" workshop possible. FFA officers are busy with training this week and are here to meet ag. Instructors. Cheryl gave reminders to pick up award forms, etc that are located in the coatroom in the hotel. Discussion was held about the Parli Pro competition- a re-evaluation is needed and a committee is going to be formed. Membership is down slightly as of May 1, 2008. A new site will be announced for National Convention after the convention in 2008. There are 3 national proposals which include increase national dues to \$7. FFA officers have blogs to keep members informed. No CD will be given for forms and information, please see the website. Cheryl Zimmerman gave dates for sectional leadership workshop and other important dates, the entire calendar will be posted on [www.wisconsinffa.org](http://www.wisconsinffa.org)
2. **PAS-** Paul Cutting- gave greetings and highlighted activities of the PAS organization. Record high attendance was present at the conference in February despite the blizzard. Several award winners represented WI well at the National Conference in Dallas. Their national conference in 2009 will be in Hershey, PA. Paul thanked all post secondary instructors for their support and hard work.
3. **FFA Alumni-** Ken Seering- no report
4. **FFA Foundation-** Mary Gagnon- Mary highlighted winners from the Dairy and Organic SAE grants from the foundation. These grants will only be available one time in fall for the coming year. 52 scholarship recipients were read. A summary of foundation donations for the convention was given. There are 46 members of the Blue and Gold Society. Golf outing dates were given. Mary will be retiring and the search is on for a new director of the foundation.

5. **WABC-Ferron Havens-** gave an update on how we can advocate and connect with each other to make ourselves and our programs more visible.
6. **Wisconsin Workforce Development Council** update was given as a result of AB83. Ralph read the description of the new director who will be based out of the DATCP building. Application process will begin in August with someone in place by September

## **Committee Reports**

### **Sectional Committees**

**I-** Technology- Arlaina Meyer- Make recommendations for the website to link communities of practice and other resources for teachers

**II-** FFA Alumni Support- dates for the golf outing were given. Members are encouraged to have all chapters or alumni affiliates donate prizes for this event.

**III-** Social- Steve Schauf- Made \$300 on raffle, good time had by all. Members were encouraged to give input if they wish to see any changes. Members are reminded to show respect for sponsors during the short presentations at the social.

**IV-** Teaching Materials- results for the contest were announced. Categories and winners included: Animal Science- Rachel Sauvola, New Richmond, Chapter Development- Adam Wehling, Food Science- Jim Melby, Natural Resources- Rhona Schuebel, Visual Aid/Computer- Brett Iverson, Misc.- Brenda Scheil, Overall Best- Lisa Konkel

**V-** Resources- Will keep organizing transportation for workshops and social events. Working on providing new educational tours for future PDC. Purchased 4 prints for the conference, got one donated.

**VI-** Membership Development Services- Paul Zeulke- Working on survey to evaluate conference workshops of interest for ag teachers to conduct in conjunction with FFA Workshops held throughout the year

**VII-** Forestry- Dave Glonecki- Lead on finding the forestry information, working with LEAF on forestry CDE, establishing a workshop at PDC, trying to establish an "equipment box" for teachers.

**VIII-** Ideas Unlimited- Lori Rowe- Commented that our sponsor for this area has been lost and they are seeking a new sponsor. Need more participation in all areas. Winners for the contest were announced as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place- Brad Markhardt, Black River Falls, Tub Gardens- \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Glen Schraufnagel, Thorp, FFA Nursery, 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Dan Robinson, Lomira, 4<sup>th</sup> place- (tie) Dave Rizzardi, Kewauskum, Bret Iverson, Oconto Falls, Rachel Sauvola, New Richmond, 7<sup>th</sup> place Lisa Konkel, Big Foot, 8<sup>th</sup> place Lori Rowe, Tigerton, 9<sup>th</sup> place Kirk Kramp, Monroe, 10<sup>th</sup> place- Brenda Scheil, New Auburn, 11<sup>th</sup> place- Laura Hasselquist, Chippewa Falls

**IX-** Diversity- Bruce Brunner- Gathered information about diversity, encouraging diversity in ag programs to include variety of ethnic groups, would like to see a workshop at PDC on the topic of diversity

**X-** Banquet- Larry Plapp- Providing decorations and photos that can be uploaded on the WAAE website.

### **State Wide Committee-**

**Fundraising-** Kim Houser- Silent Auction held annually, raised over \$1300 for New Teacher Scholarship program with the goal next year of having 30 items to raise \$1500.

**SAE-** Glenda Crook- need volunteers to help with proficiency judging in March. Brian Hendrickson is on the national selection committee. They are looking at rubrics or other forms to aid in judging the mixed entrepreneur/placement proficiency areas. Clear signatures are needed on scoring sheets. Continue starting with large proficiency areas on Friday night and resume on Saturday. Need teachers to request areas to judge. More training is needed to read entrepreneur proficiencies. Add SAE link on FFA page. Create workshops on SAE for new teachers.

**State Judging/CDE-** Gordie Gasch- working on online registration process with a link to the new site on WAAE. Changes of contests were discussed: Forestry- Jeremy Solin, UW Stevens Point; Horse- site change; Food Science- moved to RF area contest as State contest; Ag. Communications- moved to RF area contest instead of State FFA Convention. Help is needed from ag teachers on contest day for room monitors. Land Judging for Farm Progress Days information was given. All Ag. Teachers and students get in free.

**Safety-** Jeremiah Frederickson- Rural Insurance to provide sponsorship for Tractor Driving contest. We need more instructors certified in Tractor Safety as well as ATV and snowmobile. Possibly offer workshops at PDC.

**Post-Secondary Curriculum-** Keven Raacholz- Need better communication between post secondary with idea to include a post secondary listserv and incorporate more sharing of ideas between schools/instructors.

**Soil Conservation-** John Heinberg- successful state soils contest with 186 students, July 21 in Dodge county, rule changes include allowing schools to bring 2 teams at the junior level and all students may judge at the junior level regardless of age for one year before advancing to senior level.

**Farm Business, Production Management-** Mike Sabel- Organizing beneficial workshops and teleconferences for educators.

**New Teacher-** Rachel Sauvola- Fantastic year with Sunday New Teacher workshop, each teacher received a binder, information is located on a CD for others interested, working with the fundraising committee to begin scholarship, development of workshops for PDC and will continue to meet with new teachers throughout the entire year.

**PR- Linda Sattler-** Looking for ideas and input for committee are needed. Organize Day on the Hill at State Convention, Public Service announcement contest is being promoted for more involvement, working with 10 x 15 committee to promote ag education, need workers for Farm Technology Days booth, reimbursement is available.

**Statewide Curriculum-** Warren Pickar- Encouraged new members to become involved. Working with CAERT to make resource available, WAAE website resource list. Science Equivalency is going well. Working on statewide curriculum on sustainable agriculture, promoted transcripted credit process.

**Past Presidents-** no report

**FFA Alumni-** no report

Other committee notes- Dave Laatch encouraged all members to sign up for a committee when you register for PDC. Reminded committees to bring flash drives so committee reports can be uploaded on the WAAE site and update easily. If you meet throughout the year, an electronic copy should be sent to Bridget.

Dave Laatch moved to approve all committee reports, Linda Sattler seconded, motion passed

## **J. Reports**

- 1.) NAAE Region III- Ralph Johnson & Ron VonGlahn- 85 people from 6 states attended. Valentine Nebraska is the host for 2009. Anyone interested should be sure to attend. Ralph gave kudos to Ron and his committee for all the hard work and organization of this event. Thanks was extended to those who helped with the planning as well as attending. Ron highlighted the great tours, sponsorships and awards received.

## **K. New Business**

- 1.) Constitution & By-Laws Changes- Dave Kruse gave a report on the constitution and by-law changes. No major changes are being proposed. It is basically specific words or phrases. Some of the highlighted info did not copy well, so an electronic version was available for viewing. Dave went through specific changes that needed to be noted including acronyms and committee assignments. A question of rationale was raised about section 10. It was noted that information didn't need to be made public and with new teacher program grants that might be eliminated. Paul Larson moved to accept the constitution/by-laws changes, Linda Sattler second. Motion passed.

**L. Adjournment-** Jeremiah Frederickson moved to adjourn, Kirk Kramp second. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 on Thursday morning.

## **Other:**

The return of "Kangaroo Court" was enjoyed by all. The honorable judge Ron VonGlahn and prosecutor Linda Sattler presided.

Door prizes were organized by section IV.

**Winner of the one night free stay at hotel was Kirk Kramp.**