

WAAE Board Meeting – Friday April 24th, 2015 at 9:00 am
UW-Madison Campus – Steenbock Library

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Sattler at 9 am.

The group introduced themselves and stated something positive that is going on in their life or program.

Members Present: Linda Sattler, Troy Talford, Joel Kuehnhold, Kris Beaver, Shari Graffunder, Kevin Hoffman, Rene Lehman, Amanda Seichter, Jeanna James, Brian Pinchart, Tom Yost, Shelby Mitchell, Sandy Dykes, Steve Schank, Jeanne Alling, Kirk Kramp, Jake Cramer, Dan Ziegler, Roger King, Tracy Brunton, Jeff Hicken

Guests Present: Gordie Gasch, Sonya Huebner

Members Absent: Jordan Donnerbauer, Pete Kolpack, Becky Wirkus, Katie Christensen, Brad Sirianni, Dona Goede

It was moved to approve the agenda flexibility by Amanda Seichter and seconded by Jeanna James. Motion passed.

It was moved to approve the minutes of the January 2015 meeting by Rene Lehman moved and seconded by Troy Talford. Motion passed.

The financial report was presented by Troy and Bridgett. The finance committee met on March 28th to review the financial report for the 2014-2015 year and prepare the 2016-2017 budget. Many adjustments were made to balance the budget due to projected expenses. The goal is to have two years of operating expenses in savings that way we would have money in reserves in our investments. Linda stated that we are aiming to reach \$350,000 to \$400,000 in savings. The group was also informed that organizations should not budget the Star Missions Money as it may not be there as it is unknown at budgeting time. It was noted that 8053 – approved 5,000 removed to 800 – wages and expenses are flipped flopped and need to be changed. Troy requested Bridgett to please send out a copy to the finance committee for one last look. In regards to our investments, TJ Hankerson, our financial advisor from UBS, has suggested some changes to our investment strategy. Rick Bockhop took the initiative to visit with TJ via phone and discuss the suggestions. It was decided to move forward and approve the suggestions that TJ had recommended. On the balance sheets there is a line showing the money that was extra after WACTE lowered their dues last year after the PDC registration had already began. This line will go away after the approval of sending those funds to WAEF.

Current WAAE membership is at 297, NAAE 297, WACTE34, and ACTE 53.

It was moved to take from the table the motion to donate the WACTE refund of approximately \$800 would be given to the Workforce Development Council's fund pending results from those who are WATCE members by Troy Talford seconded by Steve Schank. Motion passed. The main motion passed.

Joel Kuehnhold offered to write the notes for the sectional newsletter volunteer.

Troy stated that there were no committee updates. He will prepare the folders and flash drives for the committee at PDC.

WAAE sent Shari Graffunder, Rene Lehman, Tom Sebranek, and Bridgett Neu to the National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. in March. Paul Larson was there on behalf of NAAE and Glenda Crook attended as the NAAE Region III Vice-President. Shari reminded everyone of the importance of building relationships with your legislators. Please remember to invite them to your banquets and other activities that your programs and FFA chapters are doing.

Wisconsin had several attendees that attended the National Agricultural Education Inservices in Indianapolis in January. Attendees included Shari Graffunder, Cheryl Zimmerman, Jeff Hicken, and Sara Schoenborn. This year the conference mainly focused at the state staff and foundation representatives. They also attended meetings about branding, leadership and strategic planning.

WAAE was represented this year at the Wisconsin Association for Career and Technical Education in Oshkosh. Bridgett Neu was a nominee for Outstanding CTE Leader. WAAE local 24 received the Local of the Year award. Glenda Crook was the Winner of the Teacher of the Year and will advance to Regional Competition. If selected as the Region III winner she will compete for ACTE teacher of the year 2017.

The outgoing vice-presidents in the odd sections were polled regarding their interest in running for WAAE President-Elect. The responses were: Jeanne Alling, Section 1 – No, Steven Schank, Section 3 – No, Kevin Hoffman, Section 5 – Yes, Joel Kuehnhold, Section 7 – No, Jeanna James, Section 9 – Yes, Post-Secondary On campus, Tom Yost – No. The official vote will be held at the Sunday Pre-Conference PDC Board Meeting.

WAAE will have a Change Lives/Teach Ag Booth Teach Booth at state FFA convention. Linda will coordinate this effort. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth. Linda will send out signup sheet for this event – please consider helping if you are able. The booth will take place on Wednesday, June 17th from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. The group liked the thank you notes that were made last year and suggested that this be done again.

On Tuesday, June 16th at state convention teacher panelists are needed. If you can help please contact Paul Zeulke at Portage High School.

Linda explained the newly modified evaluation instrument for the executive director. She also presented the expected job duties listed in Bridgett's contract. Steven Schank moved for a 3% raise to the executive director's salary. Kirk seconded. Motion passed.

Linda explained that membership in Professional Organizations can be used as an artifact as part of Teacher Effectiveness. If you are active in the professional organization it can be used as educator effectiveness needs. It was pointed out that the 30 minute club promoted by Section IV can also be used for educator effectiveness artifacts. Remember to take photos of yourself with students at events as well. You can also use Letter of recommendation and letters stating that you have served on boards and committees. WAAE will again provide professional development certificates to all conference attendees.

Sections that expressed interest in possibly holding a WAAE Spring In-Service were section 6 and section 9.

Troy reviewed the By-Law Changes to the group. Notice has already been sent out to all of the members and was also included as part of conference registration. It is important to note that committees are not being deleted but simply removed from the bylaws and will be placed into a reference document instead. The main reason for doing this is that committee responsibilities change frequently and under current policy a bylaw change is required each time their scope changes.

Kevin Hoffman proposed a change of board structure and consideration will take place during the 2015-16 cycle. His suggestion is to explore the elimination of alternate vice-presidents. Shari Graffunder seconded. Motion passed. This topic will possibly be added to the sectional meeting agendas at PDC.

Jeff Hicken reminded the group of the Farm Technology Days Booth that we received for Ag Ed each year. He expressed the importance of making the booth be interactive. He mentioned that with the number of banners and materials that all of our groups have that they will need to be rotated and will not all be up each day. The booth will be at the end of a street with other groups including USDA.

The AgriFutures Summit sponsored by the Wisconsin Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council was held in Madison on April 8-9. There were approximately 100 people present. The event went well however they are reworking the format for the future. The Council is at bare bones for a budget as the funding did not come through in grants or Governors' budget from the state. Al Herman has volunteered services this year again and is not receiving any payment for the work he is doing for the council. He is doing a great job.

WAAE applied for several Star Mission Foundation Grants. They were all approved. The grants that were requested and received are as follows: Instructional packets for \$5,000, New Teacher for \$2,000, DuPont for \$3,500, and Live Binders for \$4,230.

Linda reminded the group that they need to select new alternate vice-presidents to take over in the odd numbered sections as well as on campus post-secondary. Once these are selected please let Bridgett know.

The schedule for the Professional Development Conference was reviewed. Linda thanked Amanda Seichter and Kris Beaver for their work on the script for the banquet. Troy has a new idea for the gift item for conference attendees. Section 2 will be in charge of door prizes this year. Minn-Tex and Dane County Ag Teachers will again be donating items for the luncheon raffles. Kris Beaver reported that plans for golf are going well. The outing will be at Pleasant View on a par 3 course. Jeanna discussed that baseball prices for Madison Mallards went up a little this year but will give the group a more private location. Dan and Kevin stated that the bowling arrangements have been made and will be held at Schwoeglers Lanes.

Wednesday afternoon the group will practice and read through the script. The script will also be reviewed on Sunday afternoon. Kirk showed the group photos of the banquet decorations. The color theme will be purple and silver. He is looking to order 325 chocolate owls to go with the table decorations.

Jeanna reported that Equity will be donating 18 gallon totes for the instructional packets this year. This is a great donation and the group is very excited.

Becky, Troy and Joel are coordinating the post banquet social. The theme is everything Badgers. Bring your Badger gear, Brewer or Packer apparel. There will be recreational activities and surprises. The fee will be \$5 per person to help cover beverages and snacks.

Jeff Hicken provided a DPI/Program Update. He mentioned that we need to be proactive for the future CDE's contest. We may need to be looking for other locations to hold this contest. The Envirothon for the EE contest went well but it was another day out of the classroom for both teachers and students. In terms of teaching positions there are over 15 positions open – 30 MN has several as well – 70 in Missouri. Some are leaving for other jobs and others due to burn out. Emergency Licensing is needed for Ag Ed positions – Jeff and DPI are working with UWRF to find out ways to make emergency licensing and certification more feasible. There will be a limited number of student teachers next year. River Falls will have 2 in fall; 2 in spring for student teaching. There are concerns with the state budget. Some states are looking at loan forgiveness programs. He also discussed the World Food Prize – has to be a land grant college attached – World Food Summit in Des Moines, IA – 1 week before National FFA Convention. 8 students are here competing for the honor to represent WI. For more information google World Food Prize. The Incentive Grant have been proposed in the Governors budget to be move from DPI to DWD.

FFA Foundation Report – Sara Schoenborn
Please see handout at the end of the minutes

Chapter grants for Food for America grants are due May 1st – talked about making it a different deadline. We have one year to use the money. Please promote the final reporting requirements which is one page. Would two deadlines be advantageous? It has been done before but how much to hold over is the main concern. Sonya thanked us for our suggestions.

Gordie provided a report on the CDE's. There 174 schools, 505 teams, and 1900 students registered to be at UW Madison today. It has been a trying year. We had to find a new superintendent for agronomy this year as the person from the past was no longer available. Ken Engelke and Dave Rizzardi are setting up and running the agronomy contest this year. The Ag Mechanics is being held at Madison College and we are happy they are willing to partner with us. Many teams did a lot of switching so it is difficult to determine how many busses are needed. The group thanked Gordie for all of his hard work in putting the contest together. The UW has increased enrollment and there are now more students in classes which has reduced the number of faculty and rooms available to host the state CDE contest. Horse, livestock and dairy are still ran by extension personnel. It was discussed that chapters be charged

for the contest if you are not supervising or helping out for a contest. We will discuss this at sectional meetings at PDC. Please remind everyone of the importance of having volunteers to make these events happen.

A Region III report was provided by Glenda Crook. The event will take place in Scottsbluff, Nebraska June 29th to July 1st. Monday will begin with a social and registration at 6 pm. Tuesday registration begins at 8 am with tours start at 10:30 am. The Banquet will take place on Tuesday evening. Wednesday runs from 8 am to 3pm. If you plan to attend please let Bridgett know. There are some possible carpools forming as well.

Glenda Crook provide a NAAE Update to the group. NAAE Marketing Assistant Position
NAAE is seeking a full-time Marketing Assistant to help the National Teach Ag Campaign and CASE Programs. This position will be located at the NAAE Offices on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington, KY. Click here for additional details about the position and to apply.

NAAE Virtual Book Club

The NAAE Virtual Book Club is a fun new way for agricultural educators to personalize their professional development. NAAE members can participate in the Virtual Book Club and earn up to 5 hours of professional development credit or CEU's. This summer, the NAAE Virtual Book Club will read *Teach Like a Pirate* by Dave Burgess. Click here for more information and to register.

Are you interested in serving on the 2015 NAAE Awards Judging Committee?

Once again this year, NAAE will judge a majority of their awards virtually through these national judging committees. Sign up to serve our ag ed profession by May 10th. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

NAAE Award Applications -- Apply by May 15th! Applications for the 2015 NAAE Awards are now available online. To apply for an award, you will need to log in to the NAAE website. You must be a current, dues-paying NAAE member to apply. Click here for more information and to begin your application TODAY! Applications are due by May 15, 2015 at 11:59pm EST.

The NAAE Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA in November 17-21, 2015. The NAAE board has suggested to Louisiana that they not pursue hosting a state social this year since there are many interests in the area. If you planning to attend the NAAE convention please let Bridgett know.

Announcements

Job Options – Full time Marketing Assistant position is open – position in Kentucky at the HQ
Book Club – personalize your professional development – *Teach Like a Pirate* by Dave Burgess
2015 Awards Judging Committee – Sign up by May 10th
Awards are due by May 15th – Ask Bridgett for assistance before 11:59 p.m. ET

The next board meeting will take place on Sunday June 21, 2015 – Middleton, 3:00 p.m. The DuPont members will be meeting at 2 p.m.

Troy or Bridgett will send out a doodle to help select a date for the summer board training/meeting.

Cheryl suggested that the WAAE board consider holding a poverty dinner at PDC this summer. The board did not feel that they would be able to pull something like this together for this year but that in the future maybe there could be a workshop provided on the topic.

Shari Graffunder moved to adjourn. Jeanna James seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Region III Conference June 29 – July 1, 2015
Professional Dev. Conference June 21- 25, 2015
NAAE Convention, New Orleans November 18-21, 2015

Reminders: ** Wear your WAAE polo at PDC during the picnic. If you don't have a polo, please let Bridgett know.



Scottsbluff Nebraska
Region III NAAE Conference
June 29-July 1, 2015

Begin Making Plans to Attend the 2015 NAAE Region III Conference

Hampton Inn & Suites Scottsbluff-Conference Center

301 West Highway 26, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 69361, USA TEL: +1-308-635-5200 FAX: 1-308-635-5110

Single/Double Rooms

\$94.00 before tax

Reservations may be made for July 28th also if you plan to come in early. A complete schedule will be available soon!

Welcome to the City of Scottsbluff. Located in the Nebraska panhandle, we are centrally located within Scotts Bluff County. Scottsbluff is accessible to traffic from Interstate 80 (40 miles south), U.S. Highways 26 and 71, as well as the Western Nebraska Regional Airport. Scottsbluff population based on the 2010 census is 15,039. The City shares it's borders with the City of Gering and the City of Terrytown for a total population base of just under 24,000 residents. It is the retail hub of the Nebraska panhandle offering lodging, dining, and shopping.

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Wisconsin FFA Foundation

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Wisconsin FFA Foundation Report April 2015

Development News to Note – We have currently raised \$487,817.67. Our goal for the 2014-15 campaign year is \$510,000.

- **Leaders' Legacy** – The Leaders' Legacy Campaign is over halfway to its \$10,000 goal with a total of \$6,958.57 so far.
- **Star Mission Partner Program** – The Star Mission Partner Program has currently raised \$70,000 – a \$10,000 increase over last year.

News to Note

- **Scholarship Selection** – There were nearly \$33,000 in scholarships awarded to 42 Wisconsin FFA members this year!
- **Newsletters** – The Spring 2015 newsletter has been distributed.
- **Wisconsin FFA Convention** – Planning for Convention is underway! This year we will have at least four new Blue and Gold Society members to induct.

Events

- **Denim and Diamonds** – Our joint fundraising event with Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom was a success with many requests to repeat the fun next year!
- **Give Local America** – Give Local America (a national day of community giving) is coming up on May 5th. See our website for additional details.
- **Golf Outings** – Monday, July 20 – Northwest (Eau Claire – Wild Ridge); Tuesday, July 21 – Northeast (Wrightstown – Royal St. Patrick's); Monday, July 27 – Southern (Middleton – Pleasant View). If you are interested in volunteering on our planning committee or donating items to the outing bucket raffles and/or auctions, please email Jen Bradley.