

WAAE Board Conference Call – August 10, 2011

Members in attendance: Dave Kruse, Bridgett Neu, Joel Kuehnhold, Troy Talford, Paul Zuelke and Kim Houser.

CDE Position:

All board members were sent a description of the CDE position to review. Paul Zuelke suggested including information about potentially having an on-line contest in the future. Other than that suggestion, it was decided that the description that Dave came up with was an adequate depiction of the position. However, it will be sent to the CDE committee for them to review it and to give feedback. There was talk to add travel/postage compensation to the description but it was decided to review and discuss it with the person hired at the end of the first year. The position will be put out on the list serve and will be put on the WAAE website for approximately 2 weeks. The candidates will be interviewed by the 3 P's.

PDC Location:

Since there was not a quorum present we were unable to vote on the location of the future PDC. We will need to make a decision at the September conference call and will have email dialogue regarding this before the conference call.

Dave suggested that we base our decision on three aspects: the amount of professional development opportunities available in the area, and the financial means for WAAE and its members and the facilities of the hotels and how they can meet the needs of the conference.

A comparison of the facilities in the Green Bay and Madison area were sent to all board members, it is encouraged that you review it and forward any questions to Dave Kruse.

Other:

There should be an article in the Wisconsin Ag. Connection and you may also hear an interview with Dave Kruse on Wisconsin Public Radio regarding where Agricultural Education currently stands.

Dave plans to talk with the professors at UW – Platteville and UW-River Falls about potentially offering placement testing for agricultural education students in the plant and animal science area; if the student pass the test they could earn credit for 1-2 classes.

Things to do:

Before the school year starts, all vice presidents are asked to take the time to put together an email group for their sectional members.

Also before school starts, please send out an email (or put a blog on the website) including your sectional inservice date, the CDE position, your award winners (or when that voting will take place) as well as some inspiring, motivating words about having a fresh, new year to look forward to.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Houser

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