

WAAE Executive Board Meeting Minutes - April 29, 2011—8:30-11:00 a.m.
Location: Room 340 Steenbock Library,
UW Madison Campus (Building next door to Animal Science)

- I. Call Meeting to Order – Marty Nowak at 8:30 am
Not Attending: Lindsay Meissner, Gary VonRuden, Kevin Hoffman, Pete Hoffman, Mark Denk, Tracy Harper, Adam Wehling, Chuck Rasmussen, Jeremy Hanson, Lori Berget
- II. Approval of Agenda with Flexibility – Approved
- III. Approval of Mid-Winter Minutes (emailed with agenda) – Approved
- IV. Board Reports
 - I. Financial Report and Update – These reports were emailed our prior to the meeting.
 - II. Investments- Our advisor at UBS financial recommends to leave things are they are for now.
 - III. Membership – Bridgett Neu (NAAE 303) – Bridgett will email non-member lists to VP's
 - IV. Committee Reports Update – David Kruse
 - Will be contacting Committee Chairs prior to PDC to give them direction
 - V. WACTE Report – (32 members) update on WACTE convention- Marty Nowak
 - Marty and Jeff Hicken attended representing WAAE
 - Membership down
 - Exec. Director wants to work more with WAAE
 - Did not set up booth, but we did have a booth space.
 - Candace Olson received Outstanding Young Member. Congratulations!
 - VI. Wisconsin AgEd and Workforce Development Council –David Kruse/Jeff Hicken
 - Business and Industry partners are very positive. Nicole has been contacting B & I in areas suffering cuts to have them have their voices heard.
- V. Professional Development Conference – 162 registered so far
 - I. Conference Theme Activities – Educators with a Vision- Kim Houser
 - II. Banquet Script- Kim Houser
 - Assign script parts
 - III. Door Prizes - Section VIII- Marty Nowak
 - IV. Social Activities – Golf, Bowling, Picnic, Baseball- Bridgett Neu
 - Golf – Need a person in charge? Pete Hoffman will assist
 - Bowling – Kevin Champeau
 - Picnic – Bay Beach – Stuffed pork chop
 - Baseball – Adam Wehling
 - V. New Officer Meeting – Dave Kruse
 - VP's and Alternate VP's for upcoming year. At least one per section.
 - Future of Ag. Ed. discussion
 - Wednesday morning
 - VI. Banquet Preparation (Wednesday)- Marty Nowak
 - Need everyone's help
 - VII. Banquet Social – Comedy Sportz- Kim Houser and Josh Rusk
 - Contract signed. 1 ½ hours. Charge \$5.00 per person.

VIII. Vendor/Exhibitor Raffle- David Kruse

-In hall or during business session later???

IX. Any questions, details or concerns that need to be discussed?- Marty Nowak

-Administrators program??? – Bridgett and Zobeck

-Madison wants us back – We will discuss this more post PDC

-No post-secondary luncheon this year

-Only two new teachers have applied for financial assistance to attend PDC. Deadline will be June 1st and at that point we may consider the financial assistance going to student/intern teachers if interested.

VI. Related Organizations Reports

I. DPI Report - Jeff Hicken

-Platteville position interviewing today.

-15 retiring – A lot replacing full-time

-Alma Center will close

-Hearing a lot about extended contract's being cut.

-Other ag positions throughout the state are drawing interest from Ag. Educators.

-Milwaukee Vincent looking to hire. National search.

-\$142 million cut in US for Perkins Act. Tech Prep cut. Senator Kohl has been a good supporter.

II. AgEd Data Collection-Jeff Hicken and Marty Nowak

-FFA Online system will be of assistance in this process.

-Online record books???

-DPI data collection is a piece as well.

III. WTCS – Randy Zogbaum: No report was provided.

IV. FFA Foundation – Nicole Schmidt

-Golf outing information is being sent.

-Mission donor program. All family members are on board.

V. Alumni-(written report emailed)

VI. CDE's – Gordie Gasch

-Karen Knipschild will be leaving.

-At least 3 CDE Committee members retiring.

-Less and less contest superintendents from UW Madison.

-Janesville might not host their contest in the future.

-All area contests are not alike.

-Possibly have WAAE hire a CDE person to oversee all CDE activities.

-Online testing through SAE server could generate income.

-Ted Halbach from UW Short Course will be hiring a new person. Recruiter/dean that could work with CDE's. Possibly FFA could help pay for this position and they would like an FFA connection with the position.

VII. Old Business

I. Candidates for President Elect- Marty Nowak

-Section 5 – Kim Houser

II. WAAE/DPI Spring Inservice- Section V.P.'s

Section 2 – Leine's Brewery

Section 4 – Premier Cooperative

Section 5/6 – Wollersheim Winery

Section 8 – Winery tour In Freedom area

III. National Policy Seminar Report – David Kruse and Troy Talford

-Learn the legislative process and met with legislators to discuss Ag. Ed. (Tech prep focus)

- Definitely pays to send second person.
- USDA has invited FFA to be included in the Farm Bill. Paul Larson is assisting with this process.

IV. Change Lives, Teach Agriculture Update – Laura Hasselquist

- Taking place at State FFA Convention again this year.
- WAAE is taking on more of a leadership role with this program.

V. Teach Ag Day Report – Paul Zuelke and Linda Sattler

- Survey on WAAE website with a press release to be released in May regarding this.

VIII. New Business

I. Booth at Career Show at State FFA Convention – Who will staff this?- Marty Nowak

- Linda Sattler??? PR Committee???

II. ACTE/NAAE Convention, St. Louis, MO- Bridgett Neu

- Registration & Housing now open. Early bird registration needs to get to Bridgett asap.

III. 2011 Region III Leadership Conference – North Dakota- Marty Nowak and Bridgett Neu

- Registration is open.

IV. Farm Technology Days Booth – Marty Nowak

- Marathon County in July.

V. Group discussion about current situations of programs with State Budget and Collective Bargaining Situation- Marty Nowak and Nicole Nelson

- What is WAAE and Team AgEd Doing?
 - o Summary of Advocacy plan from conference call.
 - o Nicole and Noah visited with several state legislators regarding CTE legislation.
 - o Meeting with Farm Bureau and Jeff has given them a list of Ag. Instructor's by county.
- What more can we do?
 - o Can't be status quo. Need to be proactive.
 - o Need a grass roots effort. Needs to come from members not necessarily from the organizations.
 - o Interviews with media. They are looking for information to share.
 - o Marty has tried to set up a conference call with other organizations to brainstorm ideas. WTEA has been in contact with him.
 - o Send Bob Bosold from WAXX and other ag. media members thank you's for bringing the issues to light.
- Other Concerns?
 - o 33 programs are currently looking at program reductions.

VI. Polo Shirts – Bridgett

- New shirt provider. Price will stay the same

VII. Contracts- Marty Nowak

- Motion made to offer Nancy a contract to assist with PDC. Seconded and passed.
- Motion made to approve the 2011-12 Executive Director contract. Seconded and passed.

IX. Next Meeting--Sunday June 26th Pre-Professional Development Conference at 3:00 p.m.- Marty Nowak

X. Officer Training on Monday July 18, 2011. At the Elizabeth Inn in Plover - Dave Kruse

XI. Adjournment at 11:00 a.m..