

WAAE Executive Board Meeting – April 25th, 2014 – Madison, WI

Executive Board Members Present: Jeanna James, Josh Rusk, Roger King, Jonathon Ganske, Linda Sattler, Troy Talford, Bridgett Neu, Shari Graffunder, Kim Houser, Lori Berget, Kirk Kramp, Tom Yost, Jeannie Alling, Rene Lehman, Steve Schank, Laura Hasselquist, Brian Pinchart, Amanda Levzow

Meeting was called to order at 8:59 by President, Shari Graffunder. Motion for approval agenda with flexibility –Troy Talford moved/Kirk Kramp seconded. Motion passed. Motion for approval of minutes from January WAAE Board Meeting – Josh Rusk moved/Linda Sattler seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report –

Linda gave the Finance Committee report – Major adjustments that have been made, which include, advocacy line was skipped over last year which is why that line item has extra money in the budget for this year. For 2015-2016 – the DPI dollars are questionable but the board will plan on “0” because of budget cuts. On line item 6515 the executive board recommends that we take out the dollars from the DPI and enter in “0” for 2015/2016. Line Item 8354 – “0” that out as well. Roger King/Josh Rusk – moved to approve the finance report with the above changes. Motion Passed.

Bridgett gave the quarterly finance committee report. Motion to approve the quarterly report by Troy Talford/Laura Hasselquist seconded. Motion Passed.

Finance Committee – Met and suggests to the executive board that if the board plans to spend \$10,000 or more for one item that it should go in front of the membership for approval with a quorum present. Troy Talford/Roger King moved that the finance committee propose an amendment to the by-laws for establishing an expenditure limit that would require approval from the membership including a bidding process for big ticket items. (To be in Section 5 of the Standing Rule – Letter F) Motion passed. The executive board does not feel that it is a pressing issue but recommends that it goes for the by-law change for PDC in 2015.

Membership – Shari

WAAE/NAAE – 292 Members

WACTE/ACTE – 36/46 Members

Old Business:

National Policy Seminar –

This conference was held on March 3-5 in Washington D.C. WAAE sent 6 members - Jim Melby, Shari Graffunder, Roger King, Josh Rusk, Darren Schwarz and Paul Larson (went through NAAE). Roger was impressed and feels that it is worth the time and effort, Roger also mentioned that it was more productive with the representatives rather than the Senate and appreciates that the membership allowed the group to be a part of the seminar. Josh Rusk – 3rd year in attendance, felt that this year there was a desire for states to communicate between states. A highlight included that Tammy Baldwin was recognized as the Outstanding Educator from ACTE and that Wisconsin was very appreciative of her hard

work for CTE. Josh also encourages all members to attend. Shari Graffunder and Paul Larson were able to meet with both Senators. Poca's educational assistant – been in contact with Shari since NPS and hopes that they are able to make a loop around South Central Wisconsin to tour the Ag. Ed. Facilities. The question was brought up what to have the attendees do after they attend? The executive board felt it would be appropriate to serve on the WAAE Public Relations Committee.

National Ag. Ed Summit –

Was held on January 28th – 30th. WAAE sent 8 members those attended were Jeff Hicken, Sara Schoenborn, Craig Kohn, Tim Heeg, Regina Oldendorf, Shari Graffunder, Cheryl Zimmerman and Kim Houser. Topics covered included SAE's and FFA Updates. The group in attendance thought that all Wisconsin agriculture educators could write an SLO related to SAE's during PDC to encourage increased SAE participation.

WACTE Convention – April 10/11th

WACTE Award Nominees were - Jeff Hicken – Outstanding CTE, Keith Gundlach – Community Involvement, Ralph Johnson – Outstanding Instructor. Ralph Johnson represented us at the convention.

Bridgett read an email from WACTE – The organization is trying to offset a budget shortfall and is interested in working with WAAE for what we want/need. Here's how WAAE can help – sign up a member, purchase (or sell) a calendar raffle ticket, donate money and if you join before June, you will save \$20.

Candidates for President-Elect –

Section 6 - Troy Talford – Yes – MOU has been submitted.

Change Live/Teach Ag Booth – Linda

WAAE will have a booth at State Convention – thanks to the Star Mission Grant – we were able to put together a new, easy-to-transport Teach Ag. Booth. Thank you to Group Leaf Marketing for your help with this project. We need volunteers to work – from 9:30-2:00 on Wednesday. (Jonathon Ganske & Steve Schank – volunteered). Troy will work on putting together a google doc for people to sign up and volunteer. Please encourage members in your section to sign up.

Statewide Curriculum Guides – Josh Rusk

We have two (Animal Science/Large Animal-Production) that will be sent out and they got done in a couple of hours at the 212/EDGE conference. Josh is asking someone to take it over as he has taken a new position within the National FFA Organization.

Technology Equipment Updates – Shari/Bridgett

Bridgett is looking at getting a new computer. Shari's technology person will be helping Bridgett with the computer purchase as well as installation. In terms of technology...website is a little chaotic and frustrating on the administrative part of the website and Bridgett doesn't have the rights to fix it since someone else built it. We will be seeking some estimates to determine the cost of rebuilding registration and membership portions of our site.

New Business:

WAAE Spring In-Service

Section 5/6 – Yes. Wollersheim Winery Tour/Blue Spoon Creamery on Monday, May 19th at 4:15 p.m.

Fall Inservice

3 – Nov. 5th at Cesa 4.

6 – Nov. 6th

8/9 – Oct. 17th – Location TBD

Please get your dates to Jeff as soon as possible.

By Laws Change -

Roger King moved & Josh Rusk seconded a motion to make a change the WAAE bylaws to “Add (1) Agricultural and Natural Resources DPI consultant as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the WAAE executive board.” Motion Passed. This recommendation will go to the membership at the 2014 PDC conference to be voted on.

ACTE/NAAE – Nashville, TN

Nov. 18-22 – Kim, Shari, Troy, Linda, Tracy, Glenda, Roger, Bridgett are interested. Need 10 people in order to get the discount.

Farm Technology Days Booth – Jeff

It will be held in Portage County this August. Focus on potato and sweet corn harvesting. Good location...good parking and WAAE has a big (free) space again. WAAE members as well as alumni members will be helping with the booth this year. Looking for teachers on August 12/13/14 for a 3 hour shift from 9-12 and 12-3. Contact Jeff if you are interested in helping out. 2015 will be held in Dane County (a week later).

Grow Wisconsin Advertisement

There is an ad in the “Grow Wisconsin” magazine....WAAE partially paid for it (5 way split) for \$4,160. Roger King moved we have another advertisement (to be split 5 ways) and Troy Talford seconded for the advertisement in Grow Wisconsin magazine. Maximum amount to be paid will be \$832. Motion Passed.

Approval of Gordie Gasch’s contract

***FROM THE JANUARY MEETING:** Gordie is currently paid \$3,000 stipend (+1 hotel stay and mileage). Shari suggested having the CDE committee meet at the Halftime Conference. Jonathon Ganske moved/Troy Talford seconded to approve Gordie’s contract based off of the CDE’s committee recommendation which will then be retroactive from April. Motion passed.*

CDE committee recommended that WAAE increase the contract for Gordie Gasch to \$5,000. This will include milage, meals, travel, hotel, public transportation and coach airline tickets. Troy Talford moved and Steve Schank seconded to approve Gordie’s contract. Motion passed.

Even Sections New Alt. Vice President’s - Shari

2 – Katie Christianson

4 – Shelby Mitchell

6 – Will decide at PDC

8 – Will decide at PDC

10 – Will decide at PDC

Post Secondary – Will decide at PDC.

30 Minute Club – Lori Berget

The 30 minute club is established to recognize advisors that take the time to publicize yourself or your FFA chapter. Get a certificate to be handed out at PDC. Put it out on the website...nice way to recognize advisors. Lori will send out a synopsis of what the 30 Minute Club is – which will be handed out at a business meeting at PDC. Thank you to the Section 4 committee!

PDC

- Banquet Script/Review at PDC – will be reviewed on Sunday night at PDC.
- Giveaway Item – Flashdrive and Travel Mug was suggested. Bridgett will look into it.
- Door Prizes – Section 1 is in charge this year.
- Raffle Items – Minn-Tex, Section 4, Dane County, SCAT, all will be donating items.
- Instructional Packets – Jeanna James – have 47 people that want the packets so far. You have until May 1st to get your instructional packet. Something in packet from each pathway....lots of stuff. 😊
- Tuesday Activities – All activities are set, scheduled and good to go. Golf numbers are low this year.
- Banquet Preparation – Be in the area at 2:00 p.m. to go through script/decorating.
- Banquet Social – Vegas night and euchre tournament. Ho-Chunk will be donating playing cards.
- Exhibitor Door Prizes – Yes.
- Luncheon Awards – Continue with this year.

Reports –

DPI – Jeff Hicken

- Currently have 16 openings and not enough candidates because students are going into another major, industry, private sector.
- Rene/Jen wowed the State Superintendent with a tour of their agriculture facilities.
- STEM grants – Jeff will reviewing them (70).
- Carl Perkins – finishing it up – don't be surprised if you don't get things accepted that were accepted in the past....recommend that you put in for CTSO activities....might want to re-budget it.
- Art work competition at State FFA Convention...there is an advisor area. One of the big changes is that parking will be charged to every chapter \$25 (automatic on bill).
- Diaglog about math and science...local school boards being approved. Continue to go equivalency route if you can.
- 6 retirements...probably 7 at the end of May. First time we have seen free-agency for our schools.

CDE – Gordie Gasch

174 schools participating (up three schools). 1,960 students (same as last year). 25 less teams in Vet Science. Only contest with waiting was Poultry. The biggest issue at this time, is there are problems getting rooms for the contest. Gordie would like to discuss taking the wildlife, agronomy, agricultural sales contests and find a different time or place. Gordie feels that the most logical place would be on Monday during State FFA Convention. All of the other contests (extension) works out well. 88 volunteers to work – much appreciated!

Foundation – Sonya Huebner

\$455,000 raised, only \$25,000 short. ☺ If you know of a sponsor, please let Sara know. Leadership partner program has \$77,000 raised which is off to a great start! It supports various programs such as Blast Off, SLW, etc... Sponsors get recognition based on their level. Joint program with 4-H (Julie Larson, Valerie Johnson) to raise \$10,000 and have met that goal.

Star mission partnership has raised \$60,000. Various entities can apply for grants. Ag. Ed. Summit, Scholarship selection. \$31,000 in Wisconsin Foundation Scholarship (42 members got funds) the team saw exceptional 171 applications, quality was met and was a standard. “Amazon Smile” a program that if you order online, you can select Wisconsin Association of FFA and some money will be donated - more information can be found on the Foundation website or on Facebook.

Region III - Kim

Region III will be held in conjunction with the PDC conference. Donations have been made for goodie bags and a tour is being set up of South-Central Wisconsin for the group.

Mentor/Mentee – Laura

New teacher night/scholarship – encourage new teachers to apply. The book this year will be “Writing Matters in Every Classroom”.

Next executive board meeting will be on Sunday June 15th at 3:00 p.m. Laura Hasselquist moved to adjourn and Jeanna James seconded. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned by Shari Graffunder at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Houser, WAAE Past President