

**WAAE Board Meeting**  
**Friday, April 24, 2009**  
**Steenbock Library**  
**UW-Library**  
**Called to order by President David Laatsch @ 8:51**

In attendance: David Laatsch, Ralph Johnson, Jeff Zobeck, Arlaine Gonske, Brian Waltz, Kevin Champeau, Josh Rusk, Kim Houser, Linda Sattler, Kevin Rauchholz, Deb Ihm, Chuck Rasmussen, Shari Graffunder, Marty Nowak, Leroy Miller, Tim Pederson, Paul Majors, Gary VanRuden, Dave Kruse, Bridgett Neu

Approval of Agenda: Moved                  Chuck Rasmussen  
  2<sup>nd</sup>                  Shari Grafunder  
  Passed

Board Reports

1 Financial Report                  TJ Hankerson, UBS Financial  
Mr. Hankerson gave a quick description of the market

Acct Balance at of 3/31/2009:

WAAE	
	\$82,804.62
CDE	
	\$16,395.93
FFA Center	
	\$169,699.8

Questions about: UBS Financial stability  
Current Distribution of investments

3 Bridgett shared a letter from Stutz Financial explaining key points of the year-end financial statements.

Total Assets	\$116,414,51	2/28/2009
Total Liabilities:	\$328.86	2/28/2009

Bridgett Neu shared key points of the organizations income and expense reports. As a general summary, our financial status reflects loss in value over the past year. After taking into consideration loss in market value of WAAE's investments and a change in our fiscal year our yearly income still exceeded our expenses by approximately \$8,000.00.

Moved to approved financial report   Moved                  Kevin R.  
  2<sup>nd</sup>                  Shari G.  
  Motion passed

**Membership**

Current membership is at 300 members

### **Committee Reports**

Jeff Z.

1. Shared a current list of committees and members.
2. Sponsorship and organization for ideas Unlimited
3. We are seeing progress on learning kits such as Forestry.

### **WACTE Report**

47 member

\$10 increase will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Marty and Jeff Z. represented the organization at WACTE Organization with the organizations booth

### **WAEWDC**

Jeff Hicken shared a quick update about the council and Gary Olson's work.

### **Professional Development Conference**

152 registered so far

Theme: "Let your program shine in 2009"

Kim Houser/Josh Rusk

No Post-Secondary luncheon

Mentor Recognition – No need to recognize mentors on stage.

Banquet scripts will be reviewed on Sunday night

Door Prizes – Section 6 responsibility

Raffle items

Officer training on Wednesday night

Casino night – Prizes?

PDC Assistant: Bridgett has proposed the idea of an assistant to handle primarily financial responsibilities of the conference. \$500 for the week plus meals,

Kevin R. moved to hire an assistant

Leroy M. 2nd

Motion passed:

Invite neighboring states

Idea: Stress/time/life Management incorporate into Monday lunch program.

1-5

5-10

10+ years

Male/Female

Married/single/family

### **Organization Reports**

**DPI**

Positions are opening within the state.

WACTE legislative day April 23

Approx 40 people  
Mostly post-secondary membership

### **Ag Ed Data**

Jeff shared a sample survey to collect data from agricultural education departments that he and Rick Bockhop have developed. Secondary agricultural education programs will be asked to complete this information in the near future.

### **WTCS**

Randy Zogbohn

Introduced himself as the Agriculture Consultant for WCTS. His primary emphasis of his first five months has been based on renewable energy.

### **FFA Foundations - Nicole Schmidt**

Strategic Planning Meeting for Foundation will begin soon: Foundation and Sponsors board members will be involved.

Noticing a trend of decrease in donors especially from individuals/chapters.

Raffle:

Questions: Is it possible to generate reports of sponsors by geographic region?

### **CDE's**

Gordie Gasch reported on the status of state CDE.

### **Old Business**

Candidates for President-elect

Marty Nowak

Kevin Rauchholz

Election will take place Sunday of PDC

### **WAAE/DPI Spring Inservice Updates:**

**Policy Seminar:** Kim Houser and Jeff Zobeck attended.

Both Kim and Jeff were impressed by the experience and stressed the importance of sending individuals on an annual basis.

**Ag Ed Workshop:** Jeff Z. reported on the conference in Indianapolis.

### **New Business**

## **2009 Region III**

### **LifeWork Expo Booth**

Marty N. moved sponsor a booth at LifeWork Expo.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Houser

Marty N. has volunteered to coordinate workers

### **ACTE/NAAE Convention**

#### **WAAE Budget**

Budget: Bridgett presented a proposed budget for 2010-2011

Budget based on a membership of 300 members

Moved to submit 2010-2011 proposed for membership approval at PDC conference by Marty Nowak

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Sattler. Motion Passed.

#### **Farm Technology Days Booth**

We will be contacting Dane County Ag teachers

Activity Ideas: Antlers/scoring

Fish

Floral Design

Degree/Proficiency Displays

#### **Fall Inservice:**

Jeff H. will be contacting Bridgett regarding scheduling DPI/WAAE inservice.

#### **Contracts:**

Dave L. shared the need to offer a contract of employment for 2009-2010 to Bridgett as Executive Director.

Moved by Kevin Rasmussen to offer a contract for 2009-2010 to Bridgett Neu in the amount of \$20,800 for her services as WAAE Executive Director.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Shari Grafunder

Motion Passed:

#### **Next meeting of board:**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Officer Training at Elizabeth Inn Plover Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted.

David Kruse