

WAAE  
Minutes  
6-24-07  
Madison Marriott West

- I. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Wendt at 2:40 p.m.
- II. Approval of April 27th Meeting Minutes
  - A. Keith Gundlach moved to approve minutes as printed, seconded by David Friend, motion passed.
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Introductions
  - A. Present: Jerry Wendt, Ralph Johnson, Keith Gundlach, Kevin Esser, Kevin Rauchholz, Peter Brandt, David Kruse, Larry Plapp, David Laatsch, David Friend, Marty Nowak, Jeff Zobeck, LeRoy Miller, Becky Wirkus, Glenda Crook, Linda Burton, Jay Kennedy, Diane Runde, Joe Heinbuch, Dale Rosen, Arlaina Meyer, Deb Ihm, Mike Robinson, Brian Kast, Jeremiah Fredrickson, Jeff Meske, Bridgett Neu, Dick and Linda Aide.
- V. Reports
  - A. Region III Conference was reported on by Brian Kast, Linda Burton, Ralph Johnson, Jerry Wendt.
- VI. Old Business - There was none at this time.
- VII. New Business
  - A. Post Secondary Proposal - Kevin Rauchholz
    1. Kevin reported that Jim Gibson approached him and they visited concerning a committee for the post secondary on-campus instructors in the area of ag education.
    2. A printed proposal was handed out to the board and Kevin discussed this with the board.
    3. Kevin Rauchholz moved to accept this proposal to form a post secondary committee for on-campus instructors and looking at the formation of a separate state section for these post secondary instructors (point #7 on the proposal), seconded by Ralph Johnson, discussion followed, motion passed.
  - B. Council for Ag Ed - Keith Gundlach
    1. Keith gave a report on the status of this council and the bill that is before the legislature.
    2. Contacts will need to be made and information on this will be given on Wednesday and Thursday so that members can make the needed contacts to support this bill.
    3. Keith reported on the \$25,000 that has been put in to support this bill and how it is being used. The Summit on Ag Ed begun in 2003 is starting to bear fruit.
    4. Keith Gundlach moved to contribute \$5000 to the ag education and workforce development committee with check to go to WLCAE, seconded by Peter Brandt, discussion followed, motion passed.
- VIII. WAAE Board Elections
  - A. Keith Gundlach moved to accept Ralph Johnson as president, seconded by Brian Kast, motion passed and applause followed.
  - B. Jerry Wendt asked if anyone on the board has changed their mind in regard to running for president-elect. Dick Aide was asked to contact past eligible board members and David Laatsch expressed willingness to serve as president-elect.
  - C. Brian Kast moved to cast an unanimous ballot for David Laatsch for president-elect, seconded by Jeremiah Fredrickson, motion passed and applause followed.
  - D. Jerry Wendt expressed that it has been a great privilege to serve as president and he encouraged others to consider serving in this capacity. David Laatsch then spoke to the group and said that he is excited about the opportunity to serve. Dick Aide said that he has received a letter of administrative support for David from his administration.
- IX. WAAE Professional Development Conference
  - A. Theme Activities - Jay Kennedy discussed the activities concerning the theme for the conference. Jay pointed out the page in the conference booklet that tells about the theme. He pointed out that

it is necessary for the board to get excited or how else will our members be excited? Diane Runde suggested that Jay should get a little time at lunch on Monday to explain everything.

B. Program - Dick Aide

1. Dick said we will not need to complain about the construction and board members do not need to listen to complaints about the construction; just accept it.
2. Dick and Bridgett will be in charge of discussing arrangements, etc. with the hotel. If you know of any problems, tell Dick or Bridgett and they will communicate with the hotel management.
3. Dick pointed out pages 5 and 6 in the booklet and said that Bridgett developed this summary of where everything is happening during the conference. He reviewed and summarized this with the group.
4. Sectional agendas were handed out and suggestions were made for what items need to be added to the agenda for the sectional committees on Monday afternoon.

C. Workshops - Bridgett Neu

1. Bridgett pointed out page 6 in the conference booklet. She said there will be a message board this year and any room changes will be posted.
2. Bridgett pointed out that the alternate vice-presidents this year will have specific duties for welcoming and working with the presenters. She will meet with the alternates for specific instructions after this meeting.
3. Dick Aide also pointed out the page with the meal function duties and other duties concerned with the conference. Dick asked members to check their responsibilities to be sure that there are no conflicts for anyone so that changes can be made if needed.

D. Awards - Dick Aide pointed out the award pages in the packets.

E. Registration Books were reviewed and discussed.

F. Door Prizes - Section IV - Mike and Deb discussed door prizes and when they will be handed out. Door prizes will be handed out at general session on Monday, business meeting on Tuesday, and meal function on Thursday.

G. Monday Night Social - serving at 6 p.m. Social committee will be in charge of door prizes for the social.

H. Prints - Keith Gundlach said that there will be four prints available. We will sell tickets for the banquet (2), the general session, and the Thursday general session.

I. Silent Auction - Kim Houser will be in charge of the auction.

J. Banquet Social - Bridgett Neu - Casino night will be the social activity after the banquet. The equipment will arrive around noon on Wednesday. Dealers will be needed for the tables. Alternate vice presidents were suggested to be dealers or else they can find a replacement. Dan Ziegler, Dan Kvalheim, and Dave Rizzardi are the main committee in charge of the event. The event will end at midnight. Bridgett discussed the event and how it will be run with the fun money, etc.

K. Dick Aide then pointed out the banquet programs for this year. The program shows the history of WAAE and is much more extensive. This reflects Jerry's idea for the banquet program for this year.

L. Banquet Information - Larry Plapp and David Kruse

1. Larry explained the decorations on each table etc. for the banquet.
2. Larry discussed the format for the pictures. Pictures will be digital. All pictures will be on the website and members will get a card for going to the website, downloading it, and getting prints.
3. David asked if the members still want group photos of the tenure groups or just individual shots. Jeff Zobeck asked if the person presenting the awards can be the person shaking hands with the recipient of the award. This will be done.

M. Bridgett said that the speaker tomorrow would like some volunteers for the presentation. Volunteer names were taken.

- N. Jerry Wendt said that if anyone notices any corrections needed in the banquet program booklet they should contact Jerry and also, if there are any suggestions for future booklets let him know so this can be taken into consideration.