

Minutes
WAAE Board Meeting
Madison Marriott West
6-28-07

- I. The meeting was called to order by Ralph Johnson at 1:13 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Ralph announced the addition of items under new business: Rick Bockhop - credit for serving on board, shirts and badges, Jeff Hicken - CAERT, summer planning meeting week of Aug. 13-17, and tenure awards.
 - B. Jeff Zobeck moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Jeremiah Fredrickson, motion passed.
- III. Professional Development Conference Review
 - A. Arlaina Meyer. Positive feedback about Casino night. Concern about food running low at lunch on Wed. Good overall conference.
 - B. Jeremiah Fredrickson. Good comments about workshops and other good comments all around.
 - C. David Laatsch. Heard no comments about the construction. The hotel was very sensitive to this issue.
 - D. Jerry Wendt. Compliments to the board for all they did. He heard many positive comments. Problem with the elevators was the most frustrating thing.
 - E. David Friend. Remind members about the conference in July next year and to be sure and plan for this in budgeting.
 - F. Marty Nowak. Good comments on the conference theme. Concern about changing the auction on Wed. night from play money to real money. It was advertised as play money and it should have stayed that way.
 - G. Peter Brandt. The staff was very accommodating to everyone present. Workshops and social were great. Start the 20 year banquet just a little earlier as it runs a little late for participants.
 - H. Becky Wirkus. Suggestion to run the casino night every third year so it doesn't get stagnant. Work on the timing of the business meeting so it doesn't run so close to the bus time of the golf and bowling.
 - I. LeRoy Miller. Noticed a concern for older people to cut their chicken at the 20 year banquet. Banquet meal: not enough meat, vegetables too hard.
 - J. Larry Plapp. Can we spend the money for a good software program that will properly calculate the financial aspect for registration? Outstanding idea to have a cause for the Silent Auction.
 - K. David Kruse. David said that he is very impressed with all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make everything run so smoothly. Can we put together some of the certificates, etc. on Sunday night? That will save even more time on Banquet Day.
 - L. Glenda Crook. Glenda heard from several people that this is the best conference that have ever attended. Good workshops. She did not hear hardly any complaints at all. Suggestion to write some of the blurbs about the award winners at half time already.

- M. Kim Houser. Good comments about everything. She will continue to head up the Silent Auction and she reported that she has to collect the money for a couple of items yet and will get this done.
- N. Jay Kennedy. Jay said that we have to take any criticism with a grain of salt because people who criticize are in the minority and they are not usually the ones doing the work and getting involved. Jay said that it is probably time to move the golf outing from comments he has heard and he is on the committee looking for a new location. He has heard that we need more ag mechanic workshops and have some of these workshops for credit. Jay then talked about security as he lost a laptop. We have a room with teaching materials, door prizes, etc. and we need a person assigned to that room at all times for security purposes.
- O. Keith Gundlach. Keith also reminded the group that for every bad comment you get on the evaluations, you will receive many more positive comments. Suggestion: would it be possible to use the workshop time on Thursday to have this meeting rather than having to meet after the conference is over.
- P. Tim Pederson. Problem of a shortage of time with the 20 year banquet for active members.
- Q. Jeff Meske. Jeff feels that there are way too many raffles and they take too much time. Reports during meals take too much time also.
- R. Jeff Zobeck. Good conference.
- S. Brian Kast. Brian said that he didn't feel that the meals were as good as usual this year at the conference. Problem continues on Monday night at the social with a good time for the speakers to have people listen. Is there a possibility for the speakers to give their comments at the Monday business session if they are already present at that time.
- T. Melinda Goplin. Good comments on workshops and social. Be sure workshop presenters know that hands-on work is appreciated. Have less chairs set up at the business meetings.
- U. Diane Runde. Concern about attendance at the business meetings. Workshops were great.
- V. Mike Robinson. Do more work to get ready for the banquet on Sunday and on Wednesday there should be a banquet set-up schedule so that everyone knows exactly what to do on Wednesday and not stand around waiting for directions. More professional dress is needed on Monday as we greet our sectional members. Either go with everyone wearing their polo or everyone being dressed up professionally.
- W. Dick Aide. Commented on Jay's missing laptop and said that the hotel is checking surveillance tapes. Dick also commented on all the work Bridgett did for this conference so that she could learn about the job of the Executive Director. Meals: there will always be complaints and we try to do our best. Business meetings: very disturbing to Dick; he has observed that the young members attend in much better numbers than the veteran teachers.

- X. Ralph Johnson. Ralph commented on working with the exhibitors. He said he really enjoyed that job and he heard many times that Wisconsin knows how to treat their exhibitors right!!

IV. Officer Replacements

- A. The retiring officers were thanked for their service to the board.
- B. New officers were welcomed and officer notebooks were transferred to incoming officers. Ralph said he looks forward to a great year with the new officer board.
- C. New Alternates: Brian Waltz, Arica Schlough, Brad Sirianni, Tim Pederson, and Joshua Rusk were welcomed.

V. Old Business. None at this time.

VI. New Business

- A. Jeff Hicken - DPI, ETC.
 - 1. Jeff Hicken reported on progress on the fall inservices. He gave dates and location for the inservices.
 - 2. Jeff also reported that they will be looking for 20 teachers to test pilot the CAERT program. Discussion followed as to how instructors will get involved and get the program set up in their schools.
- B. Rick Bockhop - Credit for Serving on WAAE Board
 - 1. Rick reported that we have an opportunity to acquire 3 credits through UW Platteville for serving on the WAAE Board.
 - 2. Rick brought applications, etc. for board members who are interested. It would be a graduate or undergraduate credit. Requirements: serving on board, must attend Region III or National NAAE Board, written paper on how this experience has influenced your teaching, etc. Cost: \$681 undergraduate, \$1095 graduate.
 - 3. Applications due by September 1st to Dr. Rick Bockhop. You will probably get billed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 1. Must be completed by April 1.
- C. Report of the Executive Director Selection Committee - Ron VonGlahn
 - 1. Ron reported that there were three applicants: Mary Handrich, Sherri Hicken, and Bridgett Neu. All three applicants were highly qualified and did an excellent interview.
 - 2. The committee recommends that Bridgett Neu be offered the Executive Director position. Ron was asked what set Bridgett apart from the other applicants and Ron said the key is the experience that Bridgett has. The board was informed that each applicant was asked 12 questions. One person asked the questions and then the interview committee voted. Bridgett received the majority of the votes.
 - 3. After Ron's committee report, Ralph instructed the sectional alternates and vice-presidents to confer with one another; then each section will have one vote. Discussion followed regarding the process, especially as to a review of how the process started and proceeded. It was emphasized that everyone was thoroughly

informed of the process and it proceeded as planned in the recommendation to the executive board.

4. Jeff Zobeck moved to accept the recommendation of the committee to hire Bridgett Neu, seconded by Larry Plapp, discussion time followed for sections to decide on their vote.
5. Jeff Zobeck moved to change the voting to roll call, seconded by David Friend, motion passed.
6. Roll call vote: Section 1 yes, Section 2 yes, Section 3 yes, Section 4 yes, Section 5, yes, Section 6 yes, Section 7 yes, Section 8 yes, Section 9 yes, Section 10 yes, Post Secondary yes, President Elect yes, Past President yes, President yes. Unanimous decision for Bridgett Neu to be offered the job of the next Executive Director of WAAE.
7. The board was instructed that they may tell their members that Bridgett Neu will be offered the job of Executive Director.

VII. NAAE and ACTE Convention at Las Vegas

- A. Dick announced that the national convention will be held in Las Vegas from December 11-15th.
- B. Dick said that he needs the names of 10 delegates by next week to get an early bird discount. Names of those who are definitely going include Jeff Zobeck, Marty Nowak, Jay Kennedy, Kim Houser, Glenda Crook, Dave Laatsch, Ralph Johnson, Larry Plapp is considering, Arlaina Meyer is considering, Joshua Rusk is considering, Troy Talford is considering, and Dick Aide. Jeremiah said that Rachel Sauvola is considering attendance also.
- C. Dick explained what reimbursement will be available to the board members if they attend.
- D. All members are to confirm whether or not they are going to the convention (for the early bird registration) before July 4th.

VIII. Summer Planning Meeting

- A. Discussion of a day to meet during the week of August 13-17th.
- B. Suggestion to select a date to meet and try to get as many participants as possible.
- C. August 13th will be a board meeting day to discuss areas of importance and goals for the board to accomplish in the coming year. We will meet at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and try to get a meeting room at the Elizabeth Inn at Plover, WI

IX. Other Items

- A. Sheet was passed around to get polo shirts and badges for the board.
- B. Jerry Wendt discussed the issue of tenure and how to make it accurate.
- C. Dick Aide passed out a new sample stationary sheet and asked for corrections to be made.

X. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.