

WAAE Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 15, 2008

Present: David Laatsch, Ralph Johnson, Bridgett Neu, Paul Zuelke, Jeff Meske, Chuck Rasmussen, Kim Houser, Arica Schlough, Marty Nowak, Josh Rusk, Paul Majors, Gary VonRuden, Jay Kennedy, Jason Fishcer, Brian Waltz, David Kruse, Linda Sattler, Jeff Zobeck

Guests: Craig Fredrick, Jeff Hicken, Cheryl Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by president David Laatsch at 9:07 AM.

Linda Sattler moved to the approve the agenda with flexibility. 2nd by David Kruse. Motion passed.

Marty Nowak moved to approve the minutes of the pre-conference and post-conference minutes of the PDC. Seconded by Arica S. Motion passed.

Financial Report

1. A balance sheet as of July 31, 2008 was presented to the board as a financial update.
2. Accounting request
 - a. Bridgett Neu asked the board to consider a new accountant to handle WAAE accounts.
 - b. Rationale: WAAE has already spent \$1,374 current payments and we are approximately half way through our fiscal year. These fees have been increasing from current accounting service. Bridgett has requested a bid from another accounting service as a comparison. The competing bid came in with a bid of \$1600 (\$275 per quarter and \$500 for tax preparation) for the year.
 - c. Marty Nowak moved to allow Bridgett to explore alternatives for new accounting service with the authority to hire. 2nd by Linda Sattler. Motion passed.
3. CDE account report: \$18,532.29 Due to market issues the account has lost approx \$4,000 in value.

Membership:

Current membership is 272 active members and 124 student members. This is a decrease in membership from last year.

Old Business:

ACTE/NAAE Convention

1. 25 people for Wisconsin will be traveling to the ACTE/NAAE convention in December. Lisa Konkel and Fox Valley Technical College will be receiving a 2 year lease for a Toyota Tundra.
2. Wisconsin is eligible for 7 voting delegates.
3. Jay Kennedy moved to donate \$50 to the ACTE reception for Brian Albrecht. The motion died due to lack of a 2nd.

WAAE/DPI Inservice

1. Vice Presidents reported on the results and progress of the fall DPI/WAAE inservices.

Hotel Contracts for PDC

1. WAAE has entered a partnership with DPI for establishing contracts. Marriott is willing to add an addendum in regards to state rate meals for contracts 2009, 2010, and 2011.
2. David Kruse, moved to sign on to an addendum with DPI, Marriott and WAAE for purpose of securing state rate meals for the 2009 PDC. Seconded by Arica Schlough. Motion passed.

3. Linda Sattler, moved to sign on to an addendum with DPI, Marriott and WAAE for purpose of securing state rate meals for the 2010 PDC. Seconded by Chuck Rasmussen. Motion passed.
4. Linda Sattler, moved to break the 2011 PDC contract with the Marriott Hotel and pay the \$4,025 severance fee. Seconded by Marty Nowak. Discussion followed. Question informally called-No objections. The motion passed to break the 2011 PDC contract with the Marriott Hotel and pay the \$4,025 severance fee.
5. Linda Sattler moved that “WAAE and DPI enter into negotiations with Hotel Sierra in Green Bay for the 2011 and subsequent Professional Development Conferences”. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.
 - a. Moved to amend the motion by adding the words “with the authority to sign agreements.”
 - b. Amendment passed: The motion now reads that “WAAE and DPI enter into negotiations with the Hotel Sierra in Green Bay for the 2011 and subsequent Professional Development Conferences with the authority to sign agreements.”
 - c. The main motion passed: WAAE and DPI enter into negotiations with the Hotel Sierra in Green Bay for the 2011 and subsequent Professional Development Conferences with the authority to sign agreements.

WAAE Membership Brochure

1. Brochures pertaining to the value of WAAE membership have now been printed. The brochures can be obtained from Bridgett.

Change Lives Teach Agriculture

1. Marty moved to sponsor the Change Lives Teach Agriculture Project in the amount of \$675. Second by Arica Schlough. Motion passed.

New Teacher Scholarship Grant

1. The new teacher membership committee will be moving forward with a new teacher scholarship for the 2009 PDC.
2. The scholarship is intended for new teachers that have yet to be hired by a district.
3. The committee will be developing an application form.
4. WAAE raised approximately \$1,000 with the silent auction.

New Business:

WAAE/DPI spring inservice:

1. Sectional representatives shared ideas about spring inservice topics
2. Value Added WAAE Membership:
 - As a follow up to the current membership report, the board shared discussion on the intrinsic and extrinsic benefits of WAAE membership.
 - CAERT Ralph Johnson moved to accept CAERT’s offer to extend a 15% discount to WAAE members/school’s. 2nd by Jeff Meske. Motion passed: CAERT and WAAE will work together to establish details on the WAAE membership discount.
 - Discussion of Post-Secondary membership – Discussion followed related to how to make contacts with Post-secondary staff. Discussion encouraged that recruitment efforts come from Post-secondary members as well as sectional vice presidents.

- The board created a “Value – Added Membership Committee of the Board”
 - a. Ralph Johnson – Chair
 - b. Jay Kennedy
 - c. Linda Sattler

Craig Fredrick: LPS Coordinator

Craig Fredrick, the new regional LPS coordinator introduced himself and offered some words of praise for the work of our organization.

FFA Center Report:

Cheryl Zimmerman shared an update of the Wisconsin FFA Center. As this meeting, 228 chapter affiliation fees have been paid

WAAE Awards:

1. Everyone who is eligible for Dodge the Key is encouraged to apply. Sectional VP’s should make sure nominations for all WAAE/NAAE awards are completed and nominees notified so they can complete the applications by January 1st. Applications will be judged at the Half-time Conference.

National Ag Ed Inservice:

Wisconsin is available to have 7 representatives attend. Delegates include 2 WAAE representatives.

Professional Development Conference 2009:

1. Theme: Kim Houser proposed : “Let your program shine in 2009.”
2. Banquet: Continue with Banquet slides Jay Kennedy has volunteered to coordinate
3. Evaluations: Overall very receptive.
4. Door Prizes: Section 6 will be responsible for door prizes this year.
5. Social Activities: Bowling, Golf.
6. A/V Needs: Dan Ziegler has agreed to coordinate A/V needs for the PDC conference. WAAE may purchase equipment such as screens and easels to help offset potential rental fees. More information will be coming in early 2009.
7. Officer Training: Coordinated by Jeff Zobeck
8. Banquet Social: We will pursue a casino night again for 2009.
9. Officers were reminded to submit minutes from sectional meetings:

WAAE Committee Structure: Jeff Zobeck shared a report in regards to committee structure.

Ad Ed Workforce Development Council:

1. The council has hired a fundraiser to help secure donations for the council and its activities.
2. Gary Olson has been appointed as the director of the council

Winter Newsletter:

Convention Results and Reports
 Reports due to Bridgett before Christmas.
 Themes: NAAE Report/Local Advocacy:

Sectional Newsletters/Updates

1. Vice presidents are reminded to share update with members of their respective sections to provide adequate communication with our members

WACTE Convention:

1. WAAE is eligible for 3 representatives. (Jerry Wendt, Jeff Hicken, and perhaps a Post-secondary representative.) at Paper Valley Feb 24-26, 2009.

National Policy Seminar: March 9-11, 2009

1. NAAE will pay for registration for one representative from each state. This is a workshop about establishing advocacy relationships. WAAE has in the past paid for lodging and travel expenses for our representatives. If you are interested contact Bridgett Neu.

Tech Ed requirement for graduation:

1. Please be aware that technical education is proposing a tech ed requirement for high school graduation.

Josh Rusk moved to adjourn. Seconded by Gary VonRuden.

Motion passed: Meeting Adjourned at 2:47.

Respectively submitted,

David Kruse
Section 10 Vice President