

WAAE Exec. Board Meeting  
January 9, 2009  
Stevens Point, FFA Half-Time Conference

- I. Called to order at 1:25pm by President, Dave Laatsch
- II. Kevin Rauchholz moved to accept the agenda, Jay seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Marty moved to accept the Nov. 2008 minutes, seconded by Arica. Motion passed.
- IV. Financial Report- Bridgett
  - a. We hope to improve the investments as they are low-income sources. Bridgett explained the negative finances.
  - b. Ralph inquired about accounts receivable from last years' PDC, we have approximately 3 members who have not paid as of yet.'
  - c. Jay questioned the decline in assets. Bridgett explained. She will run the next financial statement with the previous years' quarter statement to more easily compare numbers.
  - d. The new accountant is serving well and helping Bridgett become familiar with the account and how to explain it to us.
  - e. Discussion was held on what and when to transfer funds to our investments. Bridgett will look into taking another money market account- Marty moved to open another MM account at Associated Bank. Arica second. Kevin stated that we should also look into another UBS account to see what they could offer, while leaving our checking account with a balance of \$10,000. Motion passed.
  - f. Our accountant also suggests changing our fiscal year to March 1 instead of May 1 to avoid crossing over between fiscal years. Dave stated that our budgeting would also be affected, but temporary. Marty moved to change the fiscal year to being March 1 to the last day in February, seconded by Dave Kruse. Discussion was held. Motion passed.
- V. Membership
  - a. Increase of 10 WAAE members since November meeting, 47 members for WACTE and ACTE, and 124 student members. (cost per student member is \$10 that WAAE pays.) Discussion was held as to the benefits of paying student memberships from the 3 Universities.
- VI. NAAE Convention, Charlotte, NC
  - a. Reports by those who attended were very positive and encouraged others on the board to attend in the future.
- VII. Ag. Work Force Development Council- Gary Olson
  - a. The advisory council has 33/34 positions filled with VIP's to promote agriculture. Gary encouraged us to utilize these people as well through him.
  - b. Marty suggested we add an opportunity to donate funds to the Council on our conference registration.
- VIII. WAAE Newsletter
  - a. Newsletters are being distributed at the Registration for Half-Time Conference and the rest will be mailed.
- IX. Committees
  - a. Ideas Unlimited- Badgerland is no longer funding this program. Suggestions for possible resources included: NASCO, Wards Science, AgEd Net. The application should be editable and locate it on the website.
  - b. New Teacher- Concerned about new hires in the middle of the year. Mentor training with stipend training. Workshops for new teachers is being implemented.
  - c. Post-Secondary- workshops
  - d. Teaching Materials- new contest rules posted online along with entry form.
  - e. PR- Encourage attendance at the 4 meetings. Jay suggested to view an "Outdoor WI" episode during a luncheon at the PDC to show members what this committee has done.

- f. Social Committee- update the By-Laws wording, Dave Kruse will take care of this. Kevin Whalen will write up nomination for Distinguished Service award for the Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni for the Monday night social at PDC.
- g. Technology Committee- add web links to the WAAE page. Re-evaluate the need for password access. We need this for security, it is being looked at
- h. CDE- Looking at online registration and stipend for Bridgett's time to accept money, etc.
- i. Fundraising- working to raise money for new teacher grant for PDC with theme basket ideas similar to alumni at National/State Convention
- j. Membership- provide brochure for benefits, need some direction on "what to do"
- k. Resources- purchase 5 prints, get media to conference, What happened to the pocket calendars- they will be offered for \$5 purchase this year at PDC
- l. SAE- workshop on how to get SAE started in classroom at PDC for first year teachers and applications and how to fill them out.
- m. Banquet Accommodations- need theme by Jan.
- n. Diversity- conduct a PDC workshop on diversity. Marty will check on the availability of resources in Green Bay 2011 or encourage committee members to get something ready for 2010. Nicole Schmidt volunteered to organize something with the help of teachers experienced in diversity.
- o. Forestry- forestry box is being planned and worked on that could be passed around to utilize organized lessons, tools, etc. Jay suggested CESA type organization and transportation of this box.

X. National Ag. Ed Policy Seminar

- a. Jeff Zobeck and Kim Houser are planning on attending
- b. One person per state has a paid registration by NAAE, WAAE covers the rest to include one registration, airline and hotel for 3 nights for a total of \$1200/person. The PR committee budget usually covers the cost of one. The WAAE association will solicit coverage from WACTE. Linda moved to sponsor 2 members to the WACTE Policy Seminar. Dave Kruse seconded. Dave Kruse amended the motion to include lodging, registration, meals and transportation. Linda seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

XI. Spring Inservices

- a. Each section gave details of plans underway.

XII. CAERT Discount

- a. Based upon membership in WAAE. We need a system to ensure membership. Bridgett will send it out as an email attachment with the updated form listing nonmember rates and will send Dan Petony a list of members to verify reduced member rates.

XIII. Hotel Sierra Update

- a. \$90 single room, 2-4 people \$105, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> persons in room will be charged \$20/ with full breakfast, state rate meals will be available, no exhibitor fee, free internet, no meeting room charges
- b. Contract is being signed for June 26 (Sunday)- June 30, 2011 Hotel Sierra, Green Bay, WI

XIV. WACTE Convention, Feb. 25-26, PaperValley, Appleton

- a. WAAE has 3 delegate spots, Jerry Wendt is willing to be a delegate, Jeff Hicken usually attends. We could use one more delegate.
- b. Bridgett referred to a letter from Jerry Wendt suggesting that WAAE not have an exhibit booth at \$400, but donate an amount to support WACTE in some way. Marty moved to have a booth at the WACTE, Arica seconded. Motion passed. Marty will look into attending to man the booth.

- XV. NAAE Region III Conference, June 16-18, Valentine, NE
- XVI. Candidates for WAAE President Elect
  - a. Marty- contemplating
  - b. Jay- Yes
  - c. Kevin- Yes
- XVII. NAAE Nashville, Nov. 17-21
  - a. Early Bird special ends on June 28, so know if you would like to attend
  - b. Minimum help for finances for members is \$300. Board members get to split money equally among those who are attending.

Meeting recessed until Sat., Jan. 9

Called to order by Dave Laatch at 9am on Sat. Jan 9

## I. Reports

- a. Foundation- Nicole Schmidt- see handout
- b. FFA Alumni- Ken Seering- shared 150 alumni chapters from 250 ag. Dept., encouraged more participation in WLC, National Chapter Grant program is found online through website, membership is increasing, and to get more alumni groups started. Feb 13-14 is Alumni Convention at the HoChunk, Baraboo
- c. Gordy Gasch- CDE Committee- online registration will occur this spring, Clay Ewald, [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) login and password is your 4-digit chapter number. Invoices will be sent via email that is required when you register. Entry will be done by Karen Knipsheid, fees will be handled by Bridgett. Bridgett will be supplemented an hourly rate. Registration will be done through April 12. There will not be a way to have a waiting list, so keep checking back when a contest is full. Qualifying teams will still need to register with drop down menu to list qualifying event. Cheryl would like to have membership numbers on the registration form. Hoping to get all contest sites on board with the online registration. Results will be sent via the listserv and WI site. State Foods contest will be at UWRF. State Ag. Communications will be held at RF. The meats contest will altered due to reconstruction of the meats lab at Madison—site may be at Arlington, Horse contest will be moved to Hoofers- qualifying % will be 30. Registration fee will be \$25 from \$20. Looking to PayPal in order to accept credit cards.
- d. Dr. Tim Buttles- UW-River Falls- see handout report, all AgEd members take an orientation class where the membership into WAAE/NAAE is promoted.
- e. FFA- Cheryl Zimmerman- see handout
- f. DPI- Jeff Hicken- New State Superintendent, budgets are tight
- g. New Teacher Committee- Rachel Sauvola- continue Sunday night Pre-Contest night materials, requested a different room for dinner,
- h. Past Presidents- Ralph Johnson- Service- Richard Aid; Lifetime- Ken Seering, CAERT- Outstanding Cooperation, WI Honored Secondary Teacher- David Laatch, Keith Kolpack, Tim Weiss, Organizational Relations- WPS, MinnTex and Carlin Sales, State Special Citation Award- Faye Westberg & Mary Gagnon. They are available to discuss pertinent topics to WAAE Board.

## II. Professional Development Conference

- a. Committee Concerns- have a large poster with committee members listed to encourage better attendance, print out committee assignments in the PDC handbook (list from the previous year that we could easily update as registration and committee meetings are held) Encourage the New Teacher workshop planners to inform new teachers about the importance of committee meetings.
- b. Kevin will look into the “pin” for post-secondary New Instructors to be presented by WAAE as we do for secondary instructors at PDC.
- c. Photos will be taken for the directory at the banquet social and uploaded to the WAAE website.

- d. Suggestion was made to have individual photos taken at the banquet of award winners as well as the group photos due to poor quality of group photos. We will work out the issue of “who” presents the awards for the photo opp.
- e. Awards- Young Member- Adam W., Program- Marshfield, Key- Michelle Meier & Stacey Skemp, Educator- David Laatch, Teacher Mentor- Rachel Sauvola
- f. Theme- “Let your program shine in 2009”
- g. Social- Golf- Lake Windsor will not hold us responsible for paying for non golfing, only meal.
- h. Silent Auction- need to get ahold of committee members for guarantee item for auction bidding.
- i. Lighting- Hire lighting for \$300
- j. Casino Night
- k. Jay Kenedy- will do the ppt as a guide for program and award winners

III. Next Meeting- April 24- 9:00am, CDE contest in Madison

IV. Contract for KFE in Green Bay for PDC in 2011.

V. Pat Sterninski, WI Ag. Connections will now update our website and have control over the database.

Kevin Moved to Adjourn, Mary seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Goplin  
Vice President, Section 3