

WAAE BOARD MEETING – THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

RADISSON HOTEL, LA CROSSE

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Kris Beaver, at 12:39 pm.

Members present - Becky Wirkus, Nicole Nelson, Darren Swartz, Adam Zwiefelhofer, Alice Kern, Sean Vanderwaal, Kris Beaver, Kevin Rauchholz, Sara, Maass-Pate, Roger King, Michael Fowell, Diane Colburn, Kim Pruss, Amy Gerhardt, Jillian Beaty, Aaron Kilsdonk, Sam Behrens, Krist Kvalheim, Jeff Hicken, Tari Costello, Ryan Seichter, Cheryl Zimmerman, Mark Zimmerman, Amie Stillman, Brigid Reimann, Rick Bierbrauer, Darren Nyhus

Guests: National FFA: Ben Meyer, Interns: Joelle Liddane and Jess Nehs

Old Business

All members were able to share feedback regarding the week to identify only pros and cons at this point (not solutions yet):

- ❖ More signage
- ❖ Send messages to schools of award winners
- ❖ Committee Descriptions
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_Ae9KY1tM2_nDofSqKpk1Gpa-VjVsmYleZyYnLevay0/edit#slide=id.g50b8e16113_1_35
- ❖ More explanation of where to park for free (20-year club parking concerns)
- ❖ Issues with Walking Lunch set up / logistics
- ❖ Positive comments from vendors on shortened time frame
- ❖ Space concerns - Wednesday lunch especially (still combine the 20 year luncheon?)
- ❖ Space concerns in some workshops, projector issues
- ❖ Banquet went really well
- ❖ Temperature in banquet room
- ❖ More local tours
- ❖ Social - be sure people don't get confused between park locations, we rented the shelter and other groups were in there
- ❖ Could we send a poll out on which room to use for meals
- ❖ Can we do two projectors when we use the ballroom for luncheons
- ❖ Have more committee reports given on Tuesday - if they are done with their work
- ❖ Banquet script - review the intros, keep it professional, mood, word counts
- ❖ Tuesday night activities all went well
- ❖ Waitstaff enjoyed having us here
- ❖ 35 year - EPIC membership - beef up that recognition
- ❖ Zielke Room - divider is not very sound proof for two different workshops
- ❖ Opening speaker was exceptional
- ❖ Workshops were actually "sales pitch"
- ❖ Bussing went well - use more signage on busses
- ❖ Tech college is a very nice facility (could walk back - sitting so often)
- ❖ Padfolio was good/useful
- ❖ Food was often complimented
- ❖ More signage of who we are within the hotel
- ❖ Have program eval in the conference booklet - forget things by Thursday
- ❖ Hospitality Room - noise complaints (7th floor has a social area)

New Business

All board members introduced themselves. Name badges will be ordered for new board members. New board:

- Section 1 VP - Sam Behrends, Alt VP - Darren Nyhus
- Section 2 VP - Sean Vanderwaal, Alt VP - Amie Dienger
- Section 3 VP - Mike Fowell, Alt VP - Rick Bierbrauer
- Section 4 VP - Diane Colburn, Alt VP - Brigid Reimann
- Section 5 VP - Jillian Beaty, Alt VP - Krist Kvalheim
- Section 6 VP - Tari Costello, Alt VP - Ryan Seichter
- Section 7 VP - Amy Gerhardt, Alt VP - Brittany Babik
- Section 8 VP - Kim Pruss, Alt VP - Aaron Kilsdonk
- Section 9 VP - Erika Eickert, Alt VP - Mary Handrich
- Section 10 VP - Alice Kern, Alt VP - Katie Hagemann
- Post-Secondary VP - Adam Zwiefelhofer, Alt VP - David Wright
- FBPM VP - Sara Maass-Pate, Alt VP - Aimee Schomburg
- President - Kris Beaver
- President-Elect - Kevin Rauchholz
- Past President - Becky Wirkus

Discussion on how to sign up for Farm Technology Days booth to help promote WAAE. Reminder that the State FFA Officers will not be there this year.

Dates were discussed for our summer meeting. We will be meeting on **August 5th** at CVCT /Energy Education Center, 4000 Campus Road and Best Western Plus in Eau Claire to tour for Region III. Estimated meeting time will be 9 am to 3 pm.

Discussion on fall inservice dates. Jeff would like all sectional dates determined asap so that they can get the flyer out to school district quickly.

Nicole reminded everyone to sign up for NAAE Convention (Dec 4-Dec 7). If you are not signed up by **July 9th** on the google form, she will not register you.

Reminder that all Sectional VPs need to be sure that their section has representation on each statewide committee.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10YvtSIFIU4USo-fwwigKiJNQZf2B9mnBT38IDq7lgi4/edit#gid=1097556681>

Motion to adjourn moved by Jillian and seconded by Sean at 1:27 pm

Upcoming 2019 Dates:

Summer Meeting	Mon, Aug 5 at 9-3
Fall Meeting (at 212/360 Conf - WI Dells)	Sat, Nov 16 at 9 a.m.
ACTE/NAAE Convention, Anaheim, CA	Dec 4-7
Winter Meeting (at Halftime Conf in Stevens Point)	Fri, Jan 10 at 1 p.m. (award judging in evening)
National Policy Seminar (Washington DC)	March 29-April 1
Spring Meeting (at State CDEs in Madison)	Fri, April 24 at 9 a.m.
Region III - Eau Claire, WI	June 22 - 24, 2020
PDC (in La Crosse)	June 28-July 2