



WAAE Board Meeting Minutes
@ 212/360 Conferences in Stevens Point
Saturday, November 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order, Welcome, Voting Reminder, Conflict of Interest Reminder -**
The meeting was called to order by President Becky Wirkus at 9:00am. Members present: Becky Wirkus, Kris Beaver, Roger King, Amie Stillman, Brigid Reimann, Katie Hagemann, Kevin Rauchholtz, Erica Eickert, Tracy Heinbuch, Dani Schott, Sam Behrends, Mark Zimmerman, Tari Costello, Ryan Seichter, Nicole Nelson, Kim Pruss, Rhonda Knapp, Jillian Beaty, Sara Maass-Pate, Mike Fowell, Darren Swartz
2. **Getting acquainted activity** - All board members went around and said something they are thankful for.
3. **Approval of minutes** -
A motion by Roger King was made to approve the August 2018 board meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Tracy Heinbuch. Motion passed.
4. **Quarterly financial report** -
Kris Beaver gave an update on the finance report, all looks well and to what is to be expected this time of year. There was some discussion about how much money to keep in the checking account as interest is not earned. Some money will be transferred.
5. **Executive Director report** -
Nicole gave an update on what projects and tasks she is working on for the organization. Many notable items completed.
6. **Unfinished business**
 - a. **Sectional Meetings at Fall DPI In-services**
There was some discussion on how material was given to VP's, all liked the electronic files.
 - b. **Star Mission Grant applications** -
Nicole gave an update on where application is and what the money will be allocated for. Some of the money will be used to covering Ag Ed Summit cost.
 - c. **501c3 update**
We are officially a 501c3 organization and will have tax exemption status in the State of Wisconsin.
 - d. **PDC Fundraising** -
Fundraising Committee Chair Amy Gerhardt was unable to attend the meeting today. Becky gave an overview of the work the committee has done. The committee proposed ideas to how to use some funds from fundraising. There were several ideas that were proposed many were scholarships or stipends for teachers who need support to attend conference etc... There was much discussion on how teachers would access this and who would make the decision who would receive money.



7. New business

a. **WACTE liaison brainstorming**

Currently Nicole is the WACTE liaison, but thought maybe a person who is a WACTE member might be better suited for this role. Current WACTE members will be contacted to see if there is any interest.

b. **Hosting Region III in 2020**

Darren gave an overview on planning, CVTC is on board and hotel bids are in. The ball is rolling and many of the logistical things are falling into place. We are in a good spot right now at time in the planning.

c. **National Policy Seminar 2019 attendees -**

Overview of the conference was given. With Paul Larson retiring the structure of attendees will be Paul, Troy Talford, Linda Sattler and Nicole Nelson.

d. **Setting deadline for sectional award nominations -**

It is recommended by the WAAE Board that due dates for award applications is becoming an issue. Some sections only have a few weeks to complete applications with awards nominees being selected at DPI in-service. Fall is also a very busy time. It is consensus to have the due date for award nominations July 15th.

e. **Partnering with Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers -**

Becky was contacted WSST about collaboration between our two organizations. Becky will be in contact with them and share with them our non-member rate and possible give them a few free conference registrations to attend our PDC.

f. **2019 PDC planning**

i. **Session/tour proposals - NAAE participants expected do one of the things listed in the stipend policy**

Tracy Heinbuch and Sam Behrends will be putting together a survey which will allow us to see where the interests are for workshop proposals.
Other updates were just reminders.

ii. **Socials - won't know Monday or Tuesday until we get the baseball schedule** TBD

iii. **Speakers**

Many speaker options were contacted. We are in the process of getting prices and checking availability. Thoughts and discussion on what message we want to have.

iv. **Door prize items - Section 6 is in charge.**

The ball is rolling.

v. **December planning meeting - transitioning to Half-Time instead**

With the change in procedure in workshop proposals and making it a more streamline this will be moved to halftime conference, Anyone who is interested in helping with workshops is encouraged to attend.

vi. **Award judging process**

Please get all sectional award winners to Nicole ASAP. All award application should be judged and scored by January 5th.



8. Reports

- a. **Membership 2018-19 - Nicole**
- b. **Upcoming Events – Becky Wirkus and Nicole Nelson**

9. Team Ag Ed

a. **Annual Team Ag Ed Meeting -**

Becky gave an overview of highlights from the Team Ag Ed meeting. New website, SAE for all and National FFA highlights were shared.

- b. **DPI - Jeff Hicken-** Jeff gave an update on things happening at the DPI level. With Tony Evers being elected Governor a state superintendent of education will be appointed to fill Evers role. Jeff gave an update on Leaf and the forestry kits. Many teachers expressed interest in having their own kit.

c. **FFA - Cheryl Zimmerman**

Cheryl gave a report on items happening with the FFA Association. The fall has been busy a report was shared with all with highlights.

d. **Center - Darren Swartz**

Darren gave a report on the center board meeting. Succession plan is in progress and are looking for one more committee member to fill an open spot. Anite Rugers position will become open in December, the board gave Cheryl the flexibility to hire someone. There is discussion about health insurance for the executive director position and if that could be provided in case it was needed. There was discussion on the center board restructure of leadership. Several options will be presented to the board and a decision will be made on the best structure.

e. **Foundation - John Hromyak**

No Report

- f. **Alumni - Cheryl Steinbach -** Cheryl gave a little update on the alumni association. Reminded everyone that there are grants available to send students to conferences. Need help from advisors to update emails for associate members, many are not receiving information. When doing alumni roster please check emails if going done. Get rosters in, new due date of Dec 1st, same as FFA roster.

g. **UW-Platteville and UW-River Falls**

Becky gave a small report stating numbers in Ag Ed were good and things are on the right path.

h. **Others**

Larry Gossen FFA LPS gave an updates that are happening at National FFA. National convention updates, please send FFA positive things you liked about convention as well as dislikes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Tracy Heinbuch and seconded by Dani Schott . Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:54am