

WAAE Board Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn – Stevens Point

Friday, January 11, 2019 – 1 p.m. - Reconvene at 6 p.m. for awards

1. **Call meeting to order at 1:12pm by President Becky Wirkus.**

Members present - Becky Wirkus, Nicole Nelson, Darren Swartz, Adam Zwiefelhofer, Alice Kern, Erica Eickert, Tracy Heinbuch, Sean Vanderwaal, Dani Schott, Rick, Bockhop, Tim Buttles, Kris Beaver, Kevin Rauchholz, Sara, Maass-Pate, Rhonda Knapp, Amie Stillman, Brigid Reimann, Roger King, Michael Fowell, Diane Colburn, Kim Pruss, Amy Gerhardt, Mark Zimmerman.

Becky asked everyone to introduce themselves and use one word to describe a new years resolution.

2. **Approval of November 2018 minutes**

Motion was made by Tracy Heinbuch to approve the November 2018 the motion was seconded by Sean Vanderwaal. Motion passed.

3. **Executive Director Report**

Nicole gave an update on things that she is working on at this point in time of the year. Many notable items completed or in progress. PDC planning, website, sponsors, strategic plan, membership recruitment to name a few.

4. **Financial Report**

Nicole gave an update on the organizations finances, there was an error with budgeting the CDE coordinator salary. The difference is noted and the budget is still positive. Nicole noted that the organizations finances are on track as compared to other years.

5. **Old Business**

a. **NAAE/ACTE Convention**

Members who attended NAAE in San Antonio gave a little highlight of what they enjoyed and took back from the conference.

6. **New Business**

a. **MOU for President-Elect candidates and Alt VP candidates**

b. **Executive Director Contract**

Motion was moved by Kevin Rauchholz and seconded by Rhonda Knapp to approve the proposed WAAE ED 2019-2020 contract with a salary increase to \$31,200. Motion passed.

c. **CDE Coordinator Contract**

Last year for Gordie Gasch. Motion was moved by Rhonda Knapp and seconded by Diane Colburn to approve a CDE coordinator of a salary of \$5000.00. Motion Passed

d. **Directives to communicate to finance committee for budgeting**

The finance committee will be meeting in April and is looking for areas that need to be address. NAAE and Region III stipends were discussed as a possible area

to increase. These stipends were created in 2002 and have never been increased. Roger King moved to increase the NAAE stipend amount 50 dollars per person and Region III amount to 20 dollars per person. The figure will be determined by looking at average number of attendees over the past couple years. Motion was seconded by Diane Colburn. Motion Passed.

e. Changes to Nursery/Landscape CDE

Floriculture and Nursery Landscape CDE will be moving off of the UW-Madison campus due to retirement of the coordinator. The contest location will be determined by the CDE committee. Strong possibility that it will be moved to Green Bay.

f. Wisconsin Ag Ed Website Redesign

Nicole gave an update on where the new Ag Ed website design is currently at. August 2019 is a goal for a possible launch.

g. Wisconsin Ag Ed Design Project

Kris Beaver gave overview of a possible plan to consider a top level of board and staff leadership for Team Ag Ed. This idea was stemmed from the Ag Ed Summit conference as a model that National FFA is discussing. This is right now is in a brainstorming phase and all leadership boards for the five invited entities are being introduced to the idea. Mark Zimmerman moved that WAAE become part of the Wisconsin Ag Ed Design project. Tracy Heinbuch second. Motion passed. We will have an online application and voting process in the next couple weeks to identify if they are interested in serving as WAAE's representatives.

h. Award nominations done by July 15

Sectional award nominations will now be due July 15. This will allow for time for members to get award applications complete and allow for more time at DPI in-service.

i. Professional Development Conference

- Roger King gave an update on picnic and social activities. Social activities will be on Tuesday of PDC. Bowling, Golf, Painting and possibly cooking.
- Nicole updated on the schedule and the only thing that will be changing will be having "walking lunch" with exhibitors on Monday and then general session in afternoon..
- A number of speakers have been contacted, Erica Theiman, Tom Thibodeau and Wendy Babcock.

Motion was moved by Roger King and seconded by Mark Zimmerman to have Dr. Erica Theiman as our PDC speaker. I was moved to amend the motion by Diane Colburn to remove Erica Theiman as the Monday speaker and insert Tom Thibodeau, exploring the option of have Dr Erica Theiman later in the week. Amendment Passed. Motion Passed.

- Give away item as been determined to be a portfolio. Kim Pruss has volunteered to look into this.

- It was determined not to have chocolate at the banquet. Also don't need balloons to identify the sides of the stage.
- Mark Zimmerman asked what direction section 7 should go for the banquet social.

7. Reports

- **UW- Plattville** - Dr. Bockhop reported on graduates that our out student teaching. He also updated on program changes within the Ag Ed/Tech Ed degree.
- **UW-River Falls** - Dr. Buttles gave an update on enrollment and placements. Some changes in CAFES with retirements and staffing. He also gave an update on licensure changes.
- **Center Board** - Darren gave a report on the center board. Cheryl Steinbuch was hired to replace the retirement of Anita Ruger. Center fees will stay \$350.00. Succession plan update.
- **Foundation Report** - Nicole gave a brief update on foundation. Hiring new operations manager - part time again instead of full time.

8. Adjourn

It was moved by Diane Colburn and seconded by Kim Pruss to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

*Reconvene at 6 to judge awards and prepare script bios.