

WAAE Board Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2016 – 1:00 PM
Holiday Inn – Stevens Point

Members present: Kris Beaver, Dan Ziegler, Roger King, Tracy Heinbuch, Tracy Brunton, Jordan Donnerbauer, Becky Wirkus, Brad Sirianni, Brian Pinchart, Renee Lehman, Sandy Dykes, Shelby Mitchell, Kevin Hoffman, Troy Talford, Leslie Svacina, Kayla Loewenhagen, Mark Zimmerman, Jake Cramer, Pete Kolpack, Kevin Rauchholz, and Mark Zidon

The meeting was called to order by WAAE president Troy Talford at 1:11 pm.

All board members present introduced themselves and shared something fun. The wi-fi password was shared

The agenda was approved with flexibility. Moved by Renee Lehman and seconded by Kris Beaver. Motion passed.

It was moved by Roger King and seconded by Becky Wirkus to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2015 WAAE Board meeting. Motion passed.

WAAE Executive Director Leslie Svacina shared her report. The best times to reach her are M/T/Th/F 8 am to 1 pm. Always leave a message with the best time to return a call to you - even if it is outside those hours. She also monitors messages weekdays from 8 am - 5 pm. Keep watch for the WAAE state newsletter and feel free to share items for Leslie to include. We will be looking to use NAAE CoP for meeting information and move away from google documents/folders.

The Quarter Financial Report was given by Kevin Hoffman and Leslie Svacina. It was moved to approve by Kris Beaver and seconded by Jake Cramer. Kevin and Leslie highlighted that we will continue to make the financial report as transparent as possible. Motion passed. It was properly moved and seconded to follow the recommendation of UBS Financial Services to reduce our equity exposure by 25% and move that money to the fixed income investments. Moved by Roger King and seconded by Brad Sirianni.

Troy shared an ACTE/ NAAE Conference Update. Those attending shared highlights. Attendees are reminded to complete an expense report to receive your stipend and to complete your assigned thank you notes.

Kevin Hoffman discussed committee meetings happening this weekend.

National Policy Seminar attendees were asked to clarify if very able to attend. Leslie will follow up with interested attendees.

Troy shared information about the National Ag Ed Inservice. Troy Talford and Kevin Hoffman will be representing WAAE.

Troy and Leslie asked for feedback on the new WAAE Awards Judging Process. Board members shared feedback. Judges would like to have a bit more information on the award application requirements. Board members appreciated the new online process. Members liked being able to see all applications and being able to take the time to score applications on their own. It was suggested that applicants who do not follow the application requirements receive feedback but will not be eligible to be a state winner. Moved by Renee Lehman and seconded by Tracy Brunton to create this as policy for 2016. It was suggested that we have a workshop at PDC to help members complete these applications.

Board members are asked to bring feedback from their sections as to how often members and programs are eligible to be nominated for awards. This will be a topic for either the PDC meetings or August. A google document will be created for board members to input feedback on how to improve the process and how sections choose how often individuals are eligible to be nominated.

Leslie shared information on the Ag Ed Internship process. We had 7 great candidates. Once our selections are finalized their names and positions will be shared. Thanks to Renee for helping with the interviews of candidates.

Leslie shared information for WACTE Convention and Awards. WACTE members are encouraged to participate and apply if asked. Troy shared that we were asked if we would like to purchase ad space for the WACTE 80 Anniversary program. Roger King moved to provide \$175 full page ad for the 80th Anniversary program seconded by Dan Ziegler. Motion passed.

New Business

Troy and Kevin shared copies of the by-laws amendment proposals. Members discussed wording of Article IX Section I regarding the timing of amendments. The board suggested a 90 day notification requirement. Board members should watch for an email vote on the specific language changes to the by-laws.

Troy reminded board members about the opportunity to hold a spring in-service. Members were reminded that they have \$50 total for both fall and spring inservice monies.

Dan Ziegler reminded the board about Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention February 5-6 in Madison.

Troy briefly talked about Star Mission grant money. Troy reminded members that an email vote may be necessary to approve applicants prior to the February deadline.

Troy reminded members of NAAE Region III PDC in St. Cloud, MN. June 21-23.

Troy asked those interested in President-Elect. Interested candidates are reminded that a memorandum of understanding is available in the meeting folder. Section 6 (not present), Section 8 - yes, Brad Sirianni???

Troy asked new board members if a memorandum of understanding would be helpful. Members agreed that it is helpful. A new form will be created and distributed. Board members were reminded it would be a piece for teacher effectiveness artifacts.

Troy discussed the CDE Coordinator Contract. Moved to approve by Brian Pinchart seconded Renee Lehman by .Motion passed. Troy explained the WAAE Executive Director's role in CDE's. In the future it will be a part of the WAAE Executive Director's contract but for this year it is written as a separate contract. Moved to approve by Renee Lehman seconded by Tracy Brunton . Motion passed.

Brenda Scheil and Paul Larson presented information on our WAAE Strategic Plan. Paul gave a brief history. Brenda shared that the document is a framework, a living, breathing, working tool for the organization. All board members were given a copy and asked to read, provide feedback, add value statements, and be ready to discuss at our April meeting what items we will investigate at PDC and our summer meeting.

The Wellness Committee will be distributing an item to every member at this conference. Those members not attending will be receiving them in the mail.

Kevin and Dan reported on the Section 5 Committee's plans for the 100th Anniversary Celebration at PDC in 2017.

Professional Development Conference - schedule changes are in the google folder for this meeting. Troy reviewed the suggested changes with the board.

The Monday Luncheon may be interactive and not a speaker. Members will be encouraged to talk with each other and exhibitors.

WAAE Apparel Sales - options will be explored. If you have ideas or vendors talk to Leslie.

Speaker ideas for Wednesday lunch - Kevin Rauchholz and Brad Sirianni will investigate speakers through FVTC and meet with Troy and Leslie via conference call in February to finalize our options.

Troy reminded members for possible themes as we approach our 100th anniversary. Reflecting on the Past, Clearer Vision for the Future. Section 5 has adopted this responsibility. All are invited to help.

Give-away item committee of Sandy Dykes and Shelby Mitchell

Bowling – Paul Larson

Baseball – Jake Cramer

Golf – Dave Rizzardi, Kris Beaver, Jeff Griffey

Picnic Social – Tracy Heinbuch and Brian Pinchart (Denmark FFA Alumni & Section 9 Alumni)

Wednesday night social - Dan Zigler, Becky Wirkus, and Linda Sattler will investigate a 'scavenger hunt' idea of the nearby establishments.

Vice-Presidents are reminded that their Wednesday afternoon 'workshop' at PDC is banquet preparation.

DPI – Jeff Hicken - the written report is available in the google folder for this meeting. Ag for science procedures are changing. Quality standards for Ag Ed are in the works. Licensure bill is moving - Paul Larson will update us tomorrow at our advisor meeting.

FFA Report – Cheryl Zimmerman presented FFA Center highlights including the completion of the formal audit, the computer upgrade, and addition of a new part-time staffer. The National FFA President will be visiting us during National FFA Week watch for details. The written report is available in the google folder for this meeting.

FFA Foundation Report – Jeff Hicken shared highlights the written report is available in the google folder for this meeting. Highlights included the annual report, summer golf outing dates, and Star Mission Grants are due February 4th.

WI Ag Ed Workforce Development Council Report - Paul Larson shared the current status of the council which is somewhat unknown at this time. Al Hermann had a productive and positive meeting with the Workforce Development office. Badgerland Financial is currently doing our books as an in-kind donation but might not be in the future.

UW-Platteville Update from Dr. Mark Zidon - handout was distributed and will be uploaded to the google folder for this meeting.

Moved to adjourn by Mark Zidon and seconded by Jordan Donnerbauer. Adjourn 4:52 pm.

Meeting Schedule

April Meeting on Friday, April 29 - 9:00 a.m. - UW-Madison

Pre-PDC Meeting on Sunday, June 26 - 3:00 pm - Appleton, WI