

MINUTES
WAAE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 25th, 2008

Members Present:

Bridgett Neu, Dick Aide, Dave Kruse, Dustin Williams, Marty Nowak, Jeff Zobeck, Tim Pederson, LeRoy Miller, Larry Plapp, Arlaina Meyer, Ralph Johnson, David Laatsch, Linda Burton, Ron VonGlahn, Glenda Crook, Rachel Sauvola, Kim Houser, Jeff Hicken, Brian Waltz, Jay Kennedy, Deb Ihm, Mike Robinson, Mary Gagnon, Peter Hoffmann, Peter Brandt, Kevin Rauchholz, and Mike Robinson.

Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Johnson on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 8:30 am in Room 240 of the Steenbock Library at UW-Madison.

Agenda Revisions:

Rachel Sauvola's name was added under the Professional Development Conference heading. Marty Nowak moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Jeff Zobeck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Mid-Winter Minutes:

Marty Nowak moved to approve the Mid-Winter Minutes. LeRoy Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS

Financial Report and Update:

T.J. Hankerson of UBS Financial Services, Inc. provided financial updates on WAAE, Wisconsin FFA Center, and State CDE accounts. No changes were made in the level of aggressiveness of the portfolio.

Membership:

Dick reported that we have a total of 309 members this year which is less than our membership from last year.

Committee Reports Update:

Dave Laatsch reported that WAAE members will receive flash drives at PDC that will include downloaded committee reports. New committee reports will be emailed to Bridgett and printed off before the end of the conference. Flash drives were donated by the Army recruiting office for this project.

WACTE Report:

Jerry Wendt was not present to give a report. Bridgett Neu reported that we currently have 35 WAAE members that have joined WACTE.

Wisconsin AgEd and Workforce Development Council:

Ralph Johnson reported to the board that the Wisconsin AgEd and Workforce Development Council legislation passed and thanked those who made calls and sent emails to their legislators. Board members are encouraged to contact their legislators to thank them for their support. The next step is to assemble its 32-member council and hire a full-time executive director. Money for support will be from Wisconsin Act 223. 50137 was approved- Wisconsin AgEd Foundation. The board was reminded that at the November 11, 2006 meeting, a motion passed indicating that \$5000 would be given in support from WAAE.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Conference Theme Activities:

The theme for this year's Professional Development Conference will be "Celebrate in 2008." Glenda Crook passed out information on items that could be ordered to go along with the theme (example- beads). Typically, up to \$500 has been spent on theme supplies.

Program:

A tentative banquet program was passed out to members. Vice Presidents were encouraged to sign-up if there was a specific speaking part they were interested in.

Banquet Script:

The banquet script will be rehearsed the Sunday evening before the Professional Development Conference starts.

Door Prizes:

Section Five will be in charge of door prizes this year at the Professional Development Conference.

Flash Drives:

Flash drives have been donated by the Army recruiting office and will be distributed to all WAAE members attending the Professional Development Conference. In addition to the flash drives holding committee information, new teacher materials will also be included. The board discussed suggestions on how to efficiently download the information on to the flash drives.

Social Activities:

This year, golfing will take place Monday evening and the picnic will be held Tuesday evening. Jay Kennedy is working on organizing the golf outing at Lake Winsdor in Winsdor and will put together directions for the book.

Raffle Items:

Four to five prints are needed as raffle items. Last year, four prints were purchased for \$500. One of the prints is typically given by the Dane County Agriculture Teachers. Ralph Johnson will talk to their group to see where they purchase their print and if discounts are available.

New Officer Meeting and Banquet Preparation:

David Laatsch will conduct a New Officer Meeting on Wednesday during the Professional Development Conference. Banquet preparations will also take place that afternoon.

Banquet Social:

Dan Kvalheim and Dan Ziegler will work to organize another Casino Night for the Banquet Social.

New Teacher Committee:

Rachel Sauvola gave a report on behalf of the New Teacher Committee. Materials have been collected to present to new teachers. Funds raised during the silent auction have been earmarked to help new teachers who cannot afford to attend the conference. Application forms will be available soon. Rachel also reported that she recently spoke at a UW-River Falls Alpha Tau Alpha Meeting to help inform future teachers of the opportunity for them to attend PDC. She is willing to speak to UW-River Falls students once or twice a year. Bridgett encouraged teachers who are currently supervising student teachers to have their student teachers log into the system so that they are on the WAAE contact list.

Other Items/Announcements:

Appropriate Dress at PDC:

WAAE board members are reminded to wear professional dress during Monday morning registration and WAAE polo shirts at Tuesday's picnic.

Workshop/Internet Access at PDC:

Bridgett shared that the standard rate for internet access in PDC workshop rooms is \$275 per room for the week. The board discussed suggestions for handling situations associated with limited internet access in workshop rooms. Possible solutions include looking into purchasing broad band cards or having members contact the Marriott to express concerns.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

DPI Report:

Jeff Hicken provided a report from DPI. He noted that there is a need for Ag Instructors with thirteen full time positions and additional part-time positions now available. This year there will be an administrative luncheon at the State FFA Convention as well as an AgEd Workshop for students interested in pursuing a career in Agriculture Education. Jeff also noted that of the Career Cluster Pathways submitted, the Ag Pathways have been extremely popular. Approvals will be going out soon to the Ag/Science equivalence proposals. The work associated with organizing the Honored Adults Program will be contracted to WAAE for \$1000 in order to pay Bridgett Neu since Jeff is having difficulty getting the check cut directly to Bridgett.

FFA Foundation Report:

Mary Gagnon provided a report of the FFA Foundation. She announced that there will be golf outings again this year in Eau Claire and Cottage Grove. Registration is available on-line. The Matthew Anderson Endowment Funding has reached \$34,305. His family also donated scholarship money so that scholarships could be presented at this year's convention.

WTCS Report:

Jim Gibson was not present to give his report.

OLD BUSINESS

Candidates for President Elect:

Ralph Johnson asked each of the outgoing Vice Presidents if they were interested in running for President Elect. The responses were as follows: Peter Brandt-no, Larry Platt-no, Jeff Zobeck-yes, Glenda Crook-yes, Mike Robinson-no, and Jeremiah Fredrickson-not present. Sections 4 and 10 have alternates selected for next year.

WAAE/DPI Inservices:

Reports were given on Sectional Spring WAAE Inservices. Fall Inservice dates need to be selected and submitted to Jeff Hicken. Early November would be ideal. Sections 1 and 2 will have their meeting on October 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Region III Leadership Conference:

Ron VonGlahn provided a report on the 2008 Region III Leadership Conference which will be held June 17-19 in LaCrosse. Each section is encouraged to donate a doorprize in a basket. Members that have small items that they would like to donate as goodie-bag items are welcome to do so as well. Sponsors have been secured to help minimize costs.

ACTE/NAAE Convention:

The ACTE/NAAE Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on December 2nd-6th. There is an early deadline this year and commitments will be needed as soon as possible to secure the registration discount (10+ members needed). Those interested should provide Bridgette Neu with a check by June 25th (Region III Conference) so that registrations can be sent out by July 1st.

WAAE Budget:

Dick Aide answered questions on the WAAE budget. Kevin Rauchholz moved to approve and present the proposed budget at the Professional Development Conference. Marty Nowak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Prize Wheel for Booth:

Bridgette Neu has attended several conventions with our WAAE booth and suggested purchasing a wheel for \$222.86. It will take 6 weeks from ordering to delivery. Linda Burton will organize something interactive for the State FFA Convention and the board will discuss the idea further later this summer.

Logo:

The board discussed logo options and will bring up at sectional meetings for additional input.

Appointment to Ag Education and Workforce Development Council:

Jay Kennedy made a motion to appoint Paul Larson to the council and Dustin Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed. Keith Gundlach's name was suggested as an alternate.

Donation to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation/Change Lives Teach Ag Ed Sponsorship:

Marty Nowak moved to donate \$675 to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation/Change Lives Teach Ag Ed Scholarship to be presented at the State FFA Convention. Jeff Zobeck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Farm Technology Days Booth:

Staffing will be needed for the WAAE booth at Farm Technology Days which will be held July 15-17 in Brown County. There will be no charge for the WAAE booth and it will be set up on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. An email will be sent out to finalize scheduling and work times.

Contracts:

David Laatsch moved to approve the proposed Executive Director Contract for Bridgett Neu. Kevin Rauchholz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Meeting:

Pre Professional Development Conference Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6th starting at 2:00 pm. The board will also meet with the new teachers that evening.

Officer Training:

Officer training will take place at the Elizabeth Inn in Plover in August.

Adjournment:

Jeff Zobeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Plapp seconded the motion. Motion passed.