

NAAE Standing Committee Structure and Operations

The National Association of Agricultural Educators has seven standing committees as follows:

Finance	Marketing
Member Services	Policy and Bylaws
Professional Growth	Public Policy
Strategic Planning	

The seven standing committees meet during the NAAE convention. Board members, except the president, serve as consultants to the committees. The president elect is consultant to the strategic planning committee; other board members shall be appointed by the president as consultants to the committees. Committee chairs and vice chairs are appointed by the board upon recommendation of respective committees. Typically, the vice chair ascends to the chair position and a new vice chair is selected from the committee members. Voting committee members are appointed by NAAE regional vice presidents (each region is responsible for committee selection process) -- two members per region; however, all convention participants are welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate in the committee meetings. All committee participants, not just the voting members, may discuss items freely during the meetings. The board and staff assist in developing agenda items for the committees, with input from the committee chairs and vice chairs, based on feedback and input from the committee process and regional meetings.

At the winter and summer meetings of the NAAE board of directors, board committees meet. The board members who serve as consultants to the respective full committees chair the board committees. The board committees recommend action on items suggested by the full committees to the full board of directors. The full NAAE board of directors makes final decisions on committee action items.

During the NAAE Regional Leadership Conferences, the regional committees meet. Each respective region determines how the leadership for these committees will be selected. The regional committees may make recommendations to the NAAE board of directors and/or to national committees.

On any matter that comes before the NAAE board of directors through the committee process, the board may take one of four positions as follows:

1. The board may implement the item exactly as it was recommended.
2. The board may implement the item with some modifications.
3. The board may refer the item to a standing committee at the next NAAE convention.
4. The board may reject the item with full explanation as to why.

It is suggested that action items be brought to the committees from regional representatives on the attached form entitled "Standing Committees Agenda Items Proposal Format." The NAAE board of directors encourages all committee chairs, vice chairs, consultants and members to use this form during committee work.

Further, the NAAE board of directors encourages committees to focus on broad policies that affect NAAE rather than on day-to-day operational matters. Committees and the board of directors should concentrate on providing leadership and a vision for the overall organization. The day-to-day detail of managing the business of the organization is a function of the NAAE professional staff.

