December 4, 2013
Las Vegas, NV
Region I NAAE Regional Meeting
11:03

Meeting called to order by Regional VP Erica Whitmore.

A brief welcome was given.

Agenda review followed by a review of minutes from Region I meeting in Pendleton, OR

Erica Whitmore then gave a brief introduction of herself and expressed why she is unable to continue on and run for the President Elect position for NAAE. One of the schools she is currently teaching at was not willing to support her run.

It was moved to adopt the agenda and minutes by John Kohntop (NV). Seconded by Gary Parkert (WA).

State introductions were then given.

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Voting delegates process was discussed.

Secretary Hornecker passed around the letter of appreciation forms.
The official roster was also passed around.

Charlie Sappington then discusses his candidacy for President Elect for NAAE.

Committee reports were discussed:

Finance:

Member Services:

Professional Growth:

Public Policy:

Marketing:

Policy and Bylaws:

Strategic Planning:

We then handed out our workshop packets.

VP Whitmore then solicited interest in the National FFA CDE board.

Mike Harrington then discussed his candidacy for President Elect for NAAE.

A brief discussion about Region I 2015, in AZ was discussed.

Gary Parkert (WA) discussed Region I, Hawaii, gave some discussion.

Honolulu, HI

Marriott Waikiki Beach Hotel

Rooms are $200/night

April 16-18, 2014 (it is, unfortunately, Easter weekend)

Open discussion then ensued about the board proposal for board restructure and committee restructure.

A great deal of discussion was opposed to the new committee restructure.

Some thoughts were we had a decent system, but we allowed the Committee chairs to drop the ball and not carry on their part of the responsibilities.

People question why a 3 year commitment will add to continuity.

People think the old system could work if we provide adequate information and leadership to the committee chairs to better run a committee and be prepared at National Convention.
Overall, most discussion was opposed to the committee restructure proposal.

Session I Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**December 6, 2013**

**Las Vegas, NV**

**Region I NAAE Regional Meeting**

Session 2 was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Gary Parkert again gave another discussion about Region I in Hawaii

State Pictures were also taken

Committee Reports

Finance Ty Smith (NV)

More discussion about the committee restructure. Concern about the 3 year proposed commitment.

Some discussion about the board restructure and the proposed increased cost of the $15,000. Would like to know where it will come from

Marketing: Wes Crawford (OR)

Similar conversation. Didn’t have any feedback from the NAAE summer board meeting and action taken on any items the committee recommended a year ago. Some concern about the communication there.

Member Services: Elaine Lewis (WA)

Sparsely attended meeting which was ironic they were discussion the attendance and commitment needed for the three year proposed committee structure. The timeline of the committee restructure was proposed and recommended to delay. Also, there was a recommendation to pay the secretary within each committee as well. There was a

Policy and Bylaws: Kyle Stapleton (ID)

Similar conversation about the committee/board restructure. Recommended delaying action and have more time for regions to discuss proposal.
Professional Growth: JD Cant (OR)

Went over strategic plan. Liked the structure and flow of the new strategic plan.

Voted in the committee restructure and the vote was even, 3 for and 3 opposed to the committee restructure.

More discussion ensued.

Kevin Fochs (MT) moved Region I recommend to table the committee restructure idea. Seconded by Kyle Stapleton (ID).

Oral vote taken. Division of the house called.

Roll call vote by state delegates was taken:

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Motion failed by V.P Whitmore.
Katie Wortman (CA) moved to recommend to postpone definitely the discussion of committee restructure until NAAE National Conference 2014. Seconded by Joe Blackstone (ID).

Roll Call vote taken by State Delegates:

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Motion passes.

Public Policy: Cody Clyde (UT)

More concern about communication and the current committee policy not working as it exists

Strategic Planning: Chad NV

More of the same concerns about the committee restructure and board restructure.

More discussion followed
Kevin Fochs had a strong question about why all committees are dealing with these issues. Why isn’t it just policy and bylaws committee dealing with this concern? Why isn’t this part of what the committees have been working on? Why did this information only just get distributed?

A great deal of concern was raised because it was said there wasn’t clear understanding by many of the board members about this process seen by members during the committee meetings.

Overall, there was a great deal of frustration about the proposed committee restructure.

Tamara Whitcomb (WA) Moved our executive board present the restructure process to clarify miscommunication or misunderstanding on Saturday morning before we vote. Seconded by Mike Sheppard (WA)

Discussion about the inconsistency of the board members understanding.

Concern about the support for a restructure no one really understands. Why pass something we aren’t confident the board understands?

Motion passes unanimously.

State awards were presented.

Candidates for each secretary and region VP were given.

Secretary:

   Sam Harringshaw (OR)
   Chad Masser (MT)

Vice President:

   Nick Nelson

Vote taken:

Nick Nelson (OR) elected VP

Chad Masser (WA) elected Secretary

The Herd Book was given by Heath Hornecker and Kevin Fochs.

Elaine Lewis (WA) moved to donate the Herd Book funds to the NAAE Relief Fund. Matt Shepperd (WA)-2nd.

Motion Passed
Elaine Lewis (WA) wanted to thank Erica Whitmore for all her service to Region I and NAAE. A standing ovation ensued!

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Heath Hornecker

Region I Secretary