

**Region III Minutes  
Valentine, Nebraska  
June 16 – 18, 2009**

The business meeting for Region III was called to order by Craig McEnany at 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Valentine, Nebraska on Wednesday morning, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Lemmer, regional secretary provided reflections for the morning after the Pledge of Allegiance.

McEnany welcomed everyone to Valentine, NE and thanked the Nebraska group for their outstanding effort. Attendance reflected 125 members, guest and family members in attendance.

Monty Larsen, President of the NE Ag Educators provided a brief conference overview and information on the afternoon tours.

Duane Fisher moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility with a second provided by Matt Eddy. Motion passed.

Barb Lemmer reviewed the minutes of the 2008 Region III meeting held at Charlotte, NC. Minutes were approved as presented.

The state presidents' introduced their attendees at this time and McEnany certified the voting delegate count as follows (IA – 5, MN – 7, ND – 3, NE – 4, MN – 7, WI – 9)

McEnany gave a brief update of his activities since the December meeting.

Dr. Jay Jackman, Executive Director of the NAAE brought greeting on behalf of the national office and provided a presentation on Risk Management.

Future host states for regional conferences were identified with 2010 in Minnesota June 22 – 24 and 2011 in North Dakota.

Vice President McEnany explained the committee process and indicated that all award applications would be evaluated on Thursday morning to allow time for committee work.

The attendees broke into committee work at 9:30 a.m. and worked until 10:45 a.m. The group reconvened at 10:45 a.m. for a professional development activity with 5 Ideas Unlimited presentations. Each state provided one evaluator for the selection committee.

The Region III Ideas Unlimited Winner for 2009 was Natasha Mortenson (MN) and Ellen Thompson (formerly of MN). They were selected from 5 outstanding classroom presentations.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The committees were reconvened at 8:00 a.m. to handle any additional committee work and to evaluate Region IV award applications. Committee work was wrapped up at 9:30 a.m. All attendees reported to the final general session at 9:30 a.m.

Greetings were received from a representative of the Valentine Chamber of Commerce sponsor of the breaks.

Each state president gave a report of their activities and upcoming events. Reports have been filed with the secretary.

McEnany indicated that he would be visiting Minnesota (July 6 – 10) and South Dakota (Aug 2 -5) state conferences.

An update of the NAAE/ACTE Convention was given to the membership regarding Nashville, TN.

Lemmer provided brief comments on her regional secretary experiences.

McEnany reminded the group of the 6-state rotation for future planning. (MN – 2010, ND – 2001, IA – 2012, SD – 2013, WI – 2014 and WI – 2015)

Regional committee reports were presented with the identified chairperson moving for acceptance with an implied second. All committee reports were approved as presented and forwarded onto the national board for consideration.

Finance Committee – Monty Larsen, NE

Member Services – Tom Anderson, MN

Marketing – Josh Christiansen – SD

Policy/Bylaws – Matt Eddy – IA

Professional Development – Krystin Harms, NE for Ralph Johnson of WI

Public Policy – Fritz Steinhoff, NE for Linda Satterlee of WI

Strategic Planning – Aaron Anderson ND

2009 – 2010 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Finance –Chair - Pete Neigebauer, MN; Vice Chr. – Glen Huetl - ND

Members Services – Chair - Craig Kleven, ND; Vice Chair -Mark Williams – IA

Marketing – Chair – Rachel Sauvola, WI; Vice Chair – DJ Mottl, NE

Policy/Bylaws – Chair – Lori Williams, SD; Vice Chair -Kim Houser, WI

Professional Growth – Chair – Krystin Harms; NE; Vice Chair -Natasha Mortenson, MN

Public Policy – Chair – Fritz Steinhoff, NE; Vice Chair – Neal Pearson, MN

Strategic Planning – Chair – Duane Fisher, IA; Vice Chair – Ross Hudson, SD

The following individuals were selected as Region III winners;

Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Richard I. Carter, Iowa

Outstanding Cooperation Award – Steve Dewitt, Iowa

Outstanding Service Award – Richard Aide, Wisconsin

Meeting was adjourned with door prizes at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Lemmer

Region III Secretary