

2008 Region III Summer Conference  
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Minutes

The 2008 Region III summer meeting was called to order by Region III Vice President Tom Hofmann at 8:07 a.m. on Wednesday morning, June 18 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The total attendance for the conference was 79 registrants with additional family members in attendance. The youngest attendees were Tom Hofmann's twin girls.

Craig McEnany provided reflections to start the meeting.

Moved by Mike Striegel (IA) and seconded by Paul Larson (WI) to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.

A welcome was provided by Tom Hofmann with additional greetings and conference overview from the Wisconsin Alumni and WAAE.

Diane Amara of the National FFA Alumni Council brought greetings to the group.

Minutes from the Region III meeting in Las Vegas were distributed and reviewed by regional secretary Craig McEnany. Matt Eddy (IA) moved and Paul Larson (WI) seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. Minutes approved.

A few minutes were provided for each state President to introduce the attendees from their states at the conference.

Vice President Tom Hofmann certified the voting delegate counts for each state based on the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 membership report from the NAAE office. He provided a brief V.P. report of his activities since the Las Vegas meeting. Highlight was the addition of twins in his family.

Dr. Jay Jackman brought greetings from the NAAE office and provided a brief summary of the activities currently underway on behalf of the membership. His remarks included an update of the National Council for Agricultural Education and the 10X15 plan. One item of particular interest was the initiative to change "STEM" to STEAM" to recognize the value of agriculture as an integrated component of the learning model.

Tom Hofmann provided an explanation of the committee process and responsibilities as the meeting reached the mid morning break point at 9:15 a.m.

The standing committees met after break to review issues that were forwarded to them from the national level, review policies and identify issues and concerns. Each committee was assigned to review applications from Region II and selected the designated regional winner.

The membership reconvened at 11:00 a.m. to hear Ideas Unlimited Presentations from Tracy Harper - Wisconsin and Mike Earll - Iowa. Tracy was selected as the winner and will represent Region III at Charlotte, NC in December.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. The Region III meeting was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Each state president or their designee provided a state report. Written copies of each state report have been filed in the regional secretary's book. Each President reported on their upcoming state conferences.

Tom Hofmann, Region III Vice President reported that he would be visiting the Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota conferences.

Ron VonGlahn of Wisconsin gave a presentation on the CAERT materials currently being used in Wisconsin.

A "Communities of Practice" presentation was given by Tom Hofmann on the features that can be found on the NAAE website.

Jay Jackman provided an update on the NAAE/ACTE convention and the need to get hotel rooms booked due to demand.

The regional conference rotation was identified with Nebraska hosting the conference in Valentine, Nebraska next year. The rotation of NE, MN, ND, IA, SD and WI was identified for the benefit of future planning by the states.

All committee reports were approved as presented and forwarded onto the NAAE office for review by the board of directors. No major issues were reported out of committee.

The regional was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted

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Region III Secretary