

NAAE Region III Conference Minutes

Mankato, Minnesota
June 22 – 24, 2010

Call to Order - The business meeting of the Region III Conference was called to order by Craig McEnany at 8:00 a.m. at the Best Western Hotel in Mankato, Minnesota on Wednesday, June 23rd.

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

Review and Adopt Agenda - Linda Sattler moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility with a second provided by Barry Clough. Motion passed.

Nashville Minutes - Barb Lemmer reviewed the minutes of the 2009 Region III meetings held at Nashville, TN. Neal Pearson moved and Duane Fisher seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Welcome and Conference Overview - McEnany welcomed everyone to Mankato, MN and thanked the Minnesota group for their outstanding effort. Pete Neigebauer, President of the MN Ag Educators provided a brief conference overview and information on the afternoon tours.

The state presidents' introduced their attendees at this time and McEnany certified the voting delegate count as follows: (IA – 5, MN – 6, NE – 4, ND – 3, SD – 3, WI – 7). Total delegates equal 28. Group photos were also taken.

Vice-President's Report - McEnany gave a brief update of his activities since the December convention.

Introduction of NAAE President - Ray Nash, President of the NAAE brought greetings on behalf of the national office as well as a brief update of activities and issues since the December convention.

Regional Committee Work - 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 11:00 a.m. The group reconvened at 11:00 a.m. for a professional development activity with four Ideas Unlimited presentations. Each state provided one evaluator for the selection committee. The Region III Ideas Unlimited Winner for 2010 was Josh Christiansen (SD).

Adjourned Wed. Mtg/Reconvened Thursday Mtg. - The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, June 24th.

Additional Regional Committee Work - The committees were reconvened at 8:00 a.m. to handle any additional committee work and to evaluate Region V 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.

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 – Pete Neigebauer, MN
Member Services – Craig Kleven, ND
Marketing – Rachel Sauvola, WI
Policy/Bylaws – Lori Williams, SD
Professional Development – Krystin Harms, NE
Public Policy – Fritz Steinhoff, NE
Strategic Planning – Duane Fisher, IA

2009 – 2010 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Finance – Chair, Glen Huetl, ND; Vice Chair, Barry Clough, IA

Members Services – Chair, Mark Williams, IA; Vice Chair, to be determined at August conference elections, SD

Marketing – Chair, DJ Mottl, NE; Vice Chair, Bill Januszewski, MN

Policy/Bylaws – Chair, Kim Houser, WI; Vice Chair, Curt VandeWal, NE

Professional Growth – Chair, Natasha Mortenson, MN; Vice Chair, to be determined at August conference elections, ND

Public Policy – Chair, Neal Pearson, MN; Vice Chair, Anissa Wilhelm, ND

Strategic Planning – Chair, Ross Hudson, SD; Vice Chair, David Kruse, WI

Regional Award Winners - The following individuals were selected as Region III winners;

Lifetime Achievement Award – Peter Drone, Wisconsin

Outstanding Cooperation Award – Don Josko, South Dakota

Outstanding Service Award – Douglas Hanson, Minnesota

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

State Visits - McEnany indicated that he would be visiting Iowa (June 28 – July 1), Minnesota (6 – 10) and North Dakota (August 9 -12) state conferences.

NAAE/ACTE Convention Update - An update of the NAAE/ACTE Convention was given to the membership regarding Las Vegas, NV.

Future Regional Conferences - McEnany reminded the group of the six state rotation for future planning. (ND – 2011, IA – 2012, SD – 2013, WI – 2014, NE – 2015 and MN – 2016)

Future host states for regional conferences were identified with 2011 in Minot, North Dakota, June 21 – 23 and 2012 in Iowa at the new Iowa FFA Enrichment Center.

Regional Secretary's Report - Lemmer provided brief comments on her regional secretary experiences.

Meeting was adjourned with door prizes at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Lemmer
Region III Secretary