

NAAE Convention Region III Meeting Minutes

November 17-21, 2009

Nashville, Tennessee

The business meeting for Region III was called to order by Region III VP Craig McEnany at 10:15 a.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center on Wednesday morning, November 18th.

Barb Lemmer, regional secretary provided reflections for the morning.

Josh Christiansen, SD moved and Neal Pearson, MN seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.

2009 Regional Conference minutes were presented via a PowerPoint presentation. Barry Clough, IA moved and Rhonda Clough, IA seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented of the Regional Conference (NE). Motion passed.

Craig McEnany explained the scholarship raffle tickets activity. Raffle winners will be announced on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., Friday at 11:15 a.m., and Saturday at noon.

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). The voting delegates from each state were identified and cards provided.

McEnany gave a brief convention overview. He handed out workshop facilitator information to each state and asked them to secure a representative; encouraged each attendee to participate in convention sessions and workshops; and reinforced the importance of writing thank you notes to sponsors and presenters.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Region III Secretary. Barb Lemmer was nominated by Scott Johnson, IA. The ballot for this position remained open until the 2nd regional meeting.

A National Council Update was given by chair, Nancy Trivette. She explained the CASE project and the potential "Ag is Cool" campaign. Following was a National FFA Update by National FFA Foundation Executive Director Dennis Sargent. He shared the National FFA Foundation's Planned Revisions to Structure and Governance document.

Regional committee assignments were identified and verified.

- Finance Committee – Chair, Pete Neigebauer, MN; Vice Chair, Glen Huetl, ND
- Member 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

A brief intermission was taken for state photos with National President Ray Nash.

The Regional Award winners were introduced to the group and each gave brief remarks about their local program.

- Outstanding Young Member – Adam Wehling, Wisconsin
- Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program – Marshfield Middle/High School, Tim Heeg and Mark Zee, Wisconsin
- Outstanding Post Secondary/Adult Program – Western Technical College, Tracy Harper, Wisconsin
- Outstanding Teacher – Dave VanderWal, Wisconsin
- Teacher Mentor – Rachel Sauvola, Wisconsin
- Ideas Unlimited – Natasha Mortensen and Ellen Thompson, Minnesota

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and was reconvened at 9:45 a.m. on Friday morning, November 20th.

The remaining Regional Award winners were introduced to the group.

- Outstanding Cooperation – Steve DeWitt, Iowa

- Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Richard Carter, Iowa
- Outstanding Service – Richard Aide, Wisconsin
- Teacher Turn the Key – Thomas Brown and Leann Pietrzak, Minnesota; Tonya Mortensen, Nebraska; Rocky Brown, North Dakota; Kelly O'Donnell and Sarah Stratmeyer, South Dakota; and Michelle Meier and Stacy Skemp, Wisconsin.

Prior to State Reports, Craig recognized the Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin with the Distinguished Professional State Association Award.

State reports were then given by the Presidents. Reports have been filed with the secretary. The following state conference dates and locations were provided at this time:

- Iowa – June 29-July 1, 2010 – Ankeny and Ames, Iowa
- Minnesota – July 6 – 9, 2010
- Nebraska – June 7 – 10, 2010
- North Dakota – August 9 – 12, 2010
- South Dakota – August 1 – 4, 2010
- Wisconsin – June 28 – July 1, 2010

McEnany indicated that he would be visiting the North Dakota and Nebraska state conferences.

Thomas Anderson, President of the Minnesota Association provided an overview of the summer regional to be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Mankato, MN on June 22-24. The regional website will have the registration and hotel information posted soon.

McEnany reminded the group of the 6-state Region III Conference rotation for future planning. (MN – 2010, ND – 2011, IA – 2012, SD – 2013, WI – 2014 and NE – 2015).

McEnany provided an overview of the 2010 NAAE Convention to be held at the newly renovated Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, NV on November 30 – December 4th. Look for details in the NAAE website.

McEnany asked for further nominations for the office of Regional Secretary. None were presented. McEnany closed the nomination process. Duane Fisher (IA) moved and Scott Johnson (IA) seconded that by unanimous voice vote that Barb Lemmer be elected Regional Secretary. The vote was unanimous. Congratulation was offered to Lemmer. The official installation of officers took place at the final general session of the NAAE on Saturday, November 21st.

Craig McEnany then gave a Vice President's Report to the region and thanked the group for their support throughout the year. As final remarks McEnany asked the group to look towards the future and where they wanted their profession to be positioned. McEnany successfully completed the first year of his three year term.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Lemmer
Region III Secretary