

NAAE Convention Region III Meeting Minutes

December 1-4, 2010

Las Vegas, Nevada

Call to Order - The business meeting for Region III was called to order by Region III VP Craig McEnany at 10:30 a.m. at the Riviera Hotel, Casino and Convention Center on Wednesday morning, December 1st.

Reflections - Barb Lemmer, regional secretary provided reflections for the morning.

Review and Adopt Agenda - Barry Clough, IA moved and Rhonda Clough, IA seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.

Region III Conference Minutes - 2010 Regional Conference minutes were presented via a PowerPoint presentation. Fritz Steinhoff, NE moved and Linda Sattler, WI seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Regional Conference (MN). Motion passed.

Convention Review - McEnany gave a brief convention overview. He handed out workshop facilitator information to each state and asked them to secure representatives; encouraged each attendee to participate in convention sessions and workshops; and reinforced the importance of writing thank you notes to sponsors and presenters. McEnany then explained the scholarship raffle. Raffle winners will be announced on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at the NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division General Session II, Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division Luncheon, and again on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the NAAE/ACTE Ag Ed Division Business Session. \$600.00 dollars of tickets were purchased by regional members.

Welcome - 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. Attendees were asked to register for the purpose of writing thank you notes to administrators using the following website: <http://www.quia.com/sv482286.html>

National FFA Update - A National FFA Update was presented by Craig Fredericks. National FFA Organization CEO Dwight Armstrong gave remarks on the Agricultural Career Connection program that will identify and allow the National FFA to communicate with former FFA members. A representative from the Ford Motor Company introduced a new grant program. Six grants (one from each region) will be awarded to an agricultural education program that has at least three FFA members signed-up for a Ford Scholarship through the National FFA Scholarship Program.

Introduction of NAAE President-elect Candidates - NAAE President-elect candidates Hugh Mooney and Ken Couture gave remarks to the assembly.

Regional committee assignments were identified and verified.

- Finance Committee – Chair, Glen Huetl, ND; Vice Chair, Barry Clough, IA
- Member Services – Chair, Eric Weuve, IA; Vice Chair, Adam Franken, SD
- Marketing – Chair, DJ Mottl, NE; Vice Chair, Bill Januszewski, MN
- Policy/Bylaws – Chair, Kim Houser, WI; Vice Chair, Kurt VanDeWalle, NE
- Professional Growth – Chair, Natasha Mortenson, MN; Vice Chair, Gary Wald, ND
- Public Policy – Chair Neil Pearson, MN; Vice Chair, Anissa Wilhelm, ND
- Strategic Planning – Chair Ross Hudson, SD; Vice Chair, David Kruse, WI

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

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and was reconvened at 9:45 a.m. on Friday morning, December 3rd.

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

- Outstanding Young Member – Michael Miron, Minnesota
- Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program – Morris Area High School, Natasha Mortenson, Minnesota
- Outstanding Post Secondary/Adult Program – Ellsworth Community College, Iowa
- Outstanding Teacher – Keith Gundlach, Wisconsin
- Teacher Mentor – Jennifer Erb, Wisconsin

- Ideas Unlimited – Josh Christiansen, South Dakota
- Teacher Turn the Key – Scott Smalley Iowa; Katie Shaw, Minnesota; Tara Beitelspacher, South Dakota; and Elizabeth Porior, Wisconsin.
- Outstanding Cooperation – Don Josko, South Dakota
- Lifetime Achievement – Peter Drone, Wisconsin
- Outstanding Service – Douglas Hanson, Minnesota

Regional Secretary Election - The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Region III Secretary. Barb Lemmer was nominated by Barry Clough, IA and Glenda Crook was nominated by Linda Sattler, WI. McEnany closed the nomination process. Tellers were appointed by the candidates and VP McEnany. Congratulations were offered to Linda Crook, WI. The official installation of officers took place at the final general session of the NAAE on Saturday, December 4th.

State Awards – Just prior to State Reports, Craig recognized the Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin with the Distinguished Professional State Association Award. North Dakota and South Dakota were recognized with the Professional State Association Award. Wisconsin was recognized for having the Largest Student Membership Increase, Largest Student Membership, and the Largest Numerical Membership Increase.

State Reports - 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 27-30, 2011 – Ankeny, IA
- Minnesota – July 5-8, 2011 – Brainerd, MN
- Nebraska – June 7-9, 2011 – Kearney, NE
- North Dakota – August 9-11, 2011 – Bismarck, ND
- South Dakota – July 31 – August 3, 2011 – Pierre, SD
- Wisconsin – June 27-30, 2010 – Green Bay, WI

State Visits - McEnany indicated that he would be visiting the Nebraska and Wisconsin state conferences.

2011 Region III Conference - Anissa Wilhelm, President of the North Dakota Association provided an overview of the summer regional conference to be held at the Minot Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Minot, ND on June 21-23, 2011. The regional website will have the registration and hotel information posted soon.

Region III Conference Rotation - McEnany reminded the group of the 6-state Region III Conference rotation for future planning. (ND – 2011, IA – 2012, SD – 2013, WI – 2014, NE – 2015, and MN – 2016).

2011 NAAE Convention - McEnany provided an overview of the 2011 NAAE Convention to be held in St. Louis, MO on November 16-19th. Look for details on the NAAE website.

Region VP Report - Craig McEnany then gave a Vice President's Report to the region and thanked the group for their support throughout the year. McEnany successfully completed the second year of his three year term. He thanked Barb Lemmer for her help as Regional Secretary for the past two years.

Paul Larson, WI moved and Linda Sattler, WI seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Barb Lemmer
Region III Secretary