

**2014 NAAE Conference  
Region IV Meeting  
Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Conference Center  
Nashville, Tennessee  
November 19th-22nd, 2014**

**November 19th, 2014**

*Presidential Chamber B*

*Region IV Vice President Scott Stone called the Conference to order at 11:00 a.m.*

Parker Bane led the Pledge of Allegiance

Parker Bane provided reflections.

Scott Stone and Parker Bane discussed the attendance rosters and appreciation forms

Scott Stone reviewed the minutes from the 2014 NAAE Region IV Conference in Lexington, KY.

Jesse Faber, IL Moved to approve the minutes

Jimmy Powell, KY 2nd

Motion passed.

Scott Stone reviewed the 2014 Conference Agenda.

State Reports

<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Report</b>
Jay Solomonson	IL	CDE consolidation is being considered. Provisionally certified teachers have been used to fill several openings in the state. Illinois is a part of the Teach Ag Campaign's STAR Program.
Roger Carr	IN	Recruitment and retention of teachers is a focus. All professional development sessions are being recorded for distribution to teachers that want to view/re-view them. A mentoring program for new teachers has been started. Within 5 years, there will probably be more than one program training Ag Teachers in Indiana.

Name	State	Report
Jimmy Powell	KY	Orville Bennett sends his regards, as he is unable to attend this year. There are advocacy opportunities, as Jamie Comer, current Commissioner of Agriculture has announced his candidacy for Governor. It was a record year at the state's FFA leadership center. Retaining teachers longer than 4-7 years is a focus.
Amanda Sturm	MI	The association is in a rebuilding mode. Teacher recruitment and retention is a priority. A mentoring program is being built. Staff has been rehired.
Deanna Thies	MO	The association has been active with Missouri Farmers Care. Amendment I passed, helping protect farming and ranching from ballot initiatives. The commissioner of education is retiring. Missouri is in the STAR program.
Stephanie Conway	OH	A Teach Ag program is being developed. The association is in a process of strategic planning.

Scott Stone presented State Association Award Plaques During the State Reports.

Illinois - Distinguished  
Indiana - Professional  
Kentucky - Professional  
Michigan - Active  
Missouri - Distinguished  
Ohio - Professional  
10 + Membership Award - Michigan  
Largest State Association - Missouri

Remarks and General Information -

Terry Rieckman presented remarks as a President Elect Candidate.

Daryl Behel presented remarks as a President Elect Candidate.

Erica Whitmore presented remarks as a President Elect Candidate.

Scott Stone distributed NAAE Conference Workshop Facilitator Packets.

Kevin Keith presented on behalf of National FFA.

Committee Reports-

Finance	Gina Neff provided the finance committee update. Discussion centered around the financial impact of the proposed bylaws changes.
Marketing	Margo Bruce presented the marketing committee report. Discussion centered around reaching a new generation of ag teachers. The committee is discussing a longer member recruitment workshop that would be effective in giving associations recruitment tools.
Membership Services	presented the Membership Services report. The restructuring proposals were discussed.
Policy and Bylaws	Amanda Sturm presented the Policy and Bylaws report. The board restructuring proposal was discussed. There was disappointment that some suggestions from regions were dismissed.
Professional Growth	Kelli Beiser presented the Professional Growth committee report. Adjustments to working on Teachers Turn the Key were discussed. A national loan forgiveness program could help recruit new teachers.
Public Policy	Jeff Voris presented the Public Policy report. National Policy Seminar was discussed.
Strategic Planning	Scott Johnson presented the Strategic Planning report. Restructuring was discussed.

#### Regional Secretary Nominations-

Jay Solomonson nominated Parker Bane

Charlie Sappington answered questions about the proposed bylaws changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

#### **Friday, November 21st, 2014**

Presidential Chamber B

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Region Vice President Scott Stone.

## Committee Reports

Finance	Gina Neff reported that the committee further discussed and clarified questions about the recent fiscal year's budget surplus and projected surplus for the current fiscal year.
Marketing	Margo Bruce reported on motions being discussed in the committee. A new member recruitment video is needed. The committee is also looking at a 2-3 Hour workshop on membership issues. The committee also is investigating the cost of creating an app, in addition to discussing the role of the committee in working with Ellen Thompson of the Teach Ag Campaign.
Membership Services	Jason Dieckhoff reported about discussions involving partnerships with National FFA Alumni. The committee is looking to survey for areas of need.
Policy and Bylaws	Amanda Sturm reported that there was no quorum in the committee. Motions for the bylaws proposal will have to come from the floor.
Professional Growth	Kellie Beiser reported that no motions were discussed.
Public Policy	No further discussions
Strategic Planning	No further discussions

Scott Stone led a discussion on how the region will fill committee positions.

Jeff Voris, MO moved to keep the current rotation in place.  
Jonathan Herr, MO 2nd.

Motion Passed.

Larry Case and Dan Clausen provided comments on behalf of the National FFA Alumni.

Region IV Award Winners were recognized

National Agriscience Teacher of the Year	JoAnn Pfeiffer, OH
Outstanding Young Member	Gina Neff, OH

Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher	Melanie Block, MI
Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program	Valmeyer High School - Howard Heavner, Valmeyer, IL
Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Education Program	Santa Fe Agri-Leaders, MO
Ideas Unlimited	Kari Roberts, IN
Teacher Mentor	Jack Green, MO
Outstanding Service Citation	Tony Brannon, KY
Lifetime Achievement	Norman Rohrbach, MO
Outstanding Cooperation	Bill Johnson - Illinois Leadership Council for Agriculture Education
Teachers Turn the Key	Douglas Nelson, Bryan Schullian, IL, Rebecca O'Farrell, Kimberly Self, IN, Renee Wangler, MI, Katie Harvey, Nathan Scheiderer, MO, Katie Black, Maria Homan, OH
XLR8 Participants	Joshua Bondy, MO, Christie Joehl, IL, Curt Robbins, IL,
Upper Division Scholarship Winners	Jacob Dickey, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Emelia Kratz, Purdue University, Cody Rakes, University of Kentucky

Scott Stone overviewed the delegate process and certified convention delegates.

#### Election of Region IV Secretary

Jessie Spry, MI Moved to Close nominations  
Amanda Sturm, MI seconded

Greg Curlin, IN moved to cast a unanimous ballot electing Parker Bane as Region IV Secretary.  
Doug Nelson, IL seconded.

Motion Passed.

Jay Solomonson, IL provided an invitation to the 2015 NAAE Region IV Conference in Moline, IL.

Other Business -

No items were presented.

Scott Stone provided Regional Vice President Remarks.

Jay Solomonson, IL moved to adjourn the meeting  
Jesse Faber, IL 2nd

Motion passed.

***The 2014 NAAE Conference Meeting for Region IV Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.***

State Association Pictures were taken.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Parker Bane  
NAAE Region IV Secretary*