

**2014 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference  
Embassy Suites  
Lexington, Kentucky  
June 24th-26th, 2014**

**June 24th, 2013**

*Region IV Vice President Scott Stone called the Conference to order at 1:05 p.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 2013 NAAE Region IV Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

Heather Obert-Belden, IL Moved to approve the minutes

Darren Farmer, MO 2nd

Motion passed.

Jimmy Powell reviewed the 2014 Region IV Conference Agenda and provided the welcome from the KAAE.

State Reports

<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Report</b>
Jay Solomonson	IL	IAVAT concluded it's annual conference last week. Consolidation of CDE dates has been a priority, and the state has been working on recruitment and retention through the Teach Ag Campaign's S.T.A.R. Program.
Roger Carr	IN	IAAE will be starting a mentoring program to help develop young teachers. There are currently 21 unfilled openings for Ag Teachers in Indiana. Dual Credit is becoming "Advanced Credit" with transferability.
Jimmy Powell	KY	500 students in Kentucky were able to achieve college credit through the Murray State "Racer Academy." 20% of a school's state ranking is based on career pathway scores. This has helped Ag Education programs in Kentucky.

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Amanda Sturm	MI	There are 6 openings in a difficult funding environment. Agriscience is now one of the five core science courses that can be taken to meet the Michigan Core Curriculum. Agriscience can also replace one year of math, foreign language or art. Dave Krueger has been heading the Agriscience Program at Baker College and has been hired as the MAAE Executive Director.
Darren Farmer	MO	Through partnership with Farm Credit Services, an ag sales and farm management curriculum has been developed and will be rolled out. More than 100 schools will have a different teacher this year. Out of 492 members, 50 will be new teachers. MVATA is working with the S.T.A.R. program through the Teach Ag Campaign for recruitment and retention. MVATA has joined Farm Cares to fight H.S.U.S. initiatives.
Kellie Warner	OH	OAAE Conference just concluded. Recruitment and retention was the most pressing topic at the OAAE Conference. The association has been working to bring young members together at critical times to help get them through their first few years. Extended programming legislation has gone through and increased the amount of funding in the state funding grants. Middle school ag ed programming and college credits are being addressed through current initiatives.

Scott Stone provided an NAAE Membership update. Membership reports were reviewed from the Region IV Conference Group on the NAAE Communities of Practice Website.

Scott Stone reviewed conference information and the 2014 Region IV Conference Agenda.

Julie Fritsch provided an update from the NAAE Headquarters. National Teach Ag Day will be taking place on September 25th at the CHS Headquarters. The NAAE Website has changed, and some NAAE Procedural Items will change along with the website changes.

Scott provided an update on NAAE and the services it provides to members. Scott highlighted the "Farmer to Farmer" program for international travel. Scott discussed the Board of Directors Restructuring Proposal that was included in the conference registration packets.

Summary of Discussion and Questions:

Question posed?	Pro	Con
Are these representatives coming from “active” members?		
Do “Post-Secondary” instructors have their own organization?		
Can Post-Secondary teachers already serve on the board of directors?		
Would the listed participants still be able to run for Regional Vice-President?		
Should there be a spot guaranteed for “high school” instructors? - Theoretically, there could be a scenario whereby no high school ag teacher is on the Board of Directors?		
Do the teacher educators and Ag Education State Staff Allow Ag Teachers on the AAAE or NASAE Board of Directors?		
If they can already be on the board, why do we need special spots?		
Why can't there be one guaranteed spot for AAAE, NASAE, and Two-Year Post-Secondary Groups?		

Question posed?	Pro	Con
		Why is this needed, especially at such cost?
		The basis of this was that an individual was unhappy to not be elected as "President Elect" because of the individual's status as a Post-Secondary Instructor. This proposal does not address that concern.
Do we have groups that are currently paying dues, but do not have guaranteed representation on the Board of Directors?		

The session recessed at 2:47 p.m.

The session reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Scott Stone provided a list of the following updates for National FFA via Larry Goessen.

#### 2014 National FFA Convention and Expo

Two Concerts – Wednesday and Thursday nights

Working with City of Louisville and KEC to resolve the cell phone coverage issues

More food trucks and more food options, more locations and less crowding

Some CDEs are moving so watch your registration materials for these changes

Teacher workshops moving to a larger space

Hypnotist show is moving

#### 2014 American Degree Process

**\*\*American Degree Ceremony Changes**

Degree recipients will be seated and staged in the West Hall outside of the session in Freedom Hall

Closed circuit TV feeds will show the session live in West Hall

American Degree Orientation

Optional event 8-9pm on Friday night

Instructions for the next day, where to be, what to do

#### Alumni Affiliation:

Affiliation Fee structure - \$100 per affiliate for as many Alumni members as you sign up

begins Sept 1, 2014  
 everything electronic  
 have to have personal profile filled out to receive electronic resources  
 25 life members = automatically affiliated with no fee but have to fill out profiles!!!

COMING November 2014: FFA.org Facelift  
 MAJOR change to the website  
 Seamless single sign-in to “Manage My FFA” to have access to AgCN, Shop FFA, and all functions within FFA.org  
 Update and improve overall navigation.  
 Enhance the career preparation experience through AgCN.

AgCN Roster  
 Enhanced roster went live June 1  
 Easier to renew members  
 Print one or more invitations instead of all at one time  
 Only last year’s expired students show up in the expired roster  
 You will be able to upload your roster from your own Excel template

AgCN Application Center  
 Access Discovery, Greenhand, and Chapter Degree as well as American Degree and Proficiency Award applications in one place  
 Review in-progress and completed application

COMING IN 2015/2016/2017  
 NFFA Applications Go Web-based (No More Excel)  
 2015 – Proficiency, American Degree, Star Battery  
 2015 optional (web or Excel) – Agriscience Fair, National Chapter Award  
 2016 – Agriscience Fair, National Chapter Award  
 2017 - Agriscience Fair and National Chapter will be revised  
 Training on new content will take place in the summer of 2016.

Savannah Robin presented a workshop on Advocacy for Agricultural Education.

Hannah Anderson presented a workshop on Social Media Use in Agricultural Education.

Scott Stone Provided Committee Instructions.

Discussion of the potential committee restructuring was held.

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What are the expectations of Regional Leadership Conference Attendance for Committee Members?		
		States do not have enough time to identify candidates for committee positions.
		The timeline of implementation is not feasible given the currently unadopted nature of the proposal.
	The group is not necessarily opposed to the idea.	
There is great confusion as to what this actually looks like.		

Region IV Committees convened for discussion and action.

Committee Work Concluded at 4:25 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 25th**

8:00 a.m. - Tours were conducted as organized by KAAE members.

2:50 p.m. - Tours concluded

5:00 p.m. - A tour was conducted and dinner was served at the Buffalo Trace Distillery.

**Thursday, June 27th**

Scott Stone called Business Session #2 to order at 8:00 a.m.

Parker Bane led the Pledge of Allegiance

Kari Roberts, IN presented her Ideas Unlimited Project - Pallet Gardening With Tomatoes.

Andrew Fritsch, KY presented his Ideas Unlimited Project - Teaching Students to Lay Block.

Tiffany Kauffman, MO presented her Ideas Unlimited Project - Setting Up a Deer Operation.

First time Regional Leadership Conference attendees were presented with copies of the Teacher Creed.

Committees reconvened to finalize reports.

Committees finished their work at 9:14 a.m.

Committee Reports for NAAE Region IV were presented

The following individuals presented reports on behalf of Region IV Committees and moved approval. Full committee reports are submitted to the NAAE Board of Directors.

Matt Meyer, IL moved to approve the Finance Committee Report. Motion passed.

Amanda Sturm, MI moved to approve the Marketing Committee Report. Motion passed.

Kellie Warner, OH moved to approve the Member Services Committee Report. Motion passed.

Deanna Thies, MO moved to approve the Policy and Bylaws Committee Report. Motion passed.

Toni Saso, IL moved to approve the Professional Growth Committee Report. Motion passed.

Jeff Voris, MO moved to approve the Public Policy Committee Report. Motion passed.

Jessie Spry, MI moved to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Motion passed.

2015 Region IV Committee Chairpersons will be:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>
Finance	Gina Neff	OH
Marketing	Margo Bruce	KY
Member Services	Roger Carr	IN

Committee	Name	State
Policy and Bylaws	Robert Schmitt	KY
Professional Growth	Kellie Warner	OH
Public Policy	Jeff Voris	MO
Strategic Planning	Bethany Garmon	KY

#### 2014 NAAE Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Norman Rohrbach - University of Missouri - Columbia

Outstanding Cooperation - Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (Bill Johnson, Chairperson)

Outstanding Service Citation - Dr. Tony Brannon - Murray State University

Ideas Unlimited - Kari Roberts, IN

Scott Stone previewed the 2014 NAAE Convention, which will be held November 18-22 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee. Early Bird Registration is due July 7th.

Jay Solomonson, IL provided the invitation to the 2015 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference, to be held in Moline, IL. For more information, contact Mindy Bunselmeyer, [mbunselmeyer@illinoisffa.org](mailto:mbunselmeyer@illinoisffa.org) (facility info), Toni Saso, [sasot@somonauk.net](mailto:sasot@somonauk.net) (schedule info), or Jay Solomonson, [js\\_farmer@hotmail.com](mailto:js_farmer@hotmail.com) (tours and hospitality).

Discussion was held on the Committee Restructuring and Board Restructuring Proposals.

Amanda Sturm, MI moved to postpone implementation of the committee restructuring one year. Darren Farmer, MO 2nd. Discussion - more time is needed for states to identify committee members willing to serve and iron out details and expectations of committee members.

Motion Passed.

Darren Farmer, MO moved that Region IV NAAE's first preference be that NAAE maintain the current structure of its Board of Directors. Angel Roller, MO. 2nd.

Motion Passed



Heather Obert-Belden, IL moved that Region IV NAAE's second preference (in the event that the Board Restructuring Proceeds) be that NAAE combine the AAE (Teacher Educator), NASAE (State Supervisor), and Post-Secondary Instructor Board Proposed positions into one proposed position, to be filled by a representative elected from those groups. The Pre-Service Position would be implemented as proposed.

Darren Farmer, MO 2nd.

Motion Passed.

Amanda Sturm, MI moved that Region IV NAAE's third preference be that if the Board of Directors adopts the Board Restructuring as it is proposed, that the AAE (Teacher Educator), NASAE (State Supervisor), or Post-Secondary Instructor Representatives be prohibited from serving as Regional Secretaries or Vice Presidents.

Cherie Rogier, IL 2nd.

Motion Passed.

Margo Bruce and Jimmy Powell, KY were recognized for their outstanding work in planning and organizing the 2014 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference.

Cherie Rogier, IL moved to adjourn. Jessie Spry, MI seconded. The motion passed.

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