

# NAAE Region IV Meeting

## The Seasons Lodge

### Nashville, IN

### June 28, 2011

#### Business Session I

Regional Vice President Charlie Sappington called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Archie Sauerheber led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave reflections.

Charlie reviewed the minutes of the Region IV meetings held at Las Vegas in December.

Scott Stone of Missouri moved to accept December's minutes. Mark Wildman from Illinois seconded. Motion passed.

Travis Scherer brought host state greetings from Indiana and gave instructions for the week's activities.

#### State Introductions:

Mark Wildman-Illinois  
Travis Scherer and Charity Keffaber-Indiana  
Kelvin Howard-Kentucky  
Kate Firestein-Michigan  
Missouri-Scott Stone  
Ohio-Rose Hartschuh

Charlie Sappington presented Agriculture Teacher's Creeds to all first time attendees.

First time attendees introduced themselves. There were 30 first time attendees

Charlie gave membership reports as of June 8 for all states in the region. The timely remitting of dues from each state was stressed and brought to the attention of all state leaders. He pointed out the benefits of paying NAAE dues.

Charlie went over the structure of the conference and committee responsibilities. He stressed some of the changes for this year.

Greg Curlin, NAAE President gave a national update. He stressed the importance of marketing and advocating for agricultural education at all levels. Greg highlighted the

benefits of the AgEd Relief Fund. Greg called for practical ideas for solutions to AgEd's challenges.

Charlie reviewed the contents of the conference folders and sent out the attendance roster.

Award applications from Region I was distributed to be judged.

Charlie presented the information in the NAAE power point.

15 minute break.

Charlie reviewed the NAAE Committee process and how the committee report forms should be filled out. He also gave guidelines for election of committee chairs and vice chairs.

At this point committee meetings began.

The first session of meetings was adjourned at 4:30

## Session II

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The second session of the NAAE Region IV Meetings was called to order at 9:04 by Regional Vice President Charlie Sappington.

He thanked the Indiana delegation for exceptional tours on Wednesday.

Charlie gave instructions for committee reports.

Blake Hackman from Indiana awarded door prizes.

Ideas Unlimited presentations were given and judging of that area took place.

Corinne Smith-Illinois, presented by Heather Obert. Agribusiness final presentation.

Cindy Walker-Michigan, not present. Kevin Nugent from Michigan spoke about her cooperation with a local canine service organization.

Lindy Holt-Missouri. Lindy presented her lesson: Teaching GPS using geocaching.

Stephanie Plumly from Ohio, not present. Sue Davis spoke about Stephanie's 3-D topographic map activity.

Greg Curlin, NAAE President spoke about the upcoming NAAE convention in St. Louis and about all of the activities of NAAE Representatives.

At this point all committees were given 15 minutes to finish up business and prepare their reports.

After the break, Scott Stone of Missouri gave the invitation to the 2012 Region IV Conference in Hannibal, Missouri, June 26-28.

Charlie gave another review of NAAE Convention 2011.

Awards results were announced:

Region IV:

Ideas Unlimited-Lindy Holt from Missouri.

Outstanding Cooperation-Susan Harriett Raker-Zimmerman from Michigan

Outstanding Service-Rusty Black from Missouri

Lifetime Achievement-Jim Bellis, Missouri

Region I:

Outstanding Young Member-Rebecca Wallace-Washington

Outstanding Teacher: Jessica Fernandes-California

Outstanding Middle School/Secondary Program-Andrew Williams-Washington

Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Program-No entry

Teacher Mentor-No entry

Committee Reports:

Finance-Travis Scherer, Indiana. Michael Grant is the 2012 Chair.

Items: Ag Ed Relief Fund, Upper Division Scholarship Program, the NAAE Budget was reviewed and the committee had some questions about sponsorship for the NAAE convention.

Marketing-John Poulson, Ohio

Discussion on recruiting new members-we should encourage universities to package student NAAE membership with other memberships.

Expand internship program to have each state have an intern in the year they host NAAE Region Conference.

Continue to support and promote Teach Ag Day. Create a Teach Ag Facebook and/or Twitter account.

Recommened that NAAE create a short commercial to promote teaching agriculture and NAAE membership.

Possibilities for recruiting more minorities were discussed.

Member Services-John Wilson, Missouri.

Use of social networking to serve members more efficiently was recommended.

Recommend to the National Board that award applications be simplified.

Recommend that the Monday Morning Monitor should be better utilized.

Recommend that an Associate Membership category be created for retired members.

Policy and By-Laws-Cherie Rogier, Illinois

Discussed the addition of a representative from teacher education or state supervisory positions to the NAAE board. The committee felt that this addition was not needed.

Professional Growth-Kellie Warner, Ohio

Recommended that the NAAE Board investigate offering scholarships for CASE training.

Recommend that NAAE offer workshops about collecting meaningful data in an Ag program.

Stated that COP does meet the needs of members, but teacher time is a problem. Recommend that the board work with universities to incorporate COP in preservice training.

Recommend that the NAAE Board provide a structure for state wide Teacher Turn the Key programs.

Public Policy-Parker Bane

Reviewed NAAE Strategic Plan-Recommend that business leaders, local stakeholders, and school officials into the strategic plan.

Reviewed National AgEd Advocacy Agenda. Recommended that some thought be given to teacher recruitment and retention.

Urban Agriculture should be a focus in the future.

Strategic Planning-Sue Davis, Ohio

Reviewed NAAE Strategic Plan. Explored options to encourage postsecondary teachers to become active members in NAAE.

Recommended to add the strategic plan the creation of state leaders conferences and training.

Charlie stated that anyone who wishes to run for Regional Secretary need have their MOU in by September 15.

Heather Obert reported on the state of Illinois' Resolution that the National FFA reconsider their suggested policy change to eliminate main stage recognition for one-star, two-star, and three star chapters.

Travis Scherer reported that matters for discussion about National FFA Activities should be sent directly to Dwight Armstrong, Chief Operating Officer.

John Poulson, Ohio moved that Region IV Direct Charlie to draft a letter to Dr. Armstrong opposing the change in chapter recognition. Matt Meyer, Illinois seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed.

Parker Bane from Illinois moved to adjourn. Jeff Bash of Illinois seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 10:52 AM.