

2013 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference
Firekeepers Resort and Casino
Battle, Creek MI
June 25th-27th, 2013

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Region IV Vice President Scott Stone called the Conference to order at 1:00 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 2012 NAAE Region IV Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Obert Moved to approve the minutes

Tiffany Kauffman Missouri 2nd

Motion passed.

Kevin Nugent, MI and Megan Merrill, MI reviewed the 2013 Region IV Conference Agenda.

Heather Obert, IL - Reported on the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers. Agricultural Education Funding will remain level. Four new programs opened last year. Frank Dry retired from the Illinois FFA Center. Mindy Bunselmeyer was hired for the position of Associate Executive Director of the Illinois FFA Center. Al Zwilling was hired as the Executive Director of the Illinois Foundation FFA.

Chris Kaufman, IN - Reported on the Indiana Association of Agriculture Educators. 96 members were at their annual conference. Three workshops were held. Indiana had an active member increase of 56 members, for a total of 227 members. There are 72 student members and 19 retired members. 5 new programs were opened last year. 3 more are slated to open this year. They are adding teachers. Several out of state teachers have been hired. A CASE ASA Institute will be held in July with special assistance from Dow Agriscience.

Wes York, KY - Reported on the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators. Dr. Pete Dreisbach retired from Camp. Dr. Christy Guffy was hired to replace him. She has made great strides in securing donations. KAAE is excited about National FFA Convention returning to Louisville. There are currently 5 openings in Kentucky. A CASE Institute will be held in Kentucky. KAAE has been focused on preparing students

for College and Career Readiness. Murray State is offering dual credit courses for \$100 a piece to students. Kentucky is excited about hosting the 2014 Region IV Conference.

Kevin Nugent, MI - Reported on the Michigan Association of Agriculture Educators. Kevin showed appreciation to Megan Merrill for her work on conference. MAAE currently has about 70 members. Programs are being added. Legislative work is being done to change curriculum standards that have thus far excluded career and technical education programs.

Michael Graham, MO - Reported on the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. MVATA has 457 active members. Dues are unified with other associations. 19 associate members and 6 lifetime members. There are currently several openings in Ag Ed. In recent years, there has been significant turmoil within the department of education. The Senate passed a bill revamping an advisory committee to the state board of education regarding agriculture education. Successful advocacy efforts were held to maintain positions in agriculture education on the state level. An open District Supervisor position was filled. Rep. Jason Smith has been elected as a Congressman and is a strong advocate for agriculture education.

John Poulson, OH - Reported on the Ohio Association of Agriculture Educators. An amendment will be in the state budget that beefs up what the extended program of work should be for agriculture programs and teachers. Membership is slightly up. A membership coordinator was hired. Changes have been made to the OAAE award programs to encourage more participation. Dr. Tim Elmore has worked with OAAE teachers to improve the state's mentorship program for new teachers.

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 2013 Region IV Conference Agenda.

NAAE President Farrah Johnson reported on National Issues relating to Agriculture Education and NAAE. NAAE is encouraging members to utilize Communities of Practice. NAAE Conference will be held December 3rd-7th in Las Vegas. Early bird registration closes July 12th. The importance of the Teach Ag Campaign was stressed. The NAAE Board of Directors has been reviewing and working to update the NAAE Strategic Plan.

Scott provided an update on NAAE and the services it provides to members.

Larry Gossen, National FFA Local Program Success Specialist provided an update on the National FFA and National Council for Agriculture Education. Josh Bledsoe has been hired as the new Chief Operating Officer of the National FFA Organization. There are several changes coming to the Ag Career Network. New American Degree

Requirements will begin in 2015. Alumni Development Conference will be held in Green Bay in July. The Official FFA Manual is now available for free online. There is a New Horizons app and lesson plans to accompany New Horizons. Many changes will be coming at National FFA Convention. Several parts of the convention will be downtown, but the main part of the convention will be at the KFEC. Official FFA Jackets will be \$50. A new Carhartt casual FFA jacket will be available. There will be a new scholarship deadline. Scholarships will be due February 1st, rather than February 15th. The LPS team will be realigning duties due to the return of Craig Fredrick to the classroom.

Scott Stone Reviewed the Committee Responsibilities.

The session recessed at 2:50 p.m.

The session reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Scott Stone Provided Committee Instructions.

Region IV Committees convened for discussion, action, and awards judging.

Committee Work Concluded at 4:25 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26th

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

6:35 p.m. - Tours concluded

Thursday, June 27th

Scott Stone called Business Session #2 to order at 8:04 a.m.

Parker Bane

Mindy Bunselmeyer, IL presented the "God Made an Ag Teacher" video, which was debuted at the 2013 Illinois Association FFA Convention.

Amanda Ross, MO presented her Ideas Unlimited Project.

Chad Berning, OH presented his Ideas Unlimited Project.

Committee Reports for NAAE Region IV were presented

The following individuals presented reports on behalf of Region IV Committees and moved approval.

Kevin Nugent, MI moved to approve the Finance Committee Report. Motion passed.

Darren Farmer, MO moved to approve the Marketing Committee Report. Motion passed.

Heather Obert, IL moved to approve the Member Services Committee Report. Motion passed.

Amanda Mullins, IN moved to approve the Policy and Bylaws Committee Report. Motion passed.

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

John Poulson, OH moved to approve the Public Policy Committee Report. Motion passed.

Matt McIntire, MO moved to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Motion passed.

2014 Region IV Committee Chairpersons will be:

Finance - Matt Meyer, IL

Marketing - Amanda Strum, MI

Member Services - Kellie Warner, OH

Policy and Bylaws - Deanna Thies, MO

Professional Growth - Toni Saso, IL

Public Policy - Chris Kaufman, IN

Strategic Planning - Megan Merrill, MI

Business Session #2 reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

Scott Stone previewed the 2013 NAAE Convention, which will be held December 3-7 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Early bird registration will close July 12th.

Jimmy Powell, KY provided the invitation to the 2014 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference, to be held in Lexington, KY. For more information, contact Jimmy Powell at jimmy.powell@clark.kyschools.us (859) 227-4275 or Margo Bruce at margo.bruce@webster.kyschools.net.

Mr. Powell also invited Region IV members to contact him for tour suggestions for the 2013 National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

The 2013 Region IV Ideas Unlimited winner is Amanda Ross, MO

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

Wes York, KY provided more information about the Murray State Racer Academy Dual Credit Program. For more information, contact msu.raa@murraystate.edu Kimberly Bella is the coordinating Professor.

Jesse Faber, IL moved to adjourn. Toni Saso, IL seconded. The motion passed.

The 2013 NAAE Region IV Leadership Conference Adjourned at 9:59 a.m.