

**2015 NAAE Conference
Region IV Meeting
Hilton – New Orleans, Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana
November 17th-21st, 2015**

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

Region IV Vice President Scott Stone called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Scott presented his President Elect Candidate Speech.

Parker Bane, Region IV Secretary, presented reflections and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parker Bane assumed the duties of acting chair as Scott Stone visited other Regions to present.

Jay Solomonson, Illinois, moved to approve the minutes from the 2015 NAAE Region IV Summer Leadership Meeting.

Jeff Voris, Missouri, seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Parker Bane reviewed the conference agenda.

State Association Presidents of Region IV introduced their delegations and provided updates.

Candidates for NAAE President Elect, Daryl Behel and James Cannon presented speeches to Region IV.

Committee Reports were given by Region IV Committee Representatives.

It was widely noted that communication, the committee process, and committee attendance were concerns.

Nominations were accepted for the 2016 NAAE Region IV Secretary.

Roger Carr, Indiana, nominated Scott Johnson, Indiana
Jeff Voris, Missouri, nominated Deanna Thies, Missouri

Nominations were accepted for the 2016-2018 NAAE Region IV Vice President.

Jay Solomonson, Illinois, nominated Parker Bane, Illinois.

Jay Solomonson, Illinois moved to adjourn.

Beth Eggleston, Michigan seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Friday, November 20th, 2015

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

State Association pictures were taken.

Dr. Larry Case provided remarks on behalf of the National FFA Alumni. The National FFA Alumni is focusing on developing volunteerism and collecting data regarding volunteer hours and local dollar contributions.

Larry Goessen discussed several FFA programs on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Region IV Committee Representatives reported on committee proceedings.

Committee	Proceedings
Finance	The relief fund was focused, as it is being stressed. The committee is looking at dues relief for first year members and is interested in discovering what other states are doing. The finances of NAAE are very sound.
Marketing	Videos are being posted. There is a brand center with logos for use. Communities of Practice use has dropped significantly.
Member Services	Liability insurance coverage lapses on 9/15 if dues are not paid. Pamphlets were discussed.
Policy and Bylaws	Market study is needed.
Professional Growth	The XLR8, Teachers Turn the Key, and Mentor Programs were discussed.

Public Policy	NPS was discussed. Questions have been raised about who should attend. Teach Ag will be discussed, and the committee is looking at webinars.
Strategic Planning	Color coding the strategic plan and the use of doodle polls were discussed.

Region IV Award Winners were recognized.

Award	Recipient	State
National Agriscience Teacher of the Year	J. Matthew Simpson	Kentucky
Outstanding Young Member	Bailey Garwood	Michigan
Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher	Tracey Hoffman	Michigan
Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program	LaRue County HS	Kentucky
Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Program	Crowder College	Missouri
Ideas Unlimited	Erica McBee	Missouri
Teacher Mentor	Michael Spahr	Ohio
Outstanding Service Citation	John Kabat	Illinois
Lifetime Achievement Award	James Craft	Illinois
Outstanding Cooperation Award	Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education	Illinois

Region IV Vice President Scott Stone certified convention delegates.

Region IV Secretary election was held.

Deanna Thies, Missouri, spoke on her behalf.

Scott Johnson, Indiana, spoke on his behalf.

Region IV Vice President election was held.

Parker Bane, Illinois, spoke on his behalf.

Deanna Thies received the most votes for Region IV Secretary.

Parker Bane received the most votes for Region IV Vice President.

Robert Schmitt, Kentucky moved to certify the election results.

Jay Solomonson, Illinois seconded.

Motion Passed.

State Professionalism Awards Were Recognized

State	Ranking
Illinois	Distinguished
Indiana	Professional
Kentucky	Professional
Michigan	Professional
Missouri	Distinguished
Ohio	Professional

Other business:

Jeff Voris, Missouri, moved that Region IV recommend to the NAAE Board of Directors that conference time committee meetings be more than informational, but actual business.

Jonathan Hoer, Missouri, seconded.

Motion Passed.

Region IV Vice President Scott Stone thanked the Region for a good term of service.

Jesse Faber, Illinois, moved to adjourn.

Jeff Voris, Missouri, seconded.

Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.