

# Region IV Meeting Minutes

## Mecklenburg II The Blake Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina

### Session I

Called to order at 10:45 AM by Greg Curlin.

#### **Invocation and reflections**

**Completion of state forms**-Mr. Curlin summarized the summer conference, attendance roster, and state officer rosters

**Convention overview**-meals, social tickets, ACTE Overview, Thank you letters, scholarship raffle

**State Introductions**

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Ohio

Greg Curlin gave a listing of all state summer conference dates in 2009.

Mr. Curlin handled the certification of delegates from each state. Delegate cards will be handed out to each state on Saturday, December 6.

Nominations for Regional Secretary-Archie Sauerheber nominated by Ben Helms from Indiana. Nominations left open until the Friday regional meeting.

#### **Committee Reports-**

Finance-Eugene Meyer reported that the audit reports were reviewed and recommended to the national board to approve. Approval of expense records. Overview of AgEd Relief fund. Ag Ed opportunities fund. 2009-2010 budget. Reviewed their section of the POA.

Marketing- Margo Bruce reviewed their section of the POA, tabled until the next meeting.

Member Services-Mark Wildman Pocket Diaries-region or state responsibilities. Ideas Unlimited presentation at Regional Conferences, good feedback. Communities of Practice-Identify one person from each state to promote COP. Make sure that Regional minutes are to be turned in as soon as possible.

Policy and Bylaws-Ken Bollinger reported that the committee review minutes and POA.

Professional Growth-Gigi Neal reported that specific topics for Healthy Lifestyles, Mentor Teacher, Grants for Teachers, Encouraging more young members to attend NAAE Conference, Retirement planning services, professional ethics, how do we include non-traditional students.

Public Policy- Tom Daugherty reported that the National Policy Seminar was discussed. Involvement from all states is needed. Can money from states that do not send a representative be used to finance more than one attendee from the states that do send members. POA will be reviewed at the second session.

Strategic Planning- Reviewed entire POA. They will be taking suggestions back to the committee meeting on Thursday.

Facilitators for professional workshops were assigned to each state.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

## Session II

December 5, 2008

Mr. Curlin called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Archie Sauerheber led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Curlin gave a short reflection and recognized Kyle Fiebig as the Michigan Farm Bureau Outstanding Agriscience Educator. He also recognized that Pearl Harbor Day is Sunday and thanked all veterans.

Award winners:

Outstanding Young Member-Javonne Mullins, Ohio  
Outstanding Teacher-David Black, Kentucky

Outstanding Program-Miller High School, Missouri  
Outstanding Psotsecondary/Adult Program-Shakamak, Indiana  
Ideas Unlimited-Mark Lemon, Missouri  
Outstanding Service-Keith Dietzchold, Missouri  
Outstanding Cooperation-Charles Kruse, Missouri  
Lifetime Achievement-Jack Simmerman, Indiana  
Teachers Turn the Key-  
Ill-Tim McDermot, Toni Saso  
IN-Sara Clark  
KY-Tiffany Felty  
Michigan-Lora Finch and Elizabeth Tomac  
Missouri-Jennifer Hopkins, Brooke Swindler  
Ohio-Stephanie Conway  
Ray Nash brought comments as candidate for President Elect.

Association Awards- Indiana Highest Numerical Increase, 10% Plus  
Membership Increase

Missouri-Largest State Association

All of our states in Region IV will receive the  
Distinguished State Professional Association Award

Craig Frederick from the National FFA gave information about Ag Entrepreneurship Awards all applications must be submitted on the 2009 form. Middle School members: a task force has discussed opportunities for the members at the National FFA Convention. There will be 47 proficiency areas this year, there are a few changes in some areas. FFA Scholarship, increase in applicants by 1800 students, advisors can now log on to fill out the advisor sections with a password given by the state department. Cargill will offer \$350,000 in scholarships, Ford will offer 700 \$1,000 Scholarships. National AgEd Quality program standards National FFA is looking for 10 pilot states.

There are no proposed changes to the National Constitution this year.

Jim Craft moved and Cherie Hofmann seconded to close nominations for Regional Secretary. Archie Sauerheber was reelected.

Greg discussed the paperwork that needs to be turned in from the regional meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

Finance-Randy Plattner, Missouri

Marketing-Margo Bruce, Kentucky

Member Services-Mark Wildman, Illinois

Policy and Bylaws-Kenneth Brammell

Professional Growth Gigi Neal, Ohio

Public Policy-Tom Daugherty, Indiana

Strategic Planning-Marie Carity, Ohio

Kyle Fiebig Michigan moved, Ben Helms, Indiana seconded to approve committee reports. Motion passed.

Illinois gave information about the 2009 summer conference in Rend Lake.  
Correct date for hotel reservation deadline is May 8. Registration forms due June 1.

Ohio Teacher Jim Staudt was named ACTE Teacher of the year this year.

Some participants reported on Teachers Turn the Key.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.