

NAAE Region VI Business Meeting
Friday, April 29, 2016
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, NJ

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Region VI Vice-President Krista Pontius. Jennifeur Wilson, conference chairperson, provided a welcome to the conference and to New Jersey.

Host State Announcements:

- Nancy Trivette, Greetings
- Morgan Rudor, NJ FFA Secretary

Attendee introductions were conducted. Region VI Secretary, Sherisa Nailor, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tina Miner-James (NY) moved and David Ruvarec (PA) seconded to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed. Sherisa Nailor reviewed the minutes from the 2015 Summer Meeting. Sara Cobb (NJ) moved and David Bittner (PA) seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

State Reports:

- PA – David Bittner (verbal)...Advocacy and Member Involvement
- MD – Fred Doepkins (written)...Advocacy and Program Transitions
- NY – Tina Miner-James (verbal)...Teacher Certification and Wheels on the Bus
- VA – Howard Hill (verbal)...Recruitment/Retention and Teacher Openings
- NH – Rick Martineau (verbal)...Program Closures and NEATO (New England Ag Teachers Organization)
- NJ – Jennifeur Wilson (verbal)...Teacher Certification and Professional Development Cycle

Julie Fritsch, NAAE Communications and Marketing Director, gave a general NAAE update.

Key Points:

- Accolades
- NAAE Trivia
- Liability Insurance Program
- Materials and Supplies for State Meetings
- Website – Members – Resources for State Leaders
 - State Meeting Supplies
 - Fliers and Handouts and Programs
 - Membership Videos
 - NAAE Award Information
- Ag Teacher Life Cycle Resource
- Advocacy
 - Website
 - National Policy Seminar
 - State and National Profiles

- Teach Ag! Campaign
 - STAR Program
 - National Teach Ag Day
 - Tag a Future Ag Teacher
- Professional Development
 - NAAE National Convention
 - Book Rooms by September 30th
 - Farmer to Farmer Program
 - Virtual Book Club – The Innovator’s Mindset
- Closing Remarks and Challenges

The meeting was recessed to working lunch for award evaluation. Meeting will reconvene tomorrow.

The meeting was called back into order on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 2:55pm, by Krista Pontius, at the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in Trenton, NJ.

Committee Actions/Topics Review and Discussion:

Finance:

Discussion Overview

1. Publicize state strategies and idea sharing for fundraising efforts
 - Auction or raffle at the National Convention (each state bring an item)
 - Challenge chapters and students to make items for state conferences to auction
- 2.

Motions for Action

1. David Ruvarac (PA); David Bittner (PA) – split the 50/50 raffle at NAAE Convention between the scholarship fund and the relief fund
2. David Ruvarac (PA); Howard Hill (VA) – hold a silent auction at the NAAE Convention of one item from each state to benefit the relief fund

Marketing:

Discussion Overview

1. Can NAAE commission or sponsor the compilation or collection of data to prove AgEd’s impact on testing and STEM achievement
 - Messages – Student testimony, Data and research, state legislators, etc.
 - Create videos using students and teachers – make it a video contest for students
 - 2015 Region I 2035 Vision Survey
2. Site map that would link you to teachers/programs specializing in certain topics
 - More user friendly – a mobile app

Motions for Action

1. Tina Miner-James (NY); David Bittner (PA) - NAAE create a series of videos feature students and teachers to promote agricultural education

- a. Idea – make the video production a contest for chapters/students
2. Robin McLean (NJ); Tina Miner-James (NY) - Create and include an administrator one-page overview with the letters of appreciation from NAAE National and Regional meetings
 - a. Should also be available as a separate resource for state leaders
 - b. Window cling – Proud Principal of an Agriculture Teacher

Member Services:

Discussion Overview

1. Survey to discover when each state is losing teachers and **why**
State/Regional level TTTK and XLR8 and mentoring programs
Where are we with the national guidelines/standards to starting mentoring programs?
2. Were you prepared to be in the classroom?
What are your plans for employment from this point forward?
3. Regional list of teacher experts who are willing to help with specialized topics
State/Regional level TTTK and XLR8 – impacts more people, model the CASE instruction model to offer the programming on a more “localized” level
Orientation packet or training for new administrators – viewing your ag teacher as an investment and worthy of training and PD (National Convention being just four weeks before NAAE Convention)

Motions for Action

NONE

Policy & Bylaws:

Discussion Overview

NONE

Motions for Action

NONE

Professional Growth:

Discussion Overview

1. Communities of Practice – create state highlight pages – “Look what we do!”
2. Applications are awkward because the same categories are requested for all awards
Have the committee perform a review and overhaul of the applications and rubrics
Differentiate, at least, the Outstanding Program Award to be more program focused and less individual teacher focused
3. Encourage each state to invest in the relationship with those stakeholders...create programs and services that are beneficial
Provide financial support for pre-service teachers to attend NAAE National Convention
Can we replicate the Ambassador program (one-day program at National FFA Convention) at the NAAE Convention?

Motions for Action

NONE

Public Policy:

Discussion Overview

NONE

Motions for Action

NONE

Strategic Planning:

Discussion Overview

NONE

Motions for Action

NONE

Ag Ed Relief Fund – Raffle Drawing for \$50 Amazon Gift Card

- Raising \$165
- Winner: Howard Hill (VA)

Reflections – Dianna Jarema (PA) – Sharpening an Iron – The Power of Mentoring
Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go.”

Gifts of Appreciation for the Planning Committee

Certificates of Participation – NAAE Region and New Jersey AAE

Important Upcoming Dates:

June 25-27, 2017 – Portsmouth, New Hampshire – Region VI Meeting

National Convention – Las Vegas, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12pm on a motion by Diana Jarema (PA) and Jennifeur Wilson (NJ).

Respectively submitted,

Sherisa Nailor

Region VI Secretary