

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
August 28-30, 2020

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board of directors meeting on August 28-30, 2020. Members of the board of directors who were present for the meeting included: Parker Bane (IL), President; Sherisa Nailor (PA), President Elect; Eric Tilleman (MT), Region I Vice President; Todd Thomas (CO), Region II Vice President; Mary Hoffmann (MN), Region III Vice President; Deanna Thies (MO), Region IV Vice President; Stan Scurlock (FL), Region V Vice President; Dr. Robin McLean (NJ), Region VI Vice President; and Dr. Wm. Jay Jackman (KY), NAAE Executive Director. Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Associate Executive Director, also attended the meeting. Nancy Trivette (VA) and Ellen Thompson (SD), NAAE staff members, also attended portions of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order** – President Parker Bane called the board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Reflections and Pledge** – President Elect Sherisa Nailor led the board in reflections and the Pledge to the American Flag.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – By consensus, the agenda was approved with flexibility.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Stan Scurlock moved, Sherisa Nailor seconded, to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 NAAE board of directors virtual meeting; the motion carried.
5. **Board and Staff Reports** – Parker Bane asked each board member and staff member to present a brief report of their NAAE activities.
6. **Executive Director Report** – Jay Jackman presented a report including the following:
 - a) Board Representation – NAAE will need to fill a position on the National Council for Agricultural Education (new appointee to begin service on January 1, 2021) and the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees (new appointee to begin service on January 1, 2021). The board discussed these positions but did not take any action on them at this time. It was revisited during this meeting on Saturday afternoon (refer to item 17 herein).
 - b) Board Leadership MOUs for president, president elect, regional vice president, and regional secretary – Several MOUs have been received but many positions do not have candidates as of this date. This report will be continuously updated on the board CoP page.
 - c) Representative Finkenauer Proposed Bill – The directors reviewed the proposed bill from U. S. Representative Finkenauer from Iowa, which would add an authorization in the Perkins bill to provide funding for new agricultural education programs in schools

where agricultural education is not offered currently. The Representative's office is requesting the NAAE board's support for the legislation and for NAAE to provide a quote for their news release. The directors took no action on the request at this time, but it was revisited during this meeting on Saturday afternoon (refer to item 16 herein).

d) Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Road Map – The directors reviewed, edited, and approved some statements to be included in the NAAE IDE Road Map. Edits will be posted to the board CoP page to await approval from the directors.

7. **Executive Session** – Parker Bane called the directors into executive session from 9:20 – 9:55 p.m. to prepare for the NAAE CEO candidate interviews scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020.

President Parker Bane recessed the board meeting for the day at 9:55 p.m. The directors conducted interviews for the NAAE CEO position on Saturday morning, August 29, 2020. President Bane reconvened the directors meeting on Saturday, August 29, at 1:02 p.m.

8. **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting** – Sherisa Nailor, board committee chair, conducted the meeting with Darla Romberger (PA), full committee member.
9. **Public Policy Committee Meeting** – Mary Hoffmann, board committee chair, conducted the meeting with Linda Sattler (WI), full committee chair.
10. **Professional Growth Committee Meeting** – Eric Tilleman, board committee chair, conducted the meeting with Annette Weeks (WA), full committee secretary.
11. **Member Services Committee Meeting** – Stan Scurlock, board committee chair, conducted the meeting without Lauren Emerson (LA), full committee chair.
12. **Marketing Committee Meeting** – Robin McLean, board committee chair, conducted the meeting with Kim Houser (WI), full committee chair.
13. **Finance Committee Meeting** – Deanna Thies, board committee chair, conducted the meeting with Stacy French (MO), full committee chair.
14. **Policy and Bylaws Committee Meeting** – Todd Thomas, board committee chair, had no business to conduct during this board meeting.
15. **Associate Executive Director Report** – Alissa Smith presented her report to the board predominantly on the final 2019-20 NAAE membership statistics.
16. **Representative Finkenauer Proposed Bill** – Continued from Friday's discussion, Sherisa Nailor moved, Robin McLean seconded, to support the Finkenauer bill, which would add an authorization in the Perkins bill to provide funding for new agricultural education programs in schools where agricultural education is not offered currently and for NAAE to provide a quote in support of the proposed legislation; the motion carried.

- 17. NAAE Board Representative Appointments** – Continued from Friday’s discussion, the directors decided to leave open the appointments to the National Council for Agricultural Education and the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees until the 2020 NAAE Convention pre-convention board of directors meeting.

President Parker Bane recessed the board meeting for the day at 4:19 p.m. President Bane reconvened the directors meeting on Sunday, August 30, at 8:00 a.m.

- 18. 2020 National FFA Convention** – Alissa Smith presented to the directors NAAE’s plans for the virtual national FFA convention, including NAAE’s participation in teacher workshops (30 minute pre-recorded sessions), the virtual Teach Ag expo booth, and the possibility for a virtual NAAE expo booth.
- 19. 2020 NAAE Convention and ACTE CareerTech VISION 2020** – Alissa Smith presented the draft schedule for the upcoming virtual NAAE convention, which will be delivered through a virtual meeting platform. Mary Hoffmann moved, Robin McLean seconded, to approve the draft schedule with flexibility; the motion carried.
- 20. NAAE Board Representative Reports – National FFA Organization** – Travis Bradshaw, one of two agriculture teachers who serve on the National FFA Organization Board of Directors, presented a report from the National FFA Organization Board of Directors.
- 21. NAAE Board Representative Reports – National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees** – Krista Pontius, NAAE’s representative to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, presented a report from the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.
- 22. NAAE Board Representative Report – The National Council for Agricultural Education** – Paul Larson, NAAE’s representative to The Council, presented an update on The Council.
- 23. CASE Report** – Nancy Trivette presented an update from the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education initiative.
- 24. National Teach Ag Campaign Report** – Ellen Thompson presented the National Teach Ag Campaign report, highlighted by the plans for the upcoming virtual National Teach Ag Day celebration.
- 25. NAAE Strategic Planning Committee (continued from Saturday afternoon)** – Dana Wood, full committee chair, joined the directors for a continued discussion regarding the NAAE strategic plan.
- 26. NAAE Committee Report Approvals** – Mary Hoffmann moved, Eric Tilleman seconded, to approve all board committee reports as presented on the respective committee Communities of Practice pages; the motion carried.

27. **NAAE Committee Member Changes** – Jay Jackman requested that all board committee chairs send any updates to their respective committee member rosters to him so that he can update the committee member database.
28. **Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted during this meeting, Sherisa Nailor moved, Robin McLean seconded, to adjourn; the motion carried. President Parker Bane adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.