

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Meeting
July 8-9, 2015

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board of directors meeting on July 8 and 9, 2015 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. Members of the board who were present for the meeting included: Charlie Sappington (IL), President; Terry Rieckman (SD), President Elect; Nick Nelson (OR), Region I Vice President; James Cannon (AR), Region II Vice President; Glenda Crook (WI), Region III Vice President; Scott Stone (MO), Region IV Vice President; Jason Kemp (TN), Region V Vice President; Krista Pontius (PA), Region VI Vice President; and Wm. Jay Jackman (KY), NAAE Executive Director. Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Associate Executive Director; Julie Fritsch (KY), NAAE Communications/Marketing Director; and Katie Wood (KY), NAAE Meeting Planner/Program Assistant also participated in the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

1. **Call to Order** – President Charlie Sappington called the board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Reflections and Pledge** – President Elect Terry Rieckman led the board in reflections and the Pledge to the American Flag.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Scott Stone moved, Krista Pontius seconded, to approved the agenda with flexibility. The motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Krista Pontius moved, James Cannon seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 28-March 1, 2015 NAAE board of directors meeting and the April 8, 2015 NAAE board of directors conference call. The motion carried.
5. **Board and Staff Reports** – Charlie Sappington asked each board member and staff member to present a brief report of their NAAE activities since the March 2015 NAAE Board of Directors Meeting.
6. **Executive Director Report** – Jay Jackman presented a report on the organization's financial standing, relationship with the National FFA Foundation, staff updates, and the 2016 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas.
7. **Introductions of NAAE Staff and Summer Interns** – Four summer interns were introduced to the board, including: Amy Zimmerman, University of Minnesota (professional development intern); Amanda Smith, University of Missouri (professional development intern); Shelby Cooper, University of Illinois (communications intern); and Nicki Giba, Clemson University (communications intern). The fifth NAAE summer intern, Justin Hall, Mississippi State University (advocacy intern) was in Washington, DC.

- 8. Associate Executive Director Report** – Alissa Smith began her report to the board, including updates on professional development initiatives and membership. The report was interrupted by a fire alarm in the building, but the report was completed later in the afternoon.

President Charlie Sappington recessed the board meeting for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The board and staff hosted our friends and partners from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment for lunch.

9. Committee Meetings

- a. Marketing – Krista Pontius with Wes Crawford (OR), full committee chair, joining by conference call.
- b. Member Services – Jason Kemp with Mary Hoffmann (MN), full committee chair, joining by conference call.
- c. Policy and Bylaws – James Cannon with Frank Yesalavich (NJ), full committee chair, joining by conference call.
- d. Professional Growth – Nick Nelson (full committee chair not available to join)
- e. Public Policy – Glenda Crook with Brett Brandner (FL), full committee chair, joining by conference call.
- f. Finance – Scott Stone with Zach Rada (MN), full committee chair, joining by conference call.
- g. Strategic Planning – Terry Rieckman with Kyle Hearn (FL), full committee chair, joining by conference call.

- 10. Associate Executive Director Report** (continued) – Alissa Smith continued and completed her report to the board.

- 11. Communications/Marketing Director Report** – Julie Fritsch presented her report to the board.

President Charlie Sappington recessed the board meeting for the day at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened the meeting on Thursday, July 9, at 8:32 a.m.

Thursday, July 9, 2015

- 12. 2015 National FFA Convention** – Alissa Smith and Julie Fritsch presented to the board NAAE’s plans for the national FFA convention. Alissa Smith polled the board members and recorded their needs for sleeping rooms for national FFA convention, as follows:

Charlie Sappington	10	Terry Rieckman	0	Nick Nelson	0
James Cannon	2	Glenda Crook	0	Scott Stone	0
Jason Kemp	6	Krista Pontius	0		

13. **2015 President Elect Candidates** – James Cannon and Scott Stone verified that they are running for NAAE President Elect. Both candidates already have their MOU on file. Candidates need to provide 1,000 copies of their flier or brochure to Julie Fritsch no later than October 15, 2015. Candidates will also need to provide a write-up to Julie for *NAAE News & Views*. NAAE will also notify other eligible candidates (Daryl Behel, Erica Whitmore, and Michael Harrington) of this deadline.
14. **2015 NAAE Convention** – Alissa Smith presented the draft schedule for the upcoming NAAE convention. Katie Wood discussed the hotel details; Katie will be conducting one more site visit to New Orleans. The board agreed to continue the scholarship raffle during convention with the same details as in 2014.
15. **2015 NAAE Awards Approvals** – James Cannon moved, Krista Pontius seconded, to approve the 2015 NAAE award program recipients, as presented, with additional award recipients added by staff as the awardees are identified. The motion carried.
16. **CASE Update** – Jay Jackman presented an update on the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education initiative.
17. **2015 NAAE Upper Division Scholarships Approval** – Jason Kemp moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to approve the 15 scholarship recipients as presented. The motion carried.
18. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Professional Growth Committee Report** – Nick Nelson presented the Professional Growth Committee report. Terry Rieckman moved, James Cannon seconded, to adopt the Professional Growth committee report. The motion carried.
 - b. **Public Policy Committee Report** – Glenda Crook presented the Public Policy Committee report. James Cannon moved, Jason Kemp seconded, to adopt the Public Policy committee report. The motion carried.
 - c. **Marketing Committee Report** – Krista Pontius presented the Marketing Committee report. Jason Kemp moved, Scott Stone seconded, to adopt the Marketing committee report. The motion carried.
 - d. **Member Services Committee Report** – Jason Kemp presented the Member Services Committee report. James Cannon moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to adopt the Member Services committee report. The motion carried.
19. **National Teach Ag Campaign Update** – Ellen Thompson presented an update from the National Teach Ag Campaign including the 2015 National Teach Ag Day plans.

20. Committee Reports (continued)

- e. Policy and Bylaws Committee Report** – James Cannon presented the Policy and Bylaws Committee report. Krista Pontius moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to adopt the Policy and Bylaws committee report. The motion carried.
- f. Strategic Planning Committee Report** – Terry Rieckman presented the Strategic Planning Committee report. James Cannon moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to adopt the Strategic Planning committee report. The motion carried.
- g. Finance Committee Report** – Scott Stone presented the Finance Committee report. Glenda Crook moved, Terry Rieckman seconded, to adopt the Finance committee report. The motion carried.

21. Adjournment – With no further business to be transacted during this meeting, Glenda Crook moved, Jason Kemp seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried. President Charlie Sappington adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.