The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Board members in attendance included: Scott Stone (MO), President; Nick Nelson (OR), President Elect; Chad Massar (MT), Region I Vice President; Hals Beard (LA), Region II Vice President; Glenda Crook (WI), Region III Vice President; Parker Bane (IL), Region IV Vice President; Jason Kemp (TN), Region V Vice President; Sherisa Nailor (PA), Region VI Vice President; and Wm. Jay Jackman (KY), NAAE Executive Director. Regional secretaries in attendance included: Eric Tilleman (MT), Region I Secretary; Jerrod Lundra (OK), Region II Secretary; Mary Hoffmann (MN), Region III Secretary; Deanna Thies (MO), Region IV Secretary; Stanley Scurlock (FL), Region V Secretary; and Sherisa Nailor (PA), Region VI Secretary. Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Associate Executive Director; and Katie Wood (KY), NAAE Meeting Planner/Program Assistant, also participated in portions of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**—President Scott Stone called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Reflections and Pledge to the Flag**—President Elect Nick Nelson presented reflections and led the board in the Pledge to the United States Flag.

3. **Adjustments to and Approval of the Agenda**—Hals Beard moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to approve the board meeting agenda with flexibility to change as necessary; the motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes of September 9-10, 2017 Board Meeting**—Sherisa Nailor moved, Glenda Crook seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 9-10, 2017 board meeting; the motion carried.

5. **Board and Staff Reports**—Scott Stone asked each board member and staff member to give a brief report on their NAAE activities since the September board meeting.

6. **Regional Meeting Agendas**—Scott Stone asked each board member to distribute their regional meeting agendas and to discuss any agenda items that need to be brought forward at all regional meetings.

7. **Committee Meeting Agendas/Process**—Scott Stone asked each board member to discuss any issues related to their committee agendas. It was agreed that committee session update notes and discussion bullet points would be posted to the respective committee CoP pages no later than 10:00 am Friday.

8. **Membership Reports**—The board reviewed the final 2016-17 membership report and the delegate count to be used for conducting business during this convention.

9. **Financial Reports**—The board reviewed the current financial reports including the 2016-17 Independent Audit Report and the 2016-17 final financial compilation.
10. **2017 NAAE Convention Schedule**—Jay Jackman presented instructions to the board members in relation to convention processes including distribution of awards and information during regional meetings and professional development workshop facilitation. The board reviewed all details of the 2017 NAAE Convention. The board agreed that raffle tickets would be sold for $1 per ticket or an arm’s length of tickets for $20 and cash awards to be $100 at the second general session on Thursday, $100 at the Friday luncheon, and $200 at the closing session on Saturday. Proceeds from the raffle would be contributed to the NAAE Agricultural Educator Relief Fund. The board agreed to conduct a rehearsal for officer installations immediately following the Friday luncheon.

11. **NAAE Board Representation**—

   **NAAE Representative to the National FFA Awards and Recognition Task Force:** After reviewing credentials from multiple candidates for this position, the board agreed to select Jeff Voris (MO) as a NAAE representative to the National FFA Awards and Recognition Task Force to serve a 3-year term beginning January 2018.

   **NAAE Representative to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees:** Chad Massar moved, Nick Nelson seconded, to select Krista Pontius (PA) as a NAAE representative to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees to serve a 3-year term beginning January 2018; the motion carried.

   **NAAE Representative to the National Council for Agricultural Education:** Sherisa Nailor moved, Jason Kemp seconded, to select Scott Stone (MO) as a NAAE representative to the National Council for Agricultural Education to serve a 3-year term beginning January 2018; the motion carried.

12. **Convention Staff Introductions**—Katie Wood, NAAE Meeting Planner and Program Assistant, introduced the convention staff to the board of directors.

13. **National Ag Ed Position**—Scott Stone led a discussion regarding an inquiry from NASAE and AAAE about creating a national level agricultural education position to be located in Washington, DC. Parker Bane moved, Sherisa Nailor seconded, to refer the notion of creating a national level agricultural education position to the National Council for Agricultural Education; the motion carried.

14. **NAAE Board Nominating Committee**—Hals Beard nominated Jason Kemp and Parker Bane nominated Glenda Crook for the office of NAAE president elect for 2017-18. The board also placed into nomination Nick Nelson for the office of NAAE president for 2017-18. Scott Stone will present the board nominating report at the opening general session of the 2017 NAAE Convention.

15. **NAAE Convention Board Gatherings**—It was agreed that the board would gather together for dinner at Cascades at 6:00 pm Wednesday, for lunch at Fuse at 12:00 Noon Thursday, and for officer installation rehearsal in the board suite (G6060) after the Friday luncheon.

16. **Adjournment**—With no further business to transact at this time, Jason Kemp moved, Hals Beard seconded, to adjourn. President Scott Stone adjourned the board meeting at 12:02 p.m.