

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2005

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Members of the board and others who were present for the meeting included: Jeff Maierhofer (IL), President; Allan Sulser (UT), President Elect; Kevin Fochs (MT), Region I Vice President; Dr. Bill Hunter (KS), Region II Vice President; Paul Larson (WI), Region III Vice President; Harold Eckler (MO), Region IV Vice President; Lee James (MS), Region V Vice President; Andy Seibel (VA), Region VI Vice President; Hugh Mooney (CA), Region I Secretary; Dennis Ellebracht (TX), Region II Secretary; Tom Hofmann (NE), Region III Secretary; Greg Curlin (IN), Region IV Secretary; Krista Pontius (PA), Region VI Secretary; Jay Jackman (KY), NAAE Executive Director, Samantha Alvis (KY), NAAE Associate Executive Director, and Carrie Layfield (KY), NAAE Membership Coordinator.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge**—President Jeff Maierhofer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Allan Sulser presented an invocation and led the board in the Pledge to the United States Flag. Jeff Maierhofer asked all present to introduce themselves.
2. **Adjustments to and Approval of the Agenda**—Paul Larson moved, Allan Sulser seconded, to approve the board meeting agenda with flexibility to change as necessary. The motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes of July 2005 Board Meeting**—Paul Larson moved, Kevin Fochs seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 2005 board meeting. The motion carried.
4. **Regional Reports and Committee Discussion**—Jeff Maierhofer asked each board member to give a brief report from their respective regions and to discuss their upcoming committee assignments during this convention.
5. **Membership Report and Delegate Counts**—Carrie Layfield reviewed the final membership report for the 2004-05 membership year and the delegate counts for this convention.
6. **Review of the 2005 NAAE Convention**—Samantha Alvis and Jay Jackman led the board through all of the details of the convention schedule, discussed workshop facilitators' responsibilities, and reviewed board member and regional secretary responsibilities.
7. **State Officer Roster**—The board agreed to get corrections to the state officer roster during their regional meetings and report those corrections to the NAAE staff.

8. **Distribution of Workshop Facilitator Packets**—Jeff Maierhofer distributed approximately seven workshop packets to each board member and assigned each board member the responsibility of securing a facilitator for their workshops.
9. **Financial Report**—Jay Jackman presented a report on the current financial position of NAAE. The board reviewed the 2004-05 end of year financial statement, the multi-year financial report, and the 2004-05 audit report.

Regarding NAAE contributions to the ag ed and CTE hurricane relief efforts, Kevin Fochs moved, Allan Sulser seconded, to recommend to the NAAE Finance Committee that NAAE contribute \$5,000 to the Seeds of Hope Campaign and \$5,000 to ACTE’s hurricane relief fund. Lee James moved to amend, Paul Larson seconded, to recommend that NAAE contribute \$10,000 to Seeds of Hope. The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

Andy Seibel moved, Paul Larson seconded, to recommend to the NAAE Member Services Committee that NAAE initiate a dues waver for NAAE members affected by the hurricanes. The motion carried.

Regarding the Ag Ed Opportunities Fund, the board agreed to recommend to the NAAE Finance Committee that NAAE contribute \$5,000 to the Ag Ed Opportunities Fund.

10. **Council Report**—Jeff Maierhofer and Jay Jackman presented a brief report on the activities of the National Council for Agricultural Education, including the Council Advocacy Task Force to be appointed very soon.
11. **NAAE Bylaws Amendments**—Jeff Maierhofer led the board through a discussion regarding the proposed NAAE bylaws amendments.
12. **Board Representation**—The board reviewed the board representation list. Two positions need to be filled during this board meeting – the FFA Alumni Council representative and the FFA CDE Advisory Committee representative. It was agreed that discussion on this topic would continue at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2005 during this convention.
13. **2005 FFA Convention Review**—The board members briefly discussed the NAAE activities at the 2005 National FFA Convention. No changes were suggested in NAAE’s activities for the 2006 National FFA Convention.
14. **Board Gatherings During the 2005 NAAE Convention**—It was agreed that brief board sessions would be held in the board suite on Wednesday at 10:00 p.m., Thursday at 10:00 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

The board took a lunch break at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

15. **NAAE Logo on Montana Silversmith Merchandise**—The board discussed commissioning Montana Silversmith to develop the artwork to place the NAAE logo on Montana Silversmith merchandise. The set-up fee would be a \$500 one-time cost. Kevin

Fochs moved, Paul Larson seconded, to have Montana Silversmith develop the NAAE logo to a placed on Montana Silversmith merchandise. Andy Seibel moved, Paul Larson seconded, to refer this to the NAAE Marketing Committee. The motion to refer carried.

- 16. Scholarship Fund Drawing**—The board agreed to distribute one roll of tickets to each region and that tickets would sell for \$1.00 each or \$20.00 for an arm's length of tickets. The drawing prizes would be \$100 at the second general session, \$200 at the awards luncheon, and \$300 at the closing general session.
- 17. 2005-06 Committee Consultant Assignments**—It was agreed that the following new board members would be assigned to the respective NAAE committees as board chairs and full committee consultants: Ray Nash, Member Services Committee; Tom Hofmann, Public Policy; and Sally Shomo, Marketing.
- 18. Nominating Committee Report**—Jeff Maierhofer opened the floor for nominations for 2005-06 NAAE President. Lee James nominated Allan Sulser for 2005-06 NAAE President. Jeff Maierhofer opened the floor for nominations for 2005-06 NAAE President Elect. Paul Larson nominated Lee James for 2005-06 NAAE President Elect. Lee James nominated Paul Larson for 2005-06 NAAE President. Andy Seibel moved, Dr. Bill Hunter seconded, to close board nominations. The motion carried.
- 19. Adjournment**—With no further business to transact at this time, President Jeff Maierhofer adjourned the board meeting at 2:00 p.m. The board members all moved to the general session room in the hotel to rehearse awards presentations.