

**Minutes**  
**2007 NAAE Convention—Business Sessions**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

During the opening general session of the 2007 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, NAAE President Lee James presented the report of the NAAE board nominating committee regarding the offices of 2007-08 NAAE President and President Elect. The board nominated Harold Eckler for 2007-08 NAAE President. The board nominated Kevin Fochs and Sally Shomo for 2007-08 NAAE President Elect. The delegates placed no other names in nomination during this session.

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During the second general session at the 2007 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, by general consensus, nominations were closed and these individuals were placed officially in nomination for the respective offices: Harold Eckler for 2007-08 NAAE President; and Kevin Fochs and Sally Shomo for 2007-08 NAAE President Elect.

**Saturday, December 15, 2007**

During the final session of the 2007 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, the following business was transacted.

President Lee James called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Lee James introduced Charlotte Emerson (FL) to present the invocation.

Lee James seated the official convention delegates and established the counts needed for majority and two-thirds majority votes. There were 159 official voting delegates present. For a majority, 80 votes would be needed; for a two-thirds majority, 106 votes would be needed.

Lee James appointed Andy Seibel (VA) to be parliamentarian.

Lee James announced that the Committee of Tellers would be Farah Johnson, chair (FL), Jim Rose (MT), and Brian Alexander (VA).

Lee James accepted a motion and second to cast a unanimous ballot for Harold Eckler as 2007-08 NAAE president. The motion carried.

Lee James then called for voting by ballot for 2007-08 NAAE president elect. Following the voting, the tellers were excused to count the votes.

Lee James introduced Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director, and Coleen Keffeler, ACTE President, to bring brief remarks from ACTE.

Lee James introduced Buddy Deimler, ACTE Agricultural Education Division Vice President, to bring remarks from ACTE and to conduct the ACTE Ag Ed Division business session. Buddy Deimler recognized Allan Sulser as the outgoing president of the National Council for Agricultural Education.

The NAAE board members presented the awards for Teacher Mentor, Ideas Unlimited, and Teachers Turn the Key. Mr. Terry Philips and Dr. Gordon Davis represented CEV Multimedia, Teacher Mentor sponsor, and Dave Rosenbaum represented Delmar Cengage Learning, Ideas Unlimited sponsor.

Lee James called on the committee chairs to present the reports from the seven standing committees, as follows:

**Finance**—Chairperson John Rist (SD) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Marketing**—Vice chairperson Randy Plattner (MO) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Member Services**—Chairperson Mike Wallace (WA) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Policy and Bylaws**—Chairperson Brian Wolf (ID) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Professional Growth**—Committee member Cherie Hofmann (IN) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Public Policy**—Chairperson Mark Steber (IL) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Strategic Planning**—Chairperson Matt Lewis (AZ) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

Lee James then opened the floor for other business. No unfinished or new business was presented.

Jay Jackman and Marion Fletcher, representing AAVIM, the sponsor of the retiring officer recognition, recognized the two outgoing regional vice presidents, Kevin Fochs and Sally Shomo. Both Kevin Fochs and Sally Shomo were awarded life membership in NAAE. Jay Jackman and Marion Fletcher then recognized Lee James as the outgoing president.

Lee James then recognized the outgoing regional vice presidents and regional secretaries and welcomed the new regional vice presidents and regional secretaries.

Lee James announced that Sally Shomo was elected as the 2007-08 NAAE President Elect.

Lee James then installed the 2007-08 NAAE officers, including the new president, Harold Eckler, the new president elect, Sally Shomo, and the new regional vice presidents who were Hugh Mooney, Region I Vice President, and Ken Couture, Region VI Vice President.

Newly elected president Harold Eckler then presented a retiring president's gavel and plaque to outgoing president Lee James.

NAAE President Harold Eckler delivered his inaugural address.

With no further business to transact, NAAE President Harold Eckler declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.