

**Minutes**  
**NAAE Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 2, 2008**

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Blake Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina. Members of the board and others who were present for the meeting included: Harold Eckler (MO), President; Sally Shomo (VA), President Elect; Hugh Mooney (CA), Region I Vice President; Kathy Conerly (LA), Region II Vice President; Tom Hofmann (NE), Region III Vice President; Greg Curlin (IN), Region IV Vice President; Ray Nash (MS), Region V Vice President; Ken Couture (CT), Region VI Vice President; Erica Whitmore (WA), Region I Secretary; Kevin Stacy (OK), Region II Secretary; Craig McEnany (IA), Region III Secretary; Archie Sauerheber (IN), Region IV Secretary; Farrah Johnson (FL), Region V Secretary; Mike Harrington (MD), Region VI Secretary; Jay Jackman (KY), NAAE Executive Director, and Julie Fritsch (KY), NAAE Communications/Marketing Coordinator. Also attending portions of the meeting were the 2008 NAAE Intern, Danielle Beard (LA), and the 2008 NAAE Convention staff who were aged undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Kentucky, Derek Smith, Brittany Wilkinson Ashley Schell, and Cole Cissell, and NAAE undergraduate student worker, Miranda Schack, from the University of Kentucky.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome**—President Harold Eckler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the convention staff.
- 2. Reflections and Pledge to the Flag**—Sally Shomo presented reflections and led the board in the Pledge to the United States Flag.
- 3. Adjustments to and Approval of the Agenda**—Sally Shomo moved, Greg Curlin seconded, to approve the board meeting agenda with flexibility to change as necessary. The motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of July 2008 Board Meeting**—Ray Nash moved, Kathy Conerly seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 16-18, 2008 board meeting. The motion carried.
- 5. Communications/Marketing Coordinator Report**—Julie Fritsch reported to the board on the new version of the software for Communities of Practice, the Teach Ag webpage, and the teacher recruitment booth at the national FFA convention career show.
- 6. Regional Reports**—Harold Eckler asked each board member to give a brief report from their respective regions.
- 7. Regional Meeting Agendas**—Harold Eckler asked each board member to discuss any agenda items that need to be brought forward at all regional meetings.

8. **Committee Meeting Agendas**—Harold Eckler asked each board member to discuss any issues related to their committee agendas. It was reiterated that all committee reports and bullet points for committee report presentations would be delivered to the registration desk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Harold Eckler asked committee board consultants to notify staff in advance if they wanted staff to attend committee meetings to discuss specific items.
9. **State Officer Directory**—Jay Jackman presented the current directory of state officers to the board. It was noted that some states have yet to provide to us their officer roster for 2008-09.
10. **Membership Report and Delegate Counts**—Jay Jackman reviewed the final membership report for the 2007-08 membership year and the delegate counts for this convention.
11. **Review of the 2008 NAAE Convention**—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.

**Scholarship Fundraiser** – It was agreed that for the scholarship fundraiser, tickets would be sold for one ticket for \$1 or an arms-length of tickets for \$20 and the prizes would be \$100 at the second general session, \$100 at the luncheon, and \$200 at the closing session.

*Harold Eckler recessed the board meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Board members reported back to the board room to continue the board meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

12. **National FFA Convention**—The NAAE board commended the staff for the excellent booth that NAAE had at the 2008 National FFA Convention Career Show.
13. **Financial Reports**—Jay Jackman led the board through the discussion of the financial reports to include the 2007-08 audit report, the current compilation, the multi-year operating budget, and the 2008-09 budget and explanatory notes.
14. **Update on Program of Activities**—Jay Jackman presented the updated NAAE Program of Activities to the board. The board received the complete Program of Activities and the board committee consultants received copies of the Program of Activities for their respective committees.
15. **National Council Report**—Harold Eckler, Sally Shomo, and Jay Jackman updated the board on the activities of the National Council for Agricultural Education.
16. **Nominating Committee Report**—Harold Eckler opened the floor for nominations for 2008-09 NAAE President. Ray Nash nominated Sally Shomo for 2008-09 NAAE President. Harold Eckler opened the floor for nominations for 2008-09 NAAE President Elect. Tom Hofmann nominated Ray Nash for 2008-09 NAAE President Elect. Kathy Conerly moved, Ken Couture seconded, to close board nominations. The motion carried.

- 17. Board Representation**—Kathy Conerly moved, Ray Nash seconded, to appoint David Black (KY) as NAAE representative to the National FFA Alumni Council. The motion carried.

The board reviewed three nominees for NAAE representative to the National FFA CDE Advisory Committee. Using ballots, Jeff Voss (MN) was selected to be the NAAE representative to the National FFA CDE Advisory Committee.

- 18. Convention Board Gatherings**—It was agreed that the board would meet again informally on Friday, December 5 in the general session ballroom to review the officer installation ceremony.

- 19. Adjourn**—With no further business to transact at this time, President Harold Eckler adjourned the board meeting at 2:50 p.m.

*The board members were to reconvene in the general session ballroom at the Blake Hotel to rehearse for the awards presentations at 3:00 p.m.*