

**Minutes**  
**NAAE Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 21, 2009**

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a post-convention board meeting on November 21, 2009 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Board members and others in attendance included: Ray Nash (MS), President; Greg Curlin (IN), President Elect; Hugh Mooney (CA), Region I Vice President; Kevin Stacy (OK), Region II Vice President; Craig McEnany (IA), Region III Vice President; Charlie Sappington (IL), Region IV Vice President; Farrah Johnson (FL), Region V Vice President; and Ken Couture (CT), Region VI Vice President; Erica Whitmore (ID), Region I Secretary; Barb Lemmer (IA), Region III Secretary; Archie Sauerheber (IN), Region IV Secretary; Daryl Behel (MS), Region V Secretary; and Michael Harrington (MD), Region VI Secretary. NAAE staff members Jay Jackman, Alissa Smith, and Julie Fritsch were also present.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order by New President**—President Ray Nash called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Seating of New Board Members**—Ray Nash seated Greg Curlin (IN) as the newly elected NAAE president elect, Kevin Stacy (OK) as the new Region II Vice President, and Charlie Sappington (IL) as the new Region IV Vice President.
3. **Comments from the Outgoing NAAE President**—Sally Shomo encouraged the new board for a great new year and presented thank you gifts to the board members.
4. **Comments from the Outgoing Regional Vice Presidents**—Kathy Conerly and Greg Curlin each thanked the board for their support during their 3-year terms. Greg expressed his excitement upon becoming president elect.
5. **Winter Board Meeting**—The board agreed to meet February 12 and 13, 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky. February 11 will be the day to travel in to Lexington. The board meeting will end mid-afternoon on February 13. Board members may depart the afternoon (after 4:00 p.m.) of February 13 or stay in Lexington until February 14.
6. **National FFA Foundation Reorganization**—Given that the NAAE Public Policy committee recommended that the executive director of the National FFA Foundation be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board of trustees, Craig McEnany moved, Ken Couture seconded, that the NAAE board communicate to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees that, in the reorganization of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, the executive director of the National FFA Foundation be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board of trustees. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Postsecondary Agriculture Student (PAS) Organization Agricultural Education CPA**—Hugh Mooney moved, Greg Curlin seconded, that the NAAE commit to be the coordinator of the PAS Ag Ed CPA beginning in 2010. The motion carried. Ken Couture moved, Charlie Sappington seconded, that the NAAE allocate \$3,000 in the 2010-11

budget and the 2011-12 budget to be the “back-up” sponsor of the PAS Ag Ed CPA. The motion carried. (Note that as back-up sponsor, NAAE will incur this expense only if PAS does not secure a corporate sponsor for the event.)

8. **GMAC “SmartEdge” Program**—The National FFA Foundation has approached NAAE with the opportunity to coordinate the GMAC “SmartEdge” program with the potential to generate \$120,000 (less the 18 percent FFA Foundation general fund). The “SmartEdge” program consists of instructional materials in the area of consumer credit and budgeting. GMAC requests that NAAE have members teach these materials to their students in exchange for sponsorship dollars the NAAE may use at its discretion. The board members expressed interest in the program and asked Jay Jackman to gather more information on this program and report back to the board.
9. **Ray’s Challenge**—New NAAE president, Ray Nash, challenged the NAAE board members to be thinking about ways NAAE can encourage/recruit agricultural educators into leadership positions to serve the agricultural education profession. Examples included ways to incentivize teachers to serve, inform administrators of the importance of service to professional organizations, and to consider other ways to accomplish this. Ray requested that ideas be brought to the February 2010 board meeting so action can be taken to address the need of leadership development.
10. **Regional Meetings**—The board briefly discussed the schedule for the NAAE regional meetings in 2010. Meeting assignments for the president, president elect, and staff will be made at the February 2010 board meeting.
11. **Monthly Regional Vice President Communications**—It was agreed that the board members would communicate with their respective state leaders at least once per month. Alissa Smith will send bullet points for these monthly communiqués.
12. **NAAE News & Views and Board Members Blogs**—Julie Fritsch visited with board members about their responsibilities in writing *News & Views* articles and contributing to their blogs on Communities of Practice.
13. **ACTE National Policy Seminar**—The ACTE National Policy Seminar (NPS) will include an ag ed strand again this year. The NPS will be March 8-10, 2010 in Arlington, Virginia. NAAE will reimburse the travel expenses for board members who wish to participate in the NPS.
14. **H.Res. 886 – National Teach Ag Day Resolution**—Ray Nash and Jay Jackman reported that Congressman Travis Childers has filed a resolution with the U.S. House of Representatives recognizing support for National Teach Ag Day, February 25, 2010. Jay will be posting more information on the NAAE Legislative Action Center asking NAAE members to secure their members of Congress as co-sponsors for this resolution.
15. **2009 NAAE Convention Committee Reports**—Julie Fritsch reported that the committee reports from the 2009 NAAE Convention are already posted on the NAAE website for any member to review.

- 16. Logistics**—Jay Jackman reviewed some logistics information with the board members including travel vouchers, business cards, letterhead and envelopes, and board/staff relations.
- 17. Convention Thank You Communiqués**—Ray Nash encouraged all board members to send thank you letters or cards to all NAAE sponsors and to the students who helped with convention this year. NAAE staff will forward sponsors' and students' contact information to the board members in electronic format.
- 18. NAAE Positions on other Ag Ed Related Boards**—Jay Jackman reported that, based on the voting of the NAAE board members, the three NAAE nominees for the FFA Board of Directors position are Bill Davenport, CT, Alice DuBois, LA, and Tara Berescik, NY. NAAE board members are to bring their nominees for the 2-year postsecondary instructor position on the National Council for Agricultural Education to the February 2010 NAAE board meeting.
- 19. NAAE Board Committee Responsibilities**—Ray Nash appointed Kevin Stacy as board chair and full committee consultant to the NAAE Policy and Bylaws committee. Ray Nash appointed Charlie Sappington as board chair and full committee consultant to the NAAE Finance committee. Ray Nash encouraged all board members to become very familiar with NAAE documents including the strategic plan, program of activities, and leadership handbook.
- 20. Adjournment**—With no further official business to be transacted, Charlie Sappington moved, Craig McEnany seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried. Ray Nash adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.