

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Conference Call
January 27, 2011

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a conference call on January 27, 2011. Members of the board who were present for the conference call included: Greg Curlin (IN), President; Ken Couture (CT), President Elect; Kevin Stacey (OK), Region II Vice President; Craig McEnany (IA), Region III Vice President; Farrah Johnson (FL), Region V Vice President; Mike Harrington (MD), Region VI Vice President; and Dr. Wm. Jay Jackman (KY), Executive Director. NAAE staff members present included Alissa Smith, Associate Executive Director. The minutes of the conference call are as follows:

- 1. Call to Order** – President Greg Curlin called the conference call board meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- 2. Approval of 2011 NAAE Award Applications** – Craig McEnany moved, Farrah Johnson seconded, to approve the 2011 NAAE awards applications. The motion carried. It was agreed to add to the applications a check-box for states to approve the dates upon which NAAE would release press releases regarding award recipients.
- 3. NAAE 2011 Summer Board Meeting** – It was agreed that the 2011 NAAE summer board of directors meeting would be the week on July 18-23, 2011 in Little Rock, Arkansas, in conjunction with the National FFA Alumni Association’s Alumni Development Conference. Exact dates to be determined. (It was noted that Kevin Stacey cannot do July 16 and Farrah Johnson cannot do July 22-23.)
- 4. National Teach Ag Day** – National Teach Ag Day will be March 24. The date was to be during National Ag Week; however, the National Ag Week dates were changed after the National Teach Ag Day was set.
- 5. National Council for Agricultural Education Restructuring** – The Council has passed the bylaws revision which restructures the Council board of directors. Beginning, July 1, 2011, NAAE will have one representative to the Council serving a 3-year term. NAAE will need to decide how to fill the NAAE representative position. Since Ray Nash is currently president of the Council, it is anticipated that he will be appointed to serve an additional 1-year term through June 30, 2012; then, the new 3-year NAAE term will begin on July 1, 2012.
- 6. U.S. Department of Education Ag Ed Staff Positions** – The U.S. Department of Education has stated that it will meet the minimum requirements for FFA staffing as set forth in the federal charter for the National FFA Organization. As of now, the department has temporarily filled the positions with Dr. Steve Brown serving as National FFA Advisor and Chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors; Mr. Charles Brown is serving temporarily as the National FFA Executive Secretary. These are interim appointments; it is unclear when the department will make permanent assignments. The department has made it very clear that no department staff person will serve as president, or in any other position, of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. Dr. Dwight Armstrong continues to negotiate these decisions with the department. The Council’s committee regarding the positions continues to work on the issues as well.

- 7. U.S. Department of Agriculture Memorandum of Understanding** – The National FFA Organization, the National FFA Foundation, and the National Council for Agricultural Education have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The MOU establishes a general framework for cooperation among the FFA, FFA Foundation, The Council, and USDA.
- 8. Regional Meeting Coordination** – President Greg Curlin encouraged all regional vice presidents to coordinate the planning and implementation of their regional meetings with the host states. Early promotion of the regional meetings will be necessary given the current budget constraints on local schools and state associations.
- 9. Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted during this conference call, Kevin Stacey moved, Ken Couture seconded, to adjourn. President Greg Curlin adjourned the call at 3:36 p.m.