

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Conference Call
April 12, 2011

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a conference call on April 12, 2011. Members of the board who were present for the conference call included: Greg Curlin (IN), President; Ken Couture (CT), President Elect; Erica Whitmore (WA), Region I Vice President; Kevin Stacey (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; 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, Julie Fritsch, Communications/Marketing Coordinator, and Miranda Chaplin, Meeting Planner. In addition, Kent Schescke, National FFA Organization, Landan Schaffert, National FFA Officer, and Shannon Norris, National FFA Officer, participated in part of the call. 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 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2011 Board Conference Call and March 5-6, 2011 Board Meeting** – Mike Harrington moved, Craig McEnany seconded, to approve the minutes of January 27, 2011 board conference call and March 5-6, 2011 board meeting. The motion carried.
3. **Secretary’s Farm Bill Challenge** – Kent Schescke, Landan Schaffert, and Shannon Norris updated the NAAE board members on the USDA Secretary’s Farm Bill Challenge.
4. **Membership Report** – Alissa Smith updated the board on the current membership status.
5. **Communities of Practice and National Teach Ag Campaign Report** – Julie Fritsch updated the board on Communities of Practice and the National Teach Ag Campaign, especially National Teach Ag Day.
6. **Regional Meeting Preparations** – Miranda Chaplin updated the board members on procedures for scheduling travel and logistics for regional meetings. Ken Couture reported that he and Jay Jackman will be finalizing the committee meeting priorities for regional meetings and sending that out to everyone. Erica Whitmore asked for an update on the U.S. Department of Education FFA positions to be presented at her regional meeting. Farrah Johnson asked about the status of LPS staff attending regional meetings.
7. **2011 Summer Board Meeting** – It was agreed that the dates for the 2011 summer NAAE board meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas will be July 20 (full day) and 21 (half day), with travel in on July 19 and travel out on July 21 (departing flights at 1:30 p.m or later). Miranda Chaplin will coordinate travel and logistics for the board and staff.

Charlie Sappington moved, Farrah Johnson seconded, for NAAE to cover the expenses for up to four board members to attend and participate fully in the National FFA Alumni Development Conference. The motion carried.

- 8. 2011-12 Budget Approval** – Charlie Sappington moved, Erica Whitmore seconded, to approve the 2011-12 NAAE budget. The motion carried.
- 9. Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted during this conference call, Ken Couture moved, Craig McEnany seconded, to adjourn. President Greg Curlin adjourned the call at 7:08 p.m.