

**Minutes**  
**2011 NAAE Convention—Business Sessions**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2011**

During the opening general session of the 2011 NAAE Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, NAAE President Greg Curlin presented the report of the NAAE board nominating committee regarding the offices of 2011-12 NAAE President and President Elect. The board nominated Ken Couture for 2011-12 NAAE President. The board nominated Craig McEnany and Farrah Johnson for 2011-12 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 2011 NAAE Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, by general consensus, nominations were closed and these individuals were placed officially in nomination for the respective offices: Ken Couture for 2011-12 NAAE President and Craig McEnany and Farrah Johnson for 2011-12 NAAE President Elect.

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**

During the final session of the 2011 NAAE Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, the following business was transacted.

President Greg Curlin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Greg Curlin introduced James Cannon (AR) to present the invocation.

Greg Curlin seated the official convention delegates and established the counts needed for majority and two-thirds majority votes. There were 144 official voting delegates present. For a majority, 73 votes would be needed; for a two-thirds majority, 97 votes would be needed.

Greg Curlin appointed Travis Scherer (IN) to be parliamentarian. Greg Curlin announced that the Committee of Tellers would be Scott Johnson, chair (IN); Tera Harlow (CT); Eric Weave (IA); and Erin Johnson (FL).

Greg Curlin conducted the voting for the office of NAAE president and NAAE president elect.

Greg Curlin introduced Jeff Maierhofer, ACTE Agricultural Education Division Vice President, to bring remarks from ACTE and to conduct any needed business for the ACTE Ag Ed Division. Jeff then introduced Dr. Gary Moore, ACTE Past President, Jim Comer, ACTE President, and Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director, to bring remarks from ACTE. Greg Curlin presented to Jim Comer a \$1,000 check from NAAE to the ACTE CTE Support Fund to acknowledge ACTE's outstanding contributions to school-based agricultural education and NAAE.

Greg Curlin next introduced Ray Nash, President of The National Council for Agricultural Education. Ray presented a brief report from The Council and then recognized Greg Curlin and Ken Couture for their service as Council directors.

The NAAE board members presented the awards for Teacher Mentor (sponsored by CEV Multimedia), Ideas Unlimited (sponsored by Delmar Cengage Learning), and Teachers Turn the Key (sponsored by Dodge, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation).

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

**Finance**—Chairperson Jeff Bash (IL) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Marketing**—Chairperson Deb Seibert (PA) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Policy and Bylaws**—Chairperson Frank Yesalavich (NJ) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Bylaws Amendment Proposal**—Frank Yesalavich (NJ) moved, Neil Pearson (MN) seconded, to amend the NAAE Bylaws by striking the following:

Article III. Membership

Sec. 4. Annual Dues

- (a) Active and direct active membership dues shall be \$60.00 annually.
- (b) Associate and retired membership dues shall be \$35.00 annually.
- (c) Student membership dues shall be \$10.00 annually.
- (d) Organizational/Business membership dues shall be \$750.00 annually.

and adding the following:

Article III. Membership

Sec. 4. Annual Dues

The dues of the organization shall be set and approved by the delegates for the membership. Changing membership dues of active, direct active, associate, retired, student, and organizational/business members requires a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates at the annual meeting. Notification, in writing, of dues change intent must be received by state leadership 30 days prior to convention.

Parker Bane (IL) moved to amend, Jon Wilson (MO) seconded, to strike “30 days prior to convention” and insert “60 days prior to convention.” The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried. (106 delegates voted yes; 0 delegates voted no.)

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

**Professional Growth**—Chairperson Heather Obert (IL) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Public Policy**—Chairperson Terry Hughes (NY) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

**Strategic Planning**—Chairperson David Kruse (WI) presented the report and moved for acceptance of the report. The second to the motion was implied. The motion carried.

Greg Curlin then opened the floor for other business. No unfinished or new business was presented.

Jay Jackman, representing AAVIM, the sponsor of the retiring officer recognition, recognized the two outgoing regional vice presidents, Craig McEnany and Farrah Johnson. Both Craig McEnany and Farrah Johnson were awarded life membership in NAAE. Jay Jackman then recognized Greg Curlin as the outgoing president.

Greg Curlin then recognized the outgoing regional vice presidents and regional secretaries and welcomed the new regional vice presidents and regional secretaries.

Greg Curlin then installed the 2011-12 NAAE officers, including the new president, Ken Couture, the new president elect, Farrah Johnson, and the new regional vice presidents who were Terry Rieckman, Region III Vice President, and Daryl Behel, Region V Vice President.

Newly elected president Ken Couture then presented a retiring president's gavel and plaque to outgoing president Greg Curlin.

NAAE President Ken Couture delivered his inaugural address.

With no further business to transact, NAAE President Ken Couture declared the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.