

Minutes
2015 NAAE Convention—Business Sessions
New Orleans, Louisiana

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

During the opening general session of the 2015 NAAE Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, NAAE President Charlie Sappington presented the report of the NAAE board nominating committee regarding the offices of 2015-16 NAAE President and President Elect. The board nominated Terry Rieckman for 2015-16 NAAE President. The board nominated James Cannon, Scott Stone, and Daryl Behel for 2015-16 NAAE President Elect. The delegates placed no other names in nomination during this session.

Thursday, November 19, 2015

During the second general session at the 2015 NAAE Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Thursday, November 19, 2015, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to close nominations and to officially enter these individuals into nomination for the respective offices: Terry Rieckman for 2015-16 NAAE President and James Cannon, Scott Stone, and Daryl Behel for 2015-16 NAAE President Elect.

Saturday, November 21, 2015

During the final session of the 2015 NAAE Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Saturday, November 21, 2015, the following business was transacted.

President Charlie Sappington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Charlie Sappington introduced Hals Beard (LA) to present reflections.

Charlie Sappington seated the official convention delegates and established the counts needed for majority and two-thirds majority votes. There were 174 official voting delegates present. For a majority, 88 votes would be needed; for a two-thirds majority, 116 votes would be needed.

Charlie Sappington appointed Dr. Daniel Foster (PA) to be parliamentarian. Charlie Sappington announced that the Committee of Tellers would be John Edgar, chair (IL); Lori Christensen (SD); Cacey Beavers (AR); Jonathan Hoer (MO); and Farrah Johnson (FL).

Charlie Sappington conducted the voting for the office of NAAE president elect.

Kelly Keller (SD) moved, Tara Berescik (NY) seconded, to cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Rieckman, 2015-16 NAAE President; the motion carried.

Charlie Sappington introduced Buzz Sierke, Gothic Arch Greenhouses, to bring sponsor remarks.

Charlie Sappington introduced Lorri Carlile, ACTE president elect, to bring remarks from ACTE.

Charlie Sappington introduced Ellen Thompson, National Teach Ag Campaign Director, to deliver an update on the activities of the National Teach Ag Campaign.

Charlie Sappington introduced Deb Seibert, NAAE Representative on the National Council for Agricultural Education, to deliver an update on the activities of The Council.

The NAAE board members presented the awards for Ideas Unlimited (sponsored by National Geographic Learning/Cengage Learning and represented by Nicole Robinson) and Teachers Turn the Key (sponsored by RAM, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation) and represented by Sam LeBlanc from RAM Advocate.

Charlie Sappington called on the committee chairs to present the updates from the seven standing committees, as follows:

Finance—Zach Rada (MN) presented the update.

Marketing—Wes Crawford (OR) presented the update.

Member Services—Mary Hoffmann (MN) presented the update.

Policy and Bylaws—Frank Yesalavich (NJ) presented the update.

Professional Growth—Roger King (WI) presented the update.

Public Policy—Linda Sattler (WI) presented the update.

Strategic Planning—Stephanie Jolliff (IN) presented the update.

Charlie Sappington then opened the floor for other business. There was no other business presented for consideration.

Jay Jackman recognized the two outgoing regional vice presidents, James Cannon and Scott Stone, and their spouses. Both James Cannon and Scott Stone were awarded life membership in NAAE and presented an appreciation plaque.

Jay Jackman recognized Charlie Sappington, and his family, as the outgoing president. Jay presented Charlie an outgoing president plaque. Charlie then delivered his outgoing president remarks.

Charlie Sappington then recognized the outgoing regional vice presidents and regional secretaries and welcomed the new regional vice presidents and regional secretaries.

Charlie Sappington announced the results of the voting for NAAE president elect. Scott Stone (MO) was elected 2015-16 NAAE President Elect.

Charlie Sappington then installed the 2015-16 NAAE officers, including the new president, Terry Rieckman (SD), the new president elect, Scott Stone (MO), and the new regional vice presidents who were Hals Beard (LA), Region II Vice President, and Parker Bane (IL), Region IV Vice President.

Newly elected president Terry Rieckman then presented to Charlie Sappington a retiring president's gavel, a commemorative Montana Silversmith retiring president belt buckle, and a plaque for the school system to recognize Charlie's years of service to NAAE.

NAAE President Terry Rieckman delivered his inaugural remarks.

With no further business to transact, NAAE President Terry Rieckman declared the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.