

Joint Board meeting of NAFBAS and NFRBMEA

Fargo ND ♦ June 13, 2010

Those in attendance: Bob Rhea, Mike Harer, Virgil Dagman, Jay M. Olson, Doug Wertish, James Kurtz, Al Graner, Mike Schmitz, Dan Hoffman, Rick Morgan, Rush Midkiff, Paul Gorman, Anthony Barrett, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, Jim Huschka, Tom Weygandt, Jay D. Olsen

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. James Kurtz was appointed as Meeting Chair and Jay D. Olsen as Secretary. The agenda was followed with no changes.

Minutes of the Fall Joint Board meeting were read by Deb Pike. Motion to accept minutes by Wayne Pike. Second by Anthony Barrett, motion passed.

James Kurtz reviewed the MOU for conference sponsorship. Wayne Pike indicated that NFRBMEA is in favor of continuing, James Kurtz also indicated NAFBAS is favor of continuing the partnership. Discussion centered on whether to limit the agreement to only three years, or to make it permanent. A motion was made by Jay M. Olson to renew the MOU for 2012, 2013, and 2014; second by Jim Huschka, motion passed. Tom Weygandt will update the MOU document and have it available for signing before the conference ends.

Annual Conferences Items:

Discussion on Conference Treasurer ensued; Doug Wertish indicated that he was willing to serve as Conference Treasurer for the next year. Rush Midkiff moved to appoint Doug Wertish as Conference Treasurer; second by Al Graner, motion passed.

Rick Morgan reviewed conference planning; Rick reported that the Holiday Inn has been great to work with; also Sandy Osborne from NDSU has done a great job reporting numbers to hotel as received from CFFM registration, making name tags, and organizing the registration process. He reported that tour numbers have worked out well for buses for the various tours.

Rush Midkiff reported on the 2011 Conference. The dates will be June 12 – 16, with the Sheraton hotel as the venue. Possible conference topics include: estate planning, health care, and precision ag. James Kurtz invited suggestions for other possible conference topics. NAFBAS will be the lead in planning this conference.

The 2012 Conference location is open for recommendation and NFRBMEA will take the lead in planning this conference. The 2013 Conference will be in Michigan with NAFBAS in the lead for planning.

James Kurtz asked for volunteers to serve on a planning committee for 2012. Wayne Pike, Rick Morgan, Jim Huschka and Rush Midkiff volunteered.

The Conference refund policy was discussed. Doug Wertish moved to charge a \$25.00 handling fee for all cancellations prior to two weeks before the conference; other cancellations occurring after the two-week limit will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the conference planning committee. The motion was seconded by Anthony Barrett; motion passed.

Committee reports:

USDA Activities: Bob Rhea reported that there is a joint committee that meets at each conference and consists of two from each group. They would be meeting on Tuesday morning at breakfast. Jay M. Olson and Jim Kelm from NFRBMEA were appointed by Wayne Pike to participate.

Technology/Resource: The committee will meet Tuesday afternoon. NAFBAS doesn't have anyone from their group here at the conference. NFRBMEA is working to revive their Resource Committee.

Fundraising/Sponsors: John Hobert will continue for one more year and will meet with NAFBAS committee members during the conference.

Analysis Database: The committee will meet Monday during lunch. Wayne Pike will appoint two from NFRBMEA to be on the committee.

IABME: Tom Weygandt reported that they are finishing the second year and have one more year of Bremer Grant funds. They are looking to continue into a fourth year with carryover funds from the past three years. Tom indicated that 13 instructors were enrolled in the Institute, and nine will attend the conference. Wisconsin has had a very active group of beginning career instructors. Tom reminded the joint boards that IABME is sponsor for the conference with a \$4,000 contribution. He indicated that webinar seminars continue to be successful, and that two regional group meetings were held this past year. IABME future plans include continuation of the webinars, sponsorship of the conference, and planning of regional meetings in areas where bordering states may join together. Funding continues to be a priority, and they will plan to apply for the Beginning Farmer/Rancher Grant at the next grant RFA; they will also look for more partnerships with other states and NAFBAS.

Farm Bill Initiatives, Grants, Educational Opportunities: Jay M. Olson indicated that discussion is beginning to take place on the new farm bill. He reported that grants are continuing to be sought and he invited anyone with information for funding possibilities to let him know of those opportunities.

Brainstorming ideas for other activities to meet our user's needs were invited. Tom Weygandt indicated that Ohio may be a possibility for organizing a Farm Management Association; he will visit with Bob Rhea about the process for organizing a Farm Management Association. Everyone recognizes that the challenge remains to keep strong programs going for the next 20 years.

Fall meeting discussion:

Both NAFBAS and NFRBMEA groups feel that there is no need to have the fall meeting at the 2011 conference site. Jay D. Olsen moved to have the fall board meeting in St. Paul (UMN) Sept 27 – 28 2010. Motion seconded by Wayne Pike; passed.

Motion to adjourn by Anthony Barrett; motion passed. meeting adjourned, 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay D. Olsen

Appointed Secretary for Joint Board meeting