

***National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association
Pre-Conference Board Meeting
June 8, 2003***

President Jim Kelm called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM at the International Inn in Minot, North Dakota on Sunday, June 8, 2003. Members present were Jim Kelm, Edmund Ruff, Al Graner, Jay Olson, Laurie Morris, Debra Pike, Wayne Pike, Tom Weygandt, Ira Beckman, Gary Thome, the National Council for Agricultural Education Adult Representative, John Caster and Rich Baumann.

Bob Rhea was introduced as the Executive Director of the National Association of Farm Business Analysis Specialists or NAFBAS.

The secretary's report of the 2003 Spring Conference Call meeting was distributed. Ira moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Al seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rich Baumann distributed a treasurer's report as of 6-6-03. Cash on hand was reported to be \$16,579.21 and an account receivable of \$1000.00 for North Dakota Seed Money. Jay moved to approve the report as distributed. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rich presented a 2002-2003 comparison of budgeted and actual revenue and expenditures. The budget for the current 2003-2004 budget and a proposed budget for the 2004-2005 year was also presented.

The meeting was briefly recessed for breakfast.

Bob Rhea, NAFBAS Executive Director, presented a summary of activities and history of that organization. After a period of exchange of information comparing the scope and responsibilities of NFRBMEA and NAFBAS, it was decided that further cooperative efforts or alliances might be investigated. Areas of cooperation might include conference development and hosting, professional development, as well as other possible activities. Bob Rhea will meet with the NAFBAS board to set up a time for a conference call with a committee from our organization yet this week. A committee consisting of interested persons from the Board of Directors and John Caster's Industry Relations Committee will be formed to make this conference call.

Possible alliances with ASAC, American Society of Agricultural Consultants, and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and other organizations were discussed.

Gary Thome reported that the National Pork Board meeting would be held in Des Moines on September 17-19.

Ira presented and reviewed the 2003 Annual Report.

The business meeting agenda was reviewed, with possible changes.

Ed Ruff reported that the 2004 Conference would be held at the Howard Johnson Antiqua Bay Resort and Conference Center at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The theme for the conference will focus on the interface between production agriculture and environmental advocacy. Further planning will be developed later this month.

A possible relationship with the National Council on Agricultural Education was discussed.

Possible sites for the 2005 conference and possible coordination with NAFBAS for the 2006 conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska were discussed. The 2005 NAFBAS conference will be held in Washington D.C. and their 2004 conference will be in Wichita, Kansas.

Distinguished Service Awards were discussed.

The Roll Call of States was discussed. A slightly more detailed presentation will be attempted for the next conference to include the introduction of First Timers and special guests as well as special activities from each state. An attempt will be made to tabulate the number of farms served by each state.

John Caster reported on the activities of the Industry Relations Committee. John suggested that it is now the time to become more aggressive in securing industry sponsorships. Sponsorship of specific activities such as publication of the Nuts and Bolts, industry internships, and the formation of a National Institute, as well as other activities were discussed.

The membership committee was discussed. The development of a directory of contact persons and new instructors by state was discussed.

Tom reported that the Instructor Standards committee had not met.

Rich continued with suggestions for the proposed 2004-2005 budget. The expenditure of \$3,000 for committees (Recruitment and Retention) will be maintained and \$1,700 will be added for expenses related to membership on the National Council for Agricultural Education. Conference profit projections will be held to \$2,000. Revenue from contributions and donations will increase to balance the budget.

Ira Beckman moved that it be recorded that the Board has discussed and generally agreed that the NFRBMEA is in compliance with the requirements of a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Jay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A John Hest memorial and memorials for other members was discussed. A moment of remembrance will be observed at the business meeting.

Jay moved to adjourn the meeting. Ira seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM on June 8, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay M. Olson, Secretary