

***National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association
Annual Business Meeting
June 7 & 10, 2004***

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

1. Call to Order: by President Tom Weygandt at 12:48 p.m.
2. Changes to the agenda: A few changes were announced. Item 16 was moved to 7A. Items 12 and 13 were reversed.
3. Secretary's Report: Charles Duell presented the minutes from the previous meeting in Minot, and reported that as of 12:00 p.m. there were 73 members present, 47 spouses and children, and we had representation from 13 states. Al Graner moved to accept the secretary's report. Ron VanNurden seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Roll Call of States: Charles Duell conducted the roll call of states. Representatives from 12 states gave a verbal report.
5. Membership Secretary's Report: Wayne Pike gave the membership report. There are 184 members from 17 states. Wayne stressed that we need current and up-to-date address and email information, and he will be circulating the membership roster for people to double-check. Larry Klingbeil moved to accept Wayne's report, Norm Bohmbach seconded. Motion passed.
6. Recognition of Members:
 - a. Past Distinguished Service Award recipients present at the meeting: Harold Swanson, Allen Graner, Pat Keith, Jim Kelm, Wayne Pike, Deb Pike, John Caster, Vic Richardson, Laurie Morris, John Murray, Wally Hoffman, Ken Hilton.
 - b. Recent retirees: Tom also listed the persons who have retired in the last 12 months:
 - c. Announcement of discontinued programs:
 - d. Clifford Vrieze from Minnesota was named the ACTE educator of the year.
7. Introduction of Paul Larson, NAAE Region III Vice President, from Freedom, Wisconsin. Paul remarked on the need to have a larger and stronger voice for ag education. He mentioned the need to check the www.naae.com web site

frequently for updated information.

- 7a. National Council Report: Gary Thome gave a report from his membership on the National Council for Agriculture Education. Request of information that should be included in an ag education annual report. The Council will try to put out an annual report.
 8. Introduction of Bob Rhea, NAFBAS. Bob was not present; will be introduced at the Thursday meeting.
 9. Nominating Committee Report: Jim Kelm presented the nominating committee report. Jim introduced a slate of three: For secretary, Charles Duell, for treasurer, John Woodford, and for president-elect, Tim Holtquist. Al Graner, accepted, Second by Larry Klingbeil. Keith Torgersen moved to cast unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Seconded by Ira Beckman. Motion passed.
 10. Bylaws Committee Report: Tom explained the bylaw changes requested by the Board. Hearing no objection to dealing with the entire slate of changes as a whole, Tom asked for vote to accept the proposed bylaw changes by a show of hands. The bylaw changes passed unanimously.
 11. Treasurer's Report: Rich Baumann gave the treasurer's report and the budget for 05-06. Discussion and questions about the proposed budget. Following the presentation of the budget, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. The meeting will reconvene on Thursday.
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Reconvened. Rich Baumann presented the budget again on the screen. Rich moved to accept the report, Pat Harrington seconded. Discussion ensued. Pat Harrington moved, Norm Bohmbach seconded, to amend the budget to change the "from contributions" line to "from cash reserve" with the rationale being that the organization should be operating from the cash reserves and replenishing it with contributions. Previous question call by Ron VanNurden. Amendment passed. The motion to accept the committee report, as amended, passed.

12. Historian's report: Laurie gave the annual historian's report in the form of a PowerPoint slide show.
13. Nuts and Bolts Report. Wayne and Deb gave the report. 15 printed copies, 274 Jay Olson moved, Tim Holtquist seconded motion. Motion passed.
14. Web site report: 9064 hits. Two job postings on the site. Deb announced that the board decided at the spring meeting not to post individual members email addresses. If you want to contact any of any member, email Deb and she will get you in contact with the member. Keith Torgeson, moved, Ira Beckman seconded motion to accept. Motion passed.

15. Distinguished Service Awards: Presented to Ira Beckman, Bob Bollesen. Ron Dvergsten will present the distinguished service award to Bob at a later date. Another distinguished service award was presented to Dr. Richard Joerger. Rich Baumann will present the Distinguished Service award to George Spengler.

16. Committee Reports:

a. Treasurer's Report:

Vic Richardson gave the audit report. Paul moved, Ron Vanurden seconded, to accept the audit report. Motion passed.

b. Past Presidents:

Jim Kelm reported on the past presidents meeting and gave short report, mentioning that there was discussion about the budget.

c. NAFBAS Report:

Jim explained the board's involvement with NAFBAS to see if it makes sense to have a joint conference.

Jim moved to hold the 06 conference jointly with NAFBAS in Omaha. Ron seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

d. Industry Relations/Alliances:

John Caster reported that there is a list of potential donors and that the next step is to contact the organization. Land-O-Lakes, AgStar, Cenex Harvest States given as examples. John stressed that the key is that someone in the membership knows who to contact to get an inside track to the organization.

Motion arising from the report: Pat Harrington moved, Ron Dvergsten seconded a motion that each member of the board be responsible for contacting and following through a major contribution lead, whether the answer is a yes or a no. Motion passed.

e. Resources Committee: Ron VanNurden gave the resources committee report. The committee is requesting input from the membership to forward documents, links, and curriculum materials to Charles Duell, who will assemble the information for the resources web page. Ron also called for volunteers to serve on the committee or to review the resources for the web page.

Ron Dvergsten moved, Paul Gorman seconded a motion to accept the entire group of standing committee reports.

17. New business: Mission Statement: Wayne Pike gave a report on the mission statement. Wayne moved, Paul Gorman seconded the motion to adopt the revised mission statement.

18. Conference Host Recognition: Tom gave recognition to Ed Ruff and Jim Gibson for their efforts in planning and executing the conference.
19. 2005 Conference Update and Invite: Luke Baker gave a slide show presentation highlighting Ohio's agriculture and the area around Wooster, Ohio.
20. 2003-04 President's Retiring Remarks: Tom gave his retiring remarks and asked for commitment from each member to let the board know if you know of someone who is inside one of the potential contributors. Also remarked that we have a great scientific basis, with Dr. Joerger's research, to pursue a national institute.
21. 2004-05 President's Remarks: Ron Dvergsten gave remarks and said that the upcoming year will be of great potential and a lot of hard work. Ron challenges the membership to every day bring a positive attitude to their workplace; within your own program, try to implement one new teaching strategy in the upcoming year; do at least one activity on the behalf of the NFRBMEA, whether writing an article for the Nuts and Bolts, soliciting a new member, or some other activity.
22. 2003-2004: Officer's recognition: Ed Ruff presented plaques in recognition of the retiring officers to Charles Duell, Rich Baumann, and Tom Weygandt.
23. Adjourn: Ron adjourned the annual meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Duell