

## **NFRBMEA Annual Business Meeting June 16 & 18, 2015 – Hyatt Regency, Rochester, NY**

The 2015 Annual Business Meeting of the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association was called to order by President Jim McCuiston on June 16 at 7:45 AM.

Mark Holkup introduced the 2015 CHS Scholarship attendees.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Rodney Armstrong. There was discussion on the membership classification motion from the 2014 annual meeting. Due to possible by-law conflicts the board has made an executive interpretation that the motion referred to dues and not membership classification. Josh Tjosaas moved, Ira Beckman seconded to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Myron Oftedahl presented the audited 2014-15 income statement (-\$11,922.76 cash flow), the March 31, 2015 balance sheet (\$26,994.66 equity), and the proposed 2016-17 budget, all found in the annual report. Mark Holkup moved, Jay M. Olson seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Roll Call of States: Presented by Rodney Armstrong. Written reports are available in the digital conference notebook. Oral summaries were presented by Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Jim called for a motion to recess until Thursday morning. Don Hagen moved, Miguel Saviroff seconded. Motion carried.

### **June 18, 2015**

President Jim McCuiston called the meeting back to order at 10:15 AM.

Jim surveyed the membership on their preference of receiving the NFRBMEA Annual Report in print or digital form. The consensus was digital.

Dues: Discussion was held on regular and affiliate membership dues. **Josh Tjosaas moved, Ira Beckman seconded to set the 2016-17 dues at \$60 for both regular and affiliate members.** Deb Pike read from the by-laws the definition of each membership class. Ira suggested an RTU article on the membership issues that have been discussed the last two years. Jim suggested that the board work on any proposed by-law changes on defining membership classification. **Mark moved, Keith Torgerson seconded to amend the motion by changing the affiliate dues to \$30.** Discussion centered on the feeling that the original spirit and purpose of affiliate membership was to keep retired members involved in NFRBMEA. The amendment carried. The original motion as amended carried.

Communications Director Report: Presented by Deb Pike. Current membership is 117—83 active, 33 affiliate and one lifetime. Website content: all meeting minutes are posted as received; job openings; Annual Report; preliminary 2016 conference information.

NFRMBEA Annual Report: The printed report was presented.

Conference Sponsorship Coordinator Report: Wayne Pike explained the role of his position which is to coordinate the maintenance and recruitment of corporate and other sponsors of our national conferences. He has not had a great deal of communication with NAFBAS. NAFBAS has a fundraising model with a target set each year rather than focusing on long-term relationships with sponsors. Each member is asked to help with this fundraising effort by recruiting sponsors and they have been very successful in their efforts. Discussion on using this model for NFRBMEA and on how our fundraising philosophy differs from NAFBAS. Wayne's role is to serve as a clearinghouse for making sponsor contacts. With our next two national conferences in South Dakota and Iowa perhaps sponsors could be approached for 2-yr sponsorships. Work will continue on trying to get more of a joint effort with NAFBAS.

CHS Conference Scholarship Report: Mark Holkup reported that there were seven scholarship recipients that attended this year's conference. There will be unused funds from the \$15,000 CHS grant we received. Mark suggested inviting high school teachers who are considering a career change to participate in the program next year. Alex Olson (Utah) briefly reported on the experiences of this year's scholarship attendees. Doug Wertish suggested that someone attend a CHS Foundation meeting with William Nelson as a way of maintaining a good relationship.

NCAE Report: Josh Tjosaas serves as farm management education's representative on the board. Ira Beckman also served on the board this past year as past president. Josh stressed the importance of farm management education maintaining our seat and voice on the board. The complete report is in the annual report. Josh presented Ira a special award to recognize his service as president and past president of NCAE. Ira thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and challenged the board and membership to receive and read the "Monday Morning Monitor" from NCAE by email as a way of keeping up to date on national issues in agricultural education. Contact Ira to get on the mailing list.

2015 Conference Report: Myron Oftedahl discussed the pros and cons of the registration platform used this year. Electronic evaluation forms will be emailed to all attendees.

2016 Conference Report: Will Walter reported on the progress of next year's conference plans to be held in Sioux Falls, SD on June 12-16. The Holiday Inn City Centre in downtown Sioux Falls is reserved. The conference planning committee has met. The Extension farm management group will be attending the 2016 conference and will be involved in planning and coordinating. There was discussion on vendor participation in the conference events.

Myron challenged all members to get more farm management educators to join NFRBMEA and become active in our organization.

Officer Election: President Jim asked for further nominations for the open offices. Myron Oftedahl moved and Josh Tjosaas seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the following individuals: Past President—Jim McCuistion, President--Will Walter, President Elect—David Gillman, Secretary—Rodney Armstrong. Motion carried.

Mark Holkup moved and Jay D. Olsen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney Armstrong, NFRBMEA Secretary

