

## **NFRBMEA Annual Business Meeting**

### **June 13, 2017 – Embassy Suites, Des Moines, IA**

The 2017 Annual Business Meeting of the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association was called to order by President David Gillman on June 13 at 3:55 PM.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Rodney Armstrong. The minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were distributed. Josh Tjosaas moved and Keith Torgerson seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Myron Oftedahl presented the treasurer's report. The 2016-17 income statement (+\$6284.08 cash flow), the March 31, 2017 balance sheet (\$40,013.74 equity), the 2017-18 budget which was approved last year and the proposed 2018-19 budget were all discussed. All tax forms and non-profit filings have been taken care of. It was noted that Josh Tjosaas's National Council expenses were paid by The Council during his term as president. Ira Beckman moved and Will Walter seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Robin Schwieger, NFRBMEA checkbook was audited and found to be in order.

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

Communications Director's Report: Presented by Deb Pike. Current membership is 93: 83 Regular, 9 Affiliate and one Honorary. Several RTUs were sent out in the past year and one NUTS & BOLTS newsletter. All members are encouraged to contribute articles so more NUTS & BOLTS newsletters can be issued. Website: All board meeting minutes and last year's annual meeting minutes have been posted. Deb asked members to send her pictures from the 2017 conference tours that could be used on the website.

NFRMBEA Annual Report: Will Walter stated that the Annual Report is now available on the NFRBMEA website. Will encouraged all retiring members to continue their membership.

CHS Conference Scholarship Report: Tina LeBrun reported that CHS generously provided NFRBMEA with \$10,000 this year to be used for scholarships for individuals interested in exploring farm management education as a career. There were eight applicants and five are in attendance this week. They come from Kentucky, Illinois, North Dakota, and Utah. Several of the scholarship recipients introduced themselves to the membership and talked about their experiences at the conference so far.

Conference Sponsorship Coordinator's Report: Tina LeBrun has taken over the sponsorship coordinator role from Wayne Pike. We have lost two of our major national sponsors. We are looking for a new connection with CHS since William Nelson retired in order to maintain our close relationship with the company. Everyone is encouraged to work on recruiting more sponsors.

National Council on Agricultural Education (NCAE) Report: Josh Tjosaas serves as NFRBMEA's Representative on the NCAE Board. The complete report is in the Annual Report. Josh discussed the makeup and purpose of NCAE. Josh also served as council president this past year and will remain on the council for another year as past president. The leadership of the council is changing from a managing director to an "advocate" for ag education.

2017 Conference Report: David Gillman announced that 119 people are registered for this year's national conference including 40 NFRBMEA members and the 5 CHS scholarship recipients. This is in line with the expectations. The current projection is for a \$4000 to \$5000 profit.

2018 National Conference: NFRBMEA will be hosting next year's conference in Harrisburg, PA. Maria Graziani, Penn State Extension and part of the conference planning committee, presented plans for Harrisburg. The theme being worked on is "Global AgEnterprising: Exporting Opportunities for the Keystone State". Miguel Saviroff will be retiring at the end of June but will continue to assist with the planning. Others on the planning committee are Jim Ladlee and Sarah Cornelisse, both from Penn State Extension. Many speakers and tour options are already being worked on. There will potentially be a post-conference tour to the Gettysburg area.

President Gillman invited the retiring officers to the podium to receive their plaques in recognition of their service to NFRBMEA. Past President Will Walter and Secretary Rodney Armstrong will be leaving the board.

Officer Election: The nominating committee presented the following individuals for the open offices: Brad Sirianni (WI), President Elect; Betsy Jensen (MN), Secretary; and Lori Tonak (SD) NCAE Representative. Al Graner moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Seconded by Tom Ackerman. Motion carried. Congratulations are in order for the new officers who will serve on the NFRBMEA board for the coming year.

President Gillman turned the gavel over to incoming president Bruce Fowler to close the meeting. Seeing no other business Josh Tjosaas moved to adjourn the annual meeting, Seconded by Mark Holkup. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rodney Armstrong, NFRBMEA Secretary