

**AAEA Summer Professional Improvement Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 2005**  
**Controlled Environment Agriculture Center, Tucson, AZ**

Meeting called to order by Past President Jim Sprinkle

Minutes of February 2005 AAEA meeting in Tucson provided, reviewed, accepted and approved. M/S/C.

**Old Business:**

**Treasurer's Report – R. Norton**

Commemorative knives purchased (6) cost \$50, \$1000 total; to be presented to retiree at BBQ

\$1100 CHKG  
\$5290 CD

Treasurer's report accepted

**NACAA Meeting**

J. Sprinkle invited old members to return to boost membership; overall membership for AAEA currently in low 30's. Membership needs to be over 41 to send two delegates to NACAA meeting.

Jack Kelly did not attend NACAA meeting due to health problems.

**Constitutional Amendments**

Rob Grumbles/Kim McReynolds changes made with new wording (bolded in revised copy)

M/S/C Dean Fish with change to 4-H & Youth to 4-H Youth

Point of order from Randy Norton (change to experiment stations/centers) Randy Norton seconded.

Question addressed to constitution committee from Rick Gibson: Art III, section 1; what does 'involvement' with CALS and Coop Ext mean? Old bylaws said that administrators could not be members but was changed. What are national membership criterion? Qualified program staff? Constitution needs better definition of 'involvement'; constitution committee will research and bring recommendation to next meeting.

**R. Gibson, Candidate for VP of NACAA**

Can not be a candidate by own nomination

Needs nomination from AAEA; no nominations can be made until Jan 1, 2006.

Budget developed by R. Gibson for candidacy; need for hospitality suite with refreshments focused on family values; Jeff Schalau has agreed to perform bluegrass in suite; room costs \$250/night.

R. Grumbles suggests that winter meeting be postponed; motion by J. Begeman to support R. Gibson as NACAA VP (seconded by R. Call).

Financial backing amount will be decided; outside money may be able to be solicited; seconded by R. Grumbles; M/S/C

R. Gibson election committee; J. Bigham suggests that R. Gibson select election committee members; also motions that AAEEA send out letter announcing candidacy to other western region states on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> ; Bigham motion, DeGomez second. M/S/C.

### **Futuring Committee**

Futuring Committee (J. Bigham) within NACAA to look at dwindling membership and future activities; boosting attendance at Annual meeting/profession improvement conference (AM/PIC); several suggestions on name changes (educators instead of agents); effort leading up to membership survey to be completed by spring 2006 board meeting and presented at Cincinnati meeting.

### **NACAA Report**

Report from Joint Council of Extension Professionals, NACAA Buffalo trip (J. Sprinkle); JCEP CD on Communicating with Decision Makers available from J. Sprinkle; awards Communications (Dean Fish, Jeff Schalau); Tom DeGomez (publications); Jim Sprinkle/Rick Gibson raised concern of gifts at NACAA conference in conflict with voting (see email; provided as hardcopy handout)

### **Committee Reports**

Constitution Committee: Refer to comments on constitutional amendments; nothing new to report.

Administrative Skills Development: Suggestion for mid-management skills training workshop. Need a new member for this committee (tabled until next meeting)

Early Career Development: No report

Public Relations and Agricultural Issues: No report

Teaching and Educational Technologies: Suggestion for in-service in this area for next meeting.

Life Members: R. Norton, Rich Harris passed away; commemorative knife to be presented to his wife, M/S/C.

Agronomy and Pest Management: No new reports

Ag. Economics and Community Development: No new reports

Animal Science: J. Sprinkle, planning livestock behavior workshops across state for this fall.

Forestry and Natural Resources: Announcement of Forestry Working Group meeting "How to Improve Relationship with State Land Department".

Horticulture and Turf Grass: Announcement of Horticulture In-Service, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Aquaculture/Sea Grant: No report

Communications: R. Call, Two submissions of publications from Arizona to NACAA; J. Schalau and C. Jones submitted DVD/video, T. DeGomez national finalist.

Extension Programs: J. Schalau, No submissions for program awards.

4-H Youth: No new reports

Professional Excellence: No report

Public Relations: R. Gibson, Nominations needed for Outstanding Young Farmer for national award; see NACAA website.

Recognition & Awards: R. Gibson, 2005 Achievement Award to D. Fish, R. Call received the Pride Award, Service Award to S. Husman.

Scholarship: R. Grumbles, J. Sprinkle submitted for \$1,000 scholarship for trip to Australia. \$2000 available to members total during AAEA lifetime membership; contributions can be made in year before trip with \$30 by individual and \$10 match by AAEA for scholarship.

### ***New Business***

Western States Regional Meeting; Oct 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> St. George, abstracts due Oct 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rob Call; Agriculture and Marketing in Chihuahua, Mexico trip proposed for Oct 2005

Dues to NACAA; dues to NACAA due by Jan 1, but need it in sooner.  
registration fee for AAEA also covered NACAA dues and collected at winter meeting (too late); moving meeting date forward to get dues in earlier (send **a poll out to find new meeting date**; pre-registration for winter meeting to get money earlier)

Al Fournier (Integrated Pest Management Program Specialist) will be giving presentation at CALS conference

Motion to Adjourn, M/S/C

*Respectfully Submitted by Michael Crimmins, AAEA Secretary, February 2, 2006.*