

**AAEA Winter Business Meeting
Biosphere II
December 11, 2008**

Members Present: Erin Taylor, Dean Fish, Susan Pater, Mike Hauser, Peter Ellsworth, Ed Martin, Channah Rock, Jeff Schalau, Jack Kelly, Monica Pastor, Jim Sprinkle, Kim McReynolds, Al Fournier, Pedro Andrade, Tom DeGomez, Rob Call, Terry Mikel, Kai Umeda

Kai Umeda called the meeting to order at 7:05

Move to accept minutes by Monica Pastor and seconded by Dean Fish. Motion Passed.

Randy Norton was not present for a treasurer report.

Committees:

New structure of committees by Kai and reassignments.

If anyone wants to be added or removed from committees please contact Kai.

Kim has recently updated the website www.cals.arizona.edu/aea

Past officers will be given to Kim and she will post to the website for archiving.

The way the committees will work is the vice chair will move into the chair position and this will be done on a yearly basis.

Professional Improvement Council: Erik not present

Ag Economics and community development: Erik/Jim Sprinkle No report given

Agronomy and Pest Management: Kurt Nolte/Peter Ellsworth No report given

Animal Science: Jim Sprinkle/Rob G. A tour will be set up pre NACAA meeting for animal science and go from Boise to Portland. Two meetings have been held and two more will be scheduled. The evaluation forms from the meetings were good and looks to be a good program.

Hort and Turf: Jack Kelly May 15th is date for desert Hort. Kai will be setting up a turf grass AAEA summer meeting in northern Arizona. (Aug-Sep time frame) Desert Turf school is in January.

Natural Resources: Chris Jones/Channah Rock No report

Sustainable Agriculture: Rick Gibson and Erin Taylor, No report

Extension Development Council:

Administrative skills: Monica Pastor/Susan Pater. No report

Early Career Development: Erik Glenn/Jeff Schalau. No report. Jeff has attended national meeting in the past and not much happened. Jim Sprinkle has attended in 2008 and had really good presentations with suggestions for new agents. Information on early career development can be acquired from Ron Terrell out of Utah.

Public Relations and ag. issues: Kim/Vic J. Kim looked up the national description and the description is very vague.

Teaching and education technologies: Sabrina tuttle/Trent no report

Program Recognition Council:

4-H and Youth: Dean Fish/Linda Masters the awards from NACAA are good and please apply because the work is good and not a lot of recognition happens. Please nominate people that you think are doing a good job. Nominations are important

Communications: Rob Call/ Stacey Bealmer. The regional there were two finalists. The awards program is great and gives away about \$28000 a year. 12 categories, 4 regions Jack Kelly is vice-president for western region. March 15 is when all applications are into Rob Call and April 1 goes to Regional Vice and then a winner is picked and April 15 winners are sent to National and then judged. Some categories can be applied for on line. Tom DeGomez, Jeff Schalau, Rob Call all have won in the past. Next Ag Agent Magazine is when the applications come out. Always call Rob if you have questions. Encourage others to apply or nominate.

Search for Excellence: Jeff Schalau/Bill Brandau. Changed names (extension programs) good preconference tours. GPS tour is a great one! All is paid for and is sponsored by other groups. Jack Kelly is the only one that has applied for it in the past few years.

Professional Excellence: Pedro Andrade/Erin Taylor. No Report

Public Relations: Kim Mc/Erin Taylor. Pride program daily efforts program. Award program that is given to (web-stie) Kim sends out e-mail to apply. Same deadlines.

Recognition and Awards: Rick Gibson/Tom DeGomez. Very active. January deadline. Everett Rhodes new committee member. Rick will be contacting some people to go to the meeting and accept award.

Scholarship: Rob Grumbles/Randy Norton You pay \$40 to get money/scholarships for professional development activities. Max of \$2000 in the life time. There is a lag time so get your money in ASAP.

Life Member: Rob Grumbles/Randy Norton Many people have passed and moved on so the list needs to be updated. Kim has talked to Mike Kilby and he is working on it. Leonard Issaicson and Harold Loughhead recently passed and we will be notifying nationals

AZ Constitution: Kim McReynolds/Rob Grumbles. 2006 changes made and no reason to make any further changes.

OLD Business.

Western Region Ag Agents Meeting. Erin Report. About 50 people were in attendance in Prineville. The 4-H provided a nice steak dinner and we had some great speakers present. Most of the attendees were from the northern states (several from WA, OR, ID, UT) Erin was the only person to attend from AZ and Norman flew in from HI. Had a great tour after the conference. Learned a lot about Central Oregon Ag.

2009 NACAA meeting. \$1000 for president reception. \$4000 for breakfast with Utah. Try to put together some fast prepackaged foods. Looking into getting Donations. Jim Sprinkle and Ed Martin will help Erin on getting donations. Erin will talk to Gerry Parker about a milk contact in OR. Rick's reception will be coffee, small desserts. Please feel free to contact Jeff S., Kai U., or Rick G if you have any suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

In Service Training 2009:

Joint AAFA, FCS, 4-H in April at Dine College: Turf Grass in summer with Dr. Kopec. 2010 4-H National Meeting in Phoenix. ANREP Jeff S will be Pres. in 2010 and with Rick G. President of NACAA in 2009. Bring all areas together and do a combined meeting. This would get us all up

to the reservations This will be a great way so show the agents on the reservations our support and willingness to travel to them.

Presidents of the different organizations will meet and put this meeting together.

Member Recruitment. Erin is collecting for Randy. \$60 total, \$50 goes to national and \$10 for state membership. Dues to national by March 1. We would like to have 40 so we get 2 votes at nationals.

NACAA Communications: Rick G. Rick at National Board meeting.

Announcements and News

Arizona National Livestock Volunteers: Jim S. looking for Volunteers. Need people all over the board. Anything would be great. December 31 at State Fair Grounds. AAEA used to help with Breakfast. AAEA still sponsors the meal but we don't really do anything to help. Programs, table cloths, table/chair set up is about all we do. Erin will put together the program.

4-H national Conference 2010. 24th -28th at Arizona Grande in Phoenix. Please volunteer to help with the event, they need people for all aspects of the meeting.

Forming a State Level of ANREP. Susan P is working on heading it up. Working on getting the constitution approved by National. ANREP wants to partner with AAEA. National meeting of ANREP will be in Fairbanks, AL last week of June 2010. 20th-25th.

Tom D moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff S. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:15