

AAEA Winter Professional Improvement Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2005
Karsten Turf Facility, Tucson, AZ

Meeting called to order by President J. Sprinkle.

Minutes of August 2004 AAEA meeting in Tucson provided, reviewed, accepted, and approved. *M/S/C.*

Old business:

Treasurer's report – R. Norton

Checking account balance \$2,764.70

Savings account balance \$790.49

First of two CD's at \$3,442.50

Second of two CD's at \$5,172.20

Discussed "laddering" CD's to earn slightly more interest.

Motion to ladder CD's. *M/S/C-T. DeGomez/R. Gibson*

Election-Board of Directors

The following nominations were made:

- Southwestern District Director-Linda Masters
- Northern District Director- Chris Jones
- UA Campus and Maricopa Ag Center Director- Mary Olsen
- Southeastern District Director- Rob Call

Motion to accept nominations: *M/S/C- R. Grumbles, K. Umeda*

Jim Sprinkle requested that the new directors be actively involved in getting past members to rejoin AAEA. They should also be involved in recruiting new members. Randy will send out dues notices to past members who have not paid dues this year explaining how we need them in the organization and miss their attendance. Those who do not pay up will have their names provided to the Area Directors by Randy to see if they can recruit their membership.

Oath of Office for Officers

2005 officers and directors were sworn into office: Jim Sprinkle, President, Jack Kelly, Vice President, Liz Didier, Secretary, Randy Norton, Treasurer, Linda Masters, SW District Director, not in attendance Chris Jones, N District Director, Mary Olsen, Campus and MAC Director, and Rob Call, SE District Director.

Review of Constitution

Discussion: Constitution needs to be amended to add President-Elect as an officer. Constitution needs to be amended to say that Vice-President will become President-Elect.

Committee structure (page 4 of Constitution) needs to be updated: some committees have only one member, others are vacant. Committee membership was reviewed and updated as follows:

- Professional Improvement Category
 - Agronomy & Pest Management: Eric Norton, Pat Clay, Randy Norton
 - Agricultural Economics & Community Development: Currently vacant, Mary Olsen will attempt to recruit
 - Animal Science: Jim Sprinkle, Rob Grumbles, Sabrina Tuttle, Dean Fish
 - Natural Resources: Tom DeGomez, Chris Jones, Mike Crimmins
 - Horticulture and Turfgrass: Jack Kelly, Rob Call, John Begeman, Mary Olsen, Kai Umeda, committee will attempt to recruit Ursula Schuch
 - Aquaculture/Sea Grant: will attempt to recruit
- Extension Development Category
 - Administrative Skills Development: Deb Young
 - Teaching & Educational Technologies: Dave Langston, Sabrina Tuttle
 - Early Career Development: Lucy Bradley, Rob Grumbles, Rick Gibson
 - Public Relations & Agricultural Issues: Ed Martin, Rick Gibson, Liz Didier
- Program Recognition Category
 - Communications- Rob Call, Rick Gibson, Ed Martin
 - Extension Programs-Jeff Schalaus, Jim Sprinkle, Rob Grumbles
 - 4-H Youth-Dean Fish
 - Professional Excellence-Mary Olsen, Randy Norton
 - Public Relations-Kim McReynolds
 - Recognition & Awards-Rick Gibson, Rob Grumbles, Ed Martin
 - Scholarships-Rob Grumbles

 - Life Members: Woody Winans, Lee Clark, Mike Kilby, Larry Sullivan (Rob Grumbles will contact Woody to organize committee)

Constitution committee will review and update Constitution. They will add references to using “electronic communication,” where appropriate (e.g., to conduct elections, for communication within committees).

Committee reports

Agronomy & Pest Management: No report.

Ag. Economics & Community Development: No report.

Animal Science: J. Sprinkle. Animal Science tour will be included at national meeting, scholarships are available. Range Livestock Nutrition Working Group

sponsored a workshop in St. Johns, Tucson, and Camp Verde in Fall 2004.

Follow-up program may be planned for this year.

Natural Resources: T. DeGomez. Bark beetle committee meeting is planned.

Horticulture & Turfgrass: J. Kelly. Registration fee waivers are available for the upcoming Desert Horticulture Conference, contact Ursula Schuch.

Aquaculture/Sea Grant: No report.

Administrative Skills Development: No report.

Teaching & Educational Technologies: No report.

Early Career Development: No report.

Public Relations & Agricultural Issues: E. Martin. Requested nominations for Young Farmer Program.

Life Members: R. Grumbles. Woody Winans needs to be kept up-to-date on AAEA activities. He is active in communicating with life members. Comments from membership: AAEA needs to do more to recognize and include life members in our activities.

- Motion for AAEA to pay life membership dues for retired agents and purchase a commemorative knife from NACAA to present to them. *M/S/failed - J. Schalau/R. Grumbles.*
- Motion to buy knives for all retirees from the time Woody Winans retired and forward, plus a few more (a total of 20 knives). *M/S/C - R. Call/K. Umeda.*
- Liz Didier will prepare letter inviting life members to Summer Meeting to be recognized.

Communications: R. Call. Award applications must be submitted to Rob Call no later than March 15. National finalists/award winners must be present at national meeting to receive award. Discussion among membership: AAEA sent a letter to NACAA about members having to be present at national conference to receive award. NACAA responded that these rules are printed on the front cover of the awards booklet. Rick Gibson reported that a national committee was made aware of this issue and worked on editing the rules in the booklet, however, it appears that the current rule will remain as is.

Extension Programs: J. Schalau. Search for Excellence Award applications must be submitted to Jeff no later than March 15.

4-H Youth: No report.

Professional Excellence: M. Olsen. Poster submissions for the NACAA national conference must be submitted to Mary Olsen no later than March 15.

Public Relations: No report.

Recognition & Awards: R. Gibson. Achievement Award recipient is Dean Fish and the Distinguished Service Award recipient is Steve Husman. Both of them will attend the national meeting in Buffalo to receive their awards.

Scholarships: R. Grumbles. Rob provided a list of members who have paid into the scholarship fund. Past meeting minutes need to be reviewed to determine if there was discussion in the past of AAEA paying a portion of an individual's fee to join the scholarship fund (total cost is \$40).

New business:

Summer Meeting

Tentatively planned for Monday, August 29 and the barbeque on Wednesday, August 31.

Agenda Committee for Summer Meeting, Jack Kelly, Vice President, will serve as chair. The following agreed to serve as committee members: Chris Jones, Jim Sprinkle, Randy Norton, Jeff Schalau, and Liz Didier.

President's Travel to NACAA Annual Meeting

Extension Administration is going to support travel for President to attend NACAA Annual Meeting in Buffalo.

Vice President's Travel to JCEP Meeting

Motion for AAEEA to support travel for Vice President to attend JCEP meeting in Virginia in April, up to a total of \$1,000. - *M/S/C R. Grumbles, J. Schalau.*

Other New Business:

President-Elect will take office after the NACAA national conference in July.

Other new officers will be elected at the Summer Meeting.

Rob Call introduced a proposal for a trip to Chihuahua, Mexico this Fall. More information will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM

ADDENDUM TO MEETING MINUTES

Past meeting minutes were reviewed to determine if AAEEA agreed to pay a portion of individual member's fees to enroll in the scholarship program. Reference to this issue was found in the June 2003 minutes. It was decided that AAEEA would set aside \$100 to pay \$10 toward the \$40 fee for members who would like to participate in the scholarship program (the member will pay the remaining \$30). The full \$100 is still available, which may be used for up to 10 members who would like to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Didier
Secretary