

AAEA Fall Business Meeting
October 23rd, 2007, 6 to 9 P.M.
Environmental Research Lab, Tucson, AZ
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Jeff Schalaus

Approval of Minutes of Winter Meeting of December 14th, 2006 (Rob Call/Kai Umeda M/S/C)

Old Business

Treasurer's Report –

- Savings account: \$6323.64
- 12-17 mos CD: \$5574.41
- 90-179 day CD: \$3778.12
- Report accepted and approved: Jim Sprinkle, Jack Kelly (M/S/C)

NACAA President's Report

- NACAA is in the midst of a major transition from fun/service to professional development organization. The group is starting to see change in membership, including declines as the extension system shrinks. Currently there are 1500 NACAA members nationwide.
- Spring NACAA board meeting in 2009 is Rick's responsibility for organizing. He is soliciting help from CA colleagues and could use help from AAEA to host.
- Also responsible to host presidential reception on Thurs evening of NACAA meeting after banquet (Portland 2009); AAEA financial sponsorship? Kai and Rick will work to develop budget needs for reception.
- Galaxy Conference, Sept. 08: Joint conference of all extension organizations, Indianapolis, IN.
- NACAA annual meeting, July 2008, Greensborough, NC

Committee Reports (tie into national committee activities/joint programming; communicate on national level committee meetings; responsible for helping to organize thematic professional improvement meetings)

- **President-Elect:** meeting planning for December, Eric Norton
- **Vice-President:** Kai Umeda, no report
- **Past-president:** Jack Kelly, no report
- **District reports:** North report (R. Grumbles, made contact to agent in northern AZ with no replies), no reports from other regions.
- **Constitution:** changes approved Dec 2006
- **Life Members:** Dr. Mike Kilby agreed to chair committee; needs to make written report to NACAA each year on passing members. Jeff suggests making contact and keeping in touch with retired extension faculty.
- **Agronomy and Pest Mgmt:** Eric Norton, no report
- **Ag Economics and Community Development:** no report

- **Animal Science:** J. Sprinkle, several workshops planned, Nov 27 Camp Verde; agenda forthcoming, Cow Game (are you smarter than a cow?) incorporate climate information, different scenarios [supplements, winter/summer climate scenarios]
- **Horticulture and Turf:** Jack Kelly, meeting electronically in the future, participating in eXtension CoP, working to update existing bulletins; Kai Umeda, turf grass program
- **Aquaculture:** no report (folded into Natural Resources at national level)
- **New committee at national level, sustainable agriculture:** **Dean Fish** has been appointed to head AZ committee (Kim McReynolds accepts his nomination)
- Kai Umeda suggests that AAEA consider an **invasive species committee**; extension has infrastructure to carry out invasive species programming. Gov invasive species advisory council, developing plans for research, leadership, outreach, control and management...Kai working to position extension as focal point/clearinghouse for information. Need resources to hire coordinator (like Al Fournier for IPM). Bill Brandau suggests working directly with counties (highway dept, governments) as partners. Chris Jones suggests an extension in-service to discuss invasive species issues.
- **Communications:** Rob Call, runs largest contest in extension for communications awards; last year only 3 entries from AZ (Jack Kelly submitted 2). Rob submits AZ entries to western region and to national; awards range from \$250-\$500. All categories and winners are listed in County Agent magazine.
- **Extension Programs:** Jeff Schalau, applications for funding for pre-conference tours (e.g. On Target)
- **Public Relations:** Kim McReynolds, no report
- **Recognition and Awards:** Rick Gibson, distinguished service award (10 yrs experience) - Dave Kopec, achievement award (less than 10 yrs) - Jack Kelly.
- **Scholarship:** R. Grumbles (reported by Jeff Schalau) \$30 membership contribution entitles up to \$1000 in professional improvement funding up to two times.

New Business

AAEA 2007 Elections

- Jack Kelly is chairing nomination committee
- All positions have at least one candidate.

December 2007 AAEA Meeting

- December 13-14th, Maricopa Ag Center
- 13th, travel, cookout, auction, business meeting
- 14th, presentations/professional development meeting
- In-service, short-presentations?
- Form program committee (Kai Umeda, Eric Norton, Sabrina Tuttle)
- Move meeting to end of January? Committee will explore dates/location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm by Jeff Schalau (M/S/C)