

**AAEA SUMMER MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 22, 2002**  
**Payson**

Reading of the Minutes from the AAEA Annual Meeting in Tucson, December 4, 2001.  
Motion to accept the minutes was made by Rick Gibson, second by Rob Call.  
Passed unanimously

Treasurer's report was presented by Randy Norton.  
Motion to accept financial report was made by Dean Fish, second by Jack Kelly  
Passed unanimously

Awards and Recognition Committee - report presented by Rick Gibson

Thanks to Lee and Rob Grumbles for their assistance.

Achievement Award winner - Jim Sprinkle - will be recognized at the NACAA meeting in Savannah.

Distinguished Service Award winner - Dr. Mary Olsen - will also be recognized in Savannah.

Scholarship Committee - report presented by Rob Grumbles

Request for scholarships needs to be in by June 1, to Rob (individual and group applications)

Rob advised member of AAEA to bring their scholarship contributions up to the current \$40 required by NACAA. The AAEA will pay \$10 of that amount for any participating member.

Life Member Committee - report presented by Woody Winans

Woody expressed the importance of the life member programs nationally and locally. He indicated that a number of retired agents in Arizona are not listed in the national directory. Thirteen people have retired from Arizona Cooperative Extension who have not been placed on the national registry of retired life members.

There is a one time membership induction fee of \$50 for life members.

Woody suggested that the AAEA pay the membership induction fee for these 13 retired individuals at a total cost of \$650 to the association.

The motion to pay for these retired extension professionals was made by Barry Bequette, seconded by Deb Young. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Milton Green, Western Region Director for NACAA presented the membership a report from the national association.

Dr. Green thanked the AAEA for the exceptional hospitality at the spring board meeting of NACAA and declared the meeting a resounding success, thanks in no small part to the efforts of our association.

Dr. Green advised us of the status of the NACAA as a C6 program, not a 301C3 program, but we do have a foundation that money can be passed through.

He advised us that ATT is no longer sponsoring the Communications Awards program and that we need to find new sponsors. For members who solicit sponsors providing support of \$2,000 and \$4,999, the members registration fee for the national meeting is waived. For those obtaining sponsors of \$5,000 to \$9,999, registration fee is waived and travel funds are provided. For members who solicit sponsors of \$10,000 and up, registration feed is waived and a \$1,000 travel voucher is provided. If you have a sponsor in mind, provide the name and number of the contact person to NACAA Vice President Frank Fitzsimmons and then contact the potential sponsor.

Savannah - BASF is extremely interested in working with NACAA and are sponsoring a forestry workshop at the national meeting.

According to Dr. Green, some states have been late with their dues to national. This means that those states are not eligible to present DSA and Achievement Award the next year, because the state has no official membership.

There is concern over federal funding for conservation education all going to NRCS instead of Cooperative Extension. Dr. Green suggested contacting the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and also Ken Bateman through ECOP.

Rick Gibson new national chair

Benefits - professional improvement activities.

NACAA is the only organization that offers a sons and daughters, spouses, and life members programs in conjunction with the national meeting.

NACAA Board of Directors was approached by organizers of Galaxy Conference to participate but NACAA decided not to because they would not be allowed to sons and daughters, spouses and life members programs.

## Old Business

Professional Improvement Trip to Mexico - report by Rob Call  
Last week in January 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> - Sonora and Senaloa

A total of 15 AAEA members expressed an interest in going include; John Begeman, Rob Grumbles, Lucy Bradley, Jack Kelly, Barry Bequette, Rick Gibson, Tom DeGomez, Dean Fish, Mohammed Zerkoune, Ursula Schuch, Dean Fish, Randy Norton, Mary Olsen, Jeff Schalau, and Chris Jones.

Western Region County Agents Meeting - reported on by Chris Jones

Nov. 18 - 19 in Las Vegas

Formal call for papers this Summer.

Registration should be around \$40.00

#### New Business

Deb Young - 4H agents want a program for professional development of agents. Susan Pater is taking the lead on this, but we need ag representation.

Rick - NACAA National Meeting, series of tours sponsored by Sustainable Ag National Office ,we have travel money and can fund between 500 and 700 dollars each.

Approved that only members are on list serve for the association

Election results of AAEA officers was presented by Chris Jones and were as follows:

President - Barry Bequette  
Vice President - Pat Clay  
Secretary - Kai Umeda  
Treasurer - Randy Norton

Motion to fund President and Vice President to go to NACAA National Meeting made by Rob Grumbles and seconded by Jeff Schalau. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm