



NAAE Regional Leadership Conference Committee Report Summer 2019

Committee: Professional Growth

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Item :

Virtual Platforms - What were the takeaways, both positive and negative, that can be incorporated into future professional development? (ease of use, most engaging, etc)

Motion:

No motion presented

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:**Discussion (Background/Purpose/Advantage/Disadvantages):**

The committee felt that the COVID 19 pandemic created an opportunity for members to reassess the delivery of professional development.

Positives:

1. Zoom format is easiest to use, it affords chat options and ability to share files.
2. A variety of topics are available.
3. More teachers have access to materials on their schedule.

Negatives

1. Difficult for presenters to determine if participants are actually engaged.
2. Signal strength often affects video quality and ability to remain on line for the duration of programs.
3. Virtual delivery is acceptable but not desirable. In person delivery should be considered ideal.

Action Taken:

No action taken

Item:

Create a guide for professional development - professional development from states/ people/ institutions that are open to the general population of agriculture teachers. A list from regions would be excellent.

Motion:

No motion presented

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:**Discussion (Background/Purpose/Advantage/Disadvantages):**

Discussion focused on a new professional development program being implemented in Oklahoma. The 2 day traveling program was conceived by the OAETA STAR committee and will incorporate a number of Oklahoma Agriculture educators as presenters. The format mirrors that of a mini regional conference, allowing instructors to interact one on one in a variety of sessions relative to their individual interest.

Discussion also included the CASE professional development program.

Action Taken:

No action taken.

Item:

Communities of Practice - Should we keep it? How much is it utilized?

Motion:

No Motion presented

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:

Discussion (Background/Purpose/Advantage/Disadvantages):

All of the participants were aware of and use Communities of Practice. The following recommendations were made:

1. Keep Communities of Practice.
2. Update the format, make it user friendly.
3. Make it more accessible.
4. It is viewed as a platform for new teachers. Organize the content to create a platform that
more teachers can use.

Action Taken:

No action taken

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Motion:

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Adjournment:

he meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am