

**NAAE Professional Growth Committee
Board Committee Report
February 28-March 1, 2015
Crystal City, Virginia**

Board Committee Chair: Nick Nelson

Full Committee Chair: Melanie Bloom

Committee Members: Charlie Sappington, Terry Rieckman, Glenda Crook, James Cannon, Krista Pontius, Jason Kemp, Nick Nelson, Dr. Jay Jackman, Katie Wood, Alissa Smith, Katie Wood and Julie Fritsch

Committee Mission: The committee will be engaged in defining model professional standards, publishing and promoting these standards, attracting and engaging diverse individuals in professional activities, and recruiting, educating, supporting, and providing transition services for new educators.

Item: Survey instruments for XLR8 and Teacher Turn the Key

Motion:

Move that the Professional Growth Committee create a survey for XLR8 and TTTK for teacher retention.

Motion by Krista Pontius, Scott Stone second.

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:

2.C: Increase agriculture teacher retention efforts.

Discussion:

The NAAE Board empowers the Professional Growth Committee to develop a survey to collect the specific data the committee deems valuable concerning the XLR8 and TTTK programs.

Action Taken: Motion passed by voice vote.

Item: Teacher Turn the Key program.

Motion:

Move to remove the first time attending requirement from the Teacher Turn the Key application/program beginning 2016.

Motion by Terry Rieckman, Glenda Crook seconded.

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:

2.C: Increase agriculture teacher retention efforts.

Discussion:

The NAAE Board was in agreement with the committee that the TTTK program should not eliminate young members who may have attended convention in other capacities and that the program once designed to get more members to NAAE Convention has developed into a very important Professional Development program for young members.

Action Taken: Motion passed by voice vote.

Item: Supply and Demand of Agriculture Teachers

Motion: No Motion Required

Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:

2.C: Increase agriculture teacher retention efforts.

Discussion: Much of the discussion from the Professional Growth Committee was information requests from Regional conferences to get data for supply and demand of Agriculture Educators. Many of these statistics have already been captured from the Teach Ag Campaign. Ellen Thompson and the Teach Ag Campaign will be having a webinar on March 16th and the NAAE Board of Directors suggests that members of the Professional Development Committee attend this webinar to understand what the Teach Ag Campaign has done and how the committee could use and/or assist this program.

Action Taken:

The NAAE Board of Directors urges the Professional Growth Committee to contact the Teach Ag Campaign for information on statistics of the Ag Teacher Shortage survey and to attend the March 16th webinar that discusses retention and possible Professional Development models for retention and recruitment.

Adjournment: 2:45pm EST