

NAAE Conference - Region II Meeting
New Orleans, LA
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 9:45 am by James Cannon, Region II Vice President.
2. Invocation by James Cannon, AR and Flag Salute led by Larry Boyte, LA.
3. James reviewed and asked for adoption of the conference agenda with flexibility. Motion made by Todd Thomas, CO, seconded by Corey Wedel, CO to adopt agenda. Motion passed.
4. Minutes from the Region II meeting held at Rogers, AR in June, 2015 was presented as being posted on the NAAE website. Motion made by Hals Beard - LA, seconded by Wayne Mouton, LA to adopt minutes as posted. Motion passed.
5. James distributed State President packets along with instructions for completion and deadlines.
6. James Cannon welcomed all members to the NAAE conference in New Orleans, LA and then introduced Charlie Sappington, NAAE President. Charlie gave greetings from NAAE with a few highlights since our last meeting in Rogers and a brief overview of this year's NAAE conference. James thanked Charlie for his advocacy and leadership given NAAE.
7. State presidents were then introduced and they introduced members present from their states. Total of 42 members were present at meeting.
8. President elect candidates – Darryl Behel, Scott Stone, and James Cannon – gave comments.
9. Members were reminded to participate in the following NAAE Committees: Finance, Marketing, Member Services, Policy and ByLaws, Professional Growth, Public Policy and Strategic Planning. With the new committee structure, committees would be informational only with no action being taken. The next formal meetings would be held in January/February prior to NAAE board meeting. ALL members must submit a letter of interest, resume, and MOU. Hals noted that there will be openings on ALL committees for Region II members and he would inform all members of the additional openings at the next region meeting.
10. Nina Crutchfield, LPS staff member, gave an update on FFA.
11. Hals Beard, Region II Secretary, introduced Region II Award Winners for 2015:
 - Outstanding Young Member** – Kimberly Mitchell, KS
 - Outstanding Ag-Ed Teacher** – Kevin Barenberg, AR
 - Outstanding Middle School/Secondary Ag Ed Program** – Fairview, OK
 - Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag-Ed Program** – NONE
 - Ideas Unlimited** – Cody Weber, CO
 - Teacher Mentor** – Cade Lejeune, LA
 - Outstanding Service Citation** – John Wayne Strickland, OK
 - Outstanding Cooperation** – Andy Guffey, Arkansas Farm Bureau
 - Lifetime Achievement Award** – Mike Robison, OK
 - National Agriscience Award** – Rachel Knight, NM
 - Teacher Turn the Key** – Brandon Lewis, AR; Lauren Van Allen, KS; Stacia Huxman, OK
 - eXcellence in Leadership for Retention (XLR8) Institute Participants** – Codi Montes-Dennis, NM
12. James Cannon recognized states for the following awards:
 - Membership Awards** – 100% Membership – Oklahoma
 - 10% Plus Awards – New Mexico
 - Largest Percentage Student Membership Increase** – Louisiana
 - 100% Student Member Universities** – Oklahoma State University
 - State Awards – Professional:** Colorado, Oklahoma
 - Distinguished:** Arkansas, Kansas and Louisiana
 - NAAE Scholarship recipients** – Nicholas Adams, LSU; Morgan Pinnell, NMSU; Chelsea Sutherland, LSU
 - National FFA Officer** – National FFA President, Taylor McNeel, AR
13. Volunteers were selected to serve as workshop facilitators for various NAAE workshops. Those volunteers were thanked for their service and reminded of turning in packets immediately following workshop.

14. Members were reminded to turn in "Letters of Appreciation" forms to Hals.
15. Nominations for Region II Secretary:
 - a. Todd Thomas, CO
 - b. Jerrod Lundry, OK
16. Nominations for Region II Vice President:
 - a. Hals Beard, LA
17. All members were reminded about the Disaster Relief Fund and the Scholarship tickets. Drawings for the scholarship tickets will be made at three meetings with \$100, \$100, and \$200 being given at the drawings as an incentive for members to donate. Tickets are \$1 each or \$20 for arm's length.
18. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 pm.

NAAE Conference - Region II Meeting
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Friday, November 20, 2015

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by James Cannon, Region II Vice President.
2. Invocation by Matt Sinclair, Colorado and Flag Salute led by Kansas.
3. James Cannon opened nominations for Region II Secretary and Region II Vice President for 2015-16 and stated nominations would close at end of session and elections would be held at that time.
4. State association reports were given by state presidents:

Arkansas	Kevin Barenberg, AVATA
Colorado	Matt Sinclair, CVATA President
Kansas	Bill Johnston, KAAE President
Louisiana	Benny Bell, LVATA President
New Mexico	Nate Wolf, NMAETA
Oklahoma	Clark Long, OAETA President
Texas	Mike Meadows, VATAT
5. Texas delegation gave a presentation on the 2016 Region II Conference to be held in College Station, TX on June 19-22, 2016. Further information will be posted on the NAAE Region II website.
6. National FFA Alumni report was given by Dr. Larry Case.
7. James Cannon recognized all of the Ag Ambassadors at this year's conference and reminded members of the Mardi Gras parade sponsored by Dupont Agrisciences tonight after the Partners Reception.
8. Committee Reports were given:
 - Finance – Wayne Mouton, LA
 - Marketing – Todd Thomas, CO
 - Member Services – Jerrod Lundry, OK
 - Policy and Bylaws – Cody Manuel, LA
 - Professional Growth – Josh Dahlem, CO
 - Public Policy – NONE
 - Strategic Planning – NONE

Hals reminded teachers that they could go to the NAAE website for a listing of committee members(see below). Also, there will be openings for members on each committee but that the member going off may remain for another 3 year term. Also, there are two committees-member services and public policy- will need an additional member from Region II. Committee members will meet via virtual meetings in January at which time new members will be selected as well as a new chairman and secretary. All committee members must submit a "Memorandum of Understanding"(MOU) prior to winter meeting and the MOU can be found on the Communities of Practice website. Members were reminded that they are NOT required to attend NAAE conference each year making it easier to take an active part in their professional organization.

9. James asked for additional nominations for Region II Secretary. Hearing none, Nominations were closed. The two nominees were asked to step out during voting. Hals passed out ballots and informed voting delegates to write the name of their selection on the ballot. Jerrod Lundry, OK received a majority of the votes and was elected to serve a one year term as Region II Secretary.
James asked for additional nominations for Region II Vice President. Hearing none, nominations were closed and Hals Beard was elected unanimously.
10. James made the following announcements:
Upcoming Region II conferences: TX, OK, CO, LA, NM, KS, AR
11. James made his concluding remarks and reminded members to donate to the Disaster Relief Fund and the Scholarship Raffle.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Committee	Term expires 2016*	Term expires 2017	Term expires 2018
Policy/ByLaws	Ron Curry, CO	Cody Manuel, LA	VACANT
Member Services	Danny Rice, KS	Jerrod Lundry, OK	VACANT
Finance	Barney McClure, TX	Wayne Mouton, LA	Steve Davis, AR
Marketing	John Jones, AR	Adam Clairday, AR	Todd Thomas, CO
Professional Growth	Matt Sinclair, CO	Nathaniel Smith, OK	Josh Dahlem, LA Bruce Farquhar, OK
Public Policy	Clark Long, OK	VACANT	VACANT
Strategic Planning	Brent Ervin, OK	Joe Washburn, AR	VACANT

*These members may remain on the committee but must resubmit letter of interest, resume, MOU.

VACANT: Any NAAE member from Region II may submit letter of intent, resume, MOU for the positions with the selection being made at the committee meeting in January. Deadline to submit applications will be January 12.