



# NAAE Regional Leadership Conference Committee Report Summer 2019

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**Item :**

Do you think you would use a podcast focused for ag teachers? What topics would be most beneficial to you or other ag teachers? Who would you recommend NAAE use to speak on these podcasts, i.e. ag teachers, industry professionals, agriculture and FFA leaders?

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

- There already is a podcast put out by a group called “Owl Pellets: Tips for Ag Teachers”
- Consider partnering up with this group
- Topic to consider: work life balance, mental wellness

**Action Taken:**

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**Item:**

Do you think that a program (similar to XLR8) for Ag teachers toward the end of their career (15+ years) would be beneficial and useful? What topics should be covered for ag teachers at this point in their careers?

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

- Everyone agreed this would be a great idea
- Topics could include
  - How to be an effective mentor
  - How to effectively use / manage technology
  - Preparing for retirement
  - How to set up and implement transition / succession plan for your departure from teaching
  - Post Teaching - What’s your plan?

- How to use your time for you: When you have a family, they are all gone, how do you not allow yourself to immerse yourself back into your job like you were a first year teacher?

**Action Taken:**

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**Item:**

NAAE is in the process of updating the Ag Teacher's Manual. Are there specific areas that you think need to be updated? Are there any topics that should be added into the manual?

**Motion:**

**Key strategic priority areas supported by this activity:**

**Discussion (Background/Purpose/Advantage/Disadvantages):**

- This document is very large. Consider taking it and making it into a folder with a "file" for each portion/section. This would make it less overwhelming to find something within
- Consider video links for different sections with advice / tips from "experts."
  - Could partner with college campus' to create videos that walk through what different sections are. This would expose our teachers in training to a wonderful resource.
- Consider where this resource is housed. Currently, it is buried on ffa.org. Could it be posted in multiple locations.

**Action Taken:**

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**Adjournment:**