

Indiana Extension Educators Association
Spring Conference
Nashville, IN
Agriculture and Natural Resource Section
April 23, 2007

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Trotter at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting, held during Professional Development Conference, were approved on a motion by Andy Boston and second by Bob Yoder.

Seven new ANR Educators were introduced and welcomed:

Andrew Westfall – Elkhart
Sheryl Rosenberger – Fountain
Jeremy Weber – Franklin
Jim Ade – Crawford
Jerene Gilliam – Scott
Sara Greene – Sullivan
Jenise Platt – Brown

Dr. Tom Jordan gave the director's report. He expressed his appreciation of the teamwork among Educators and its effectiveness in developing and presenting programming. Other topics discussed included a Master Gardener volunteer tracking and recordkeeping program, upcoming DTC dates for educators, upcoming publications on CAFO citing and Bio-fuels, and plan commission training for new educators.

A candidate for ANR section secretary was discussed. A motion to nominate Stacy Herr for secretary was made by Jim True and seconded by Jerry Nelson. A second motion was made by Phil Sutton and seconded by Jim Peter to nominate Bob Yoder. Nominations were closed. After the candidates left the room, a vote was conducted and Stacy Herr was elected as the ANR secretary. Stacy will take office at the end of the 2008 Professional Development Conference.

A candidate for IEEA secretary was also discussed. A motion was made by Gary Horner and seconded by Kelly Pearson to nominate Bill Rice as the ANR section candidate for IEEA secretary. Bill accepted the nomination and will be included on the slate of candidates at Professional Development Conference.

Dave Trotter then gave a report on the North Central Region JCEP conference in which he and Nick Held, along with officers from the other program areas, attended February 27-March 1 in St. Louis, MO. One important issue discussed during the NACAA meeting at JCEP was the lack of applications for many of the NACAA awards. It has reached a point where there is a potential of losing award sponsors. Each state was

encouraged to increase award applications. Other issues discussed at JCEP were the financial difficulties many states in the NC Region are facing and the lack of a bid for the 2011 national meeting. It is the NC Region's turn to bid in 2011. Iowa intended to submit a bid but had to withdraw, so it is hoped another state will come forward with a bid

Reports were given for the following NACAA committees:

- **Extension Programs**, Mike Ferree – Received one entry
- **4-H & Youth**, Gary Michel – No entries received
- **Recognition and Awards** – DSA winners for 2007 are Mike Ferree and Dan Kirtley. AA winner for 2007 is Jon Neufelder. It was noted that a new chair is needed for this committee to replace Mike Manning.
- **Scholarship**, Bill Horan – Received one entry. He also reminded NACAA members that in order to take advantage of the scholarship program, a one-time \$40 donation must be made to the NACAA scholarship fund one year prior to application. Up to \$2000 in scholarship funds is available.
- **Public Relations & Ag. Issues**, Bob Yoder – Looking for help with nominations for Jaycee “Farmer of the Year” Award.
- **Early Career Development**, Stacy Herr – Encouraged participation in the national meetings and reminded newer educators of the waiver of the registration fee for educators with under 5 years of Extension employment attending their first national meeting. It was also stated District Directors can fund up to \$100 of costs to attend national meetings.
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Jerry Nelson – Stated he was contacted by the national committee chair but had no further report.
- **Life Members**, Tom Hampton – Reported on the tours scheduled for life members at the upcoming national meeting in Grand Rapids, MI. Asked that any updates in contact information for life members be sent to him so that address lists can be kept updated.

The upcoming NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference was discussed. The conference will be held in Grand Rapids, MI, July 15-19. The date of the conferences, their conflict with many county fairs, and the Southern Region's control over the scheduling was once again discussed. It was noted that a futuring committee was taking a look at this issue and while there has been slow progress in resolving the problem, it is still on the front burner. It was also noted the 2009 conference in Portland, Oregon will be held in September and attendance at that conference was greatly encouraged.

In other NACAA AM/PIC discussion, a signup sheet was sent around for those planning to attend the national conference in Grand Rapids and Kelly Easterday agreed to organize “State's Night Out”. Kelly also indicated Indiana will be a sponsor of the Sunday afternoon break, which requires providing a light snack for approximately 900 people. A commitment of \$1500 or food items is needed. For food items, wrapped, to-go items are

needed. Bill Horan will contact Archway cookies. Single-serving chip or pretzel packages were also mentioned as a possibility.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Held
ANR Section Secretary