

Indiana Extension Educators Association
Professional Development Conference
West Lafayette, IN
Agriculture and Natural Resource Section
October 16, 2007

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President David Trotter at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting, held during Spring Conference, were approved on a motion by Jim Peter and second by Phil Sutton.

Nine new ANR Educators were introduced and welcomed:

Andrew Westfall – Elkhart
Jeremy Weber – Franklin
Sara Greene – Sullivan
Amanda Bailey – Vigo
Shane Hannah – Cass
Ralph Johnson – Fountain
Paul Marcellino – Carrol
Nicole Witkowski – Lake
Jill Andrew-Richard – Ohio

Guests attending the meeting were also introduced and welcomed:

Dr. Tom Jordan, Program Leader
Dr. Rick Foster, Assistant Program Leader
Dr. Fred Whitford, Pesticide Programs
Dr. Luc Valentin, Agricultural Economics
Mark Stewart, NACAA, North Central Region Assistant Director
Nick Dalton, FISH Program

Nick Dalton, with the FISH Program (Feeding Indiana's Hungry), was introduced by Dr. Renae McKee and gave an overview of the program and how Extension could be involved with it.

Dr. Tom Jordan gave the program leader's report. He reported that the new director of Extension will begin on November 1. He reminded everyone of ANR training in early November and encouraged those who had not already made a room reservation to do so soon. He also announced a PQA+ training session would be held in the afternoon of November 8, following ANR training, for anyone who was interested. Finally, he expressed his appreciation of the good work being done around the state, particularly the many multi-county programs.

A report was given on the 2007 NACAA Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference held in Grand Rapids, MI by those who attended.

Mark Stewart, North Central Region Assistant Director for NACAA, introduced the national officers and gave an overview of the state officers' handbook, the NACAA committee calendar and the member database, all available on the NACAA website. He also gave an overview of the JCEP, PILD and Galaxy III conferences.

Reports were given for the following NACAA committees:

- **Communications**, Adrienne Held – Received 12 entries for communications awards. Kelly Easterday was a national finalist for her newsletter and Mike Ferree was a regional finalist for his newspaper column. Reminded everyone of monetary awards for national finalists and winners.
- **Extension Programs**, Mike Ferree – The team entry for Search for Excellence in Crops of Gary Michel, Jon Neufelder, Jim True, and Phil Schmidt was a state winner. The committee is looking for ways to increase applicants. Suggested educators consider writing up a rough draft immediately after SAM reports and impact statements.
- **4-H & Youth**, Gary Michel – Reported there were no entries for Search for Excellence in 4-H & youth. He stated there are many educators who do substantial youth work and should submit applications. He also mentioned he would like someone to take his place on the committee.
- **Professional Excellence**, Jon Neufelder – Congratulated Jerene Gilliam on her poster entry at NACAA AM/PIC in Grand Rapids, MI: “FARM-RELATED INJURIES AMONG OLD ORDER ANABAPTIST CHILDREN: DEVELOPING A BASELINE FROM WHICH TO FORMULATE PREVENTION STRATEGIES.”
- **Public Relations and Ag. Issues**, Bob Yoder – No report
- **Recognition and Awards**, Dave Trotter – Award winners at the 2007 AM/PIC included DSA - Mike Ferree and Dan Kirtley and AA - Jon Neufelder.
- **Scholarship**, Bill Horan – 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.
- **Agronomy**, Jeff Phillips – Has received no communication from the national committee
- **AgEcon**, Kimberly Moore – No report
- **Animal Sciences** – No report
- **Forestry**, Amy Thompson – Not present, no report
- **Horticulture**, Ken Salkeld – No report
- **Aquaculture**, Allen Ullom – No report
- **Public Relations**, Jim True – Committee is working developing online applications
- **Early Career Development**, Stacy Herr – Gave an overview of topics presented at the NACAA Early Career Development committee meeting.
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Jerry Nelson – Not present, no report
- **Administrative Skills Development**, Val Slack – Not present, no report
- **Life Members**, Tom Hampton – Not present, no report

The 2008 and 2009 AM/PICs, as well as the 2008 Galaxy III conference, were discussed. The 2008 AM/PIC will be held in Greensboro, NC, July 13-17. Since Galaxy will also be held in 2008, the AA and DSA winners will likely serve as the voting delegates in Greensboro. The 2009 AM/PIC will be held in Portland, Oregon in September. Attendance at that conference was greatly encouraged once again since it will be held after fair season. Finally, an update on Galaxy III in Indianapolis in September 2008 was given. States Night Out at Galaxy will replace PDC for 2008. Cost breaks will be given for staff members who volunteer to help with the conference and shirts will be available for the volunteers.

Gary Michel gave an update on the Indiana Ag. Leadership Institute. He was a recent participant and encouraged other educators to consider taking part in the program.

To close the meeting, incoming-President Jon Neufelder presented David Trotter with a plaque in appreciation of his service as an officer in the ANR section. Other incoming officers were introduced: Vice-president-Nick Held and Secretary-Stacy Herr.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Held
ANR Section Secretary