

**Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The March 16, 2012 meeting of the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators was called to order at 10:02am by Delegate Council President, Rose Hartschuh, at Der Dutchman restaurant. Attendees introduced themselves and the invocation was given by Tim Lamb. Members and guests present included Rose Hartschuh, Sue Davis, Kellie Warner, Scott Sharp, Tim Lamb, Noah Neiderhouse, Dave Stiles, John Poulson, Rick Metzger, Don Paullin, Anna Creswell, Kim Jones, Cathy Billock, Stephanie Conway, Jon Henry, Tom Holton, Sarah Whitford, Jack Mescher, Kevin Kremer, Cyndi Brill, Leah Amstutz, Jamie Cano, Adam Sharp, Spencer Waugh, Mick Weber, and Chad Berning.

**Officer Reports**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Rose Hartschuh asked for objections and none were presented. The minutes were approved as presented.

John Poulson provided the financial reports for the checking account, as well as money in CD's, on behalf of Treasurer, Mike Derringer. The current ending balance in the checking account is \$58,076.19. There are three CD's in the amounts of \$11,410.99, \$5,382.02, and \$3,120.90. Sarah Whitford moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Tim Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Updates**

**OAAE President**

Rose Hartschuh reported that applications for NAAE awards are currently available. Teachers are encouraged to apply and should submit applications to Rose by May 1.

Rose reported that a STEM academy is being proposed in Springfield. She will allow Ohio Farm Bureau representatives to share more information and to facilitate discussion about the STEM school.

The Ohio Farm Bureau sent out their first legislative report in February. Members are encouraged to check it out online if they haven't done so yet.

**The Ohio State University**

Dr. Jamie Cano reported that there will be 20 student teachers from OSU doing their student teaching in the fall. This will be the first group to student teach in the semester structure. After this group, students will student teach during spring semester.

Dr. Cano also reported that a new Department Chair has been named. The Chair is an OSU grad who has recently been employed at Utah State. Dr. Gary Straquadine will be starting in July.

### Ohio Department of Education

Leah Amstutz reported on behalf of ODE. Leah reported that the Board of Trustees approved the remodeling of the FFA Center archives, which will allow space for preserving history, as well as holding groups.

Leah noted that there is still a need for judges for the National Chapter application, and that State Convention registration is now open. She also reported that the FFA will be launching a new website this summer. The COLT Conference will not be held in the fall. Rather, a new conference, Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference, will be held on Sept. 26 with an emphasis on legislative advocacy.

Leah reported that Ike Kershaw is now serving as the advisor for FCCLA, BPA, and DECA, in addition to FFA. Kevin Williams has worked with the Ag Power and Horticulture taxonomies to create facility and equipment plans for their Ag programs, which will be posted on the website soon.

### Ohio ACTE

Chris Gardner was not able to attend the meeting, but did provide a report via Rose Hartschuh. Chris would like input regarding the STEM school so that OACTE can support OAAE appropriately.

Nominations for OACTE educator awards are currently being accepted. OAAE members are encouraged to nominate fellow educators, with applications being due March 1.

### Ohio Farm Bureau

Adam Sharp was present on behalf of the Ohio Farm Bureau and shared an update of current state and national legislative issues that pertain to Ag Educators, including the proposed child labor laws, the Farm Bill, GPS interference issues, and water quality initiatives.

Spencer Waugh discussed the proposed STEM school in Springfield with Delegate Council members. The discussion included an opportunity for attendees to share concerns. Spencer asked that OAAE prepare a list of questions/concerns that can be presented to Senator Widener.

### **District Reports**

District 1: Noah Niederhouse reported that the district is preparing for the spring meeting.

District 2: Kevin Kremer reported that district evaluations went well.

District 3: No report

District 4: Don Paullin reported that district evaluations went well.

District 5: Chad Berning reported that district evaluations went well and that the district would like an OAAE officer to attend their spring district meeting.

District 6: Jon Henry had no report

District 7: Rick Metzger reported that the district will hold an election this spring, which will bring the district in line with the policy guide.

District 8: Dave Stiles shared results of a membership survey that he conducted. He also reported that there are listserv issues within the district.

District 9: Kellie Warner reported on behalf of Bruce Bennett. A membership survey was conducted at district evaluations and Kellie shared the results with the membership committee.

District 10: No report

### **Taxonomy/Individual Reports**

Animal Care: Kim Jones and Cathy Billock reported that the taxonomy is exploring online certifications. The taxonomy is currently working to tie online Webxam and CDE test questions more closely to the curriculum that is being taught. Animal Care programs are working on articulation agreements and are piloting the national Vet Science CDE.

Production/Agriscience: Sarah Whitford and Mick Weber reported that they are in the midst of planning the summer conference. They have a lot of sessions booked and are working on securing more presenters. They reported that there will be a lot of big take-aways at sessions this year.

Foundation: Rose Hartshuh reported that the teacher position on the Foundation Board is currently being evaluated.

Alumni: John Poulson reported that WLC scholarship applications are due April 1. Dues are currently being collected around the state and are due to Lexie shortly. The Alumni are working on concerns related to the STEM school. John presented a great reminder as to the importance of having an affiliated Alumni chapter.

Natural Resources: Anna Creswell reported that the taxonomy conference will be held on Lake Erie again this year. The conference will offer a lot of information related to the new pathways. The Environmental and Natural Resources CDE will be held on April 21 for those teams that qualify.

Mentoring: Stephanie Conway and Leah Amstutz reported that the next Entry Year Teacher program will be held on April 19-20 and will be for first through third year teachers. The committee is working with OSU and Wilmington to plan the

workshop. Content will include coordinating advisory committees, working with administrators, managing SAEs, and a luncheon about the impact of Ag Ed. A survey was sent to the Delegate Council to gather input regarding the mentorship program. Leah shared the survey results, which will give the committee guidance in developing the mentorship program. Attendees discussed the proposed model for the mentorship program.

CDE Representative: Tom Holton reported that CDE participation numbers are remaining level. Online testing is going well and the minor errors that have been reported are being worked on. The public speaking events will be revised this year. Test review and validation for Animal Care is being done now, and will be done this summer for Environmental and Natural Resources. Tom noted the conflict between the Oklahoma soils judging event and the State FFA Convention now that the convention is held on a Thursday and Friday.

Agrimechanics: Jack Mescher encouraged teachers to participate in the test validation for Webxam tests.

Horticulture: No report

FFA Camp Board: No report

The general meeting broke for committee meetings and lunch at 12:25pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1:40pm.

### **Old Business**

John Poulson and Scott Sharp shared information regarding their recent trips to Washington D.C. John attended ACTE's National Policy Seminar and Scott attended the Farm Bureau presidents' trip. Both reported on positive interactions with legislators and the importance of remaining involved with OAAE, NAAE, OACTE, and ACTE to continue legislative efforts.

Rose Hartschuh provided an update regarding the legal actions taken by Valerie Graham. A payment of \$402 was made to an attorney to respond to the initial correspondence. A discussion was held about plans to move forward with legal action.

Rick Metzger moved that OAAE Delegate Council constitutional officers be given the authority to handle legal matters pertaining to Valerie Graham and the power to appoint 2 additional people. Noah Niederhouse seconded the motion.

Rick Metzger moved to amend the original motion to state that the committee authorized to handle legal matters will consist of 5 people. Don Paullin seconded the motion. The amendment passed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended and the motion passed. Jack Mescher and Dave Stiles volunteered to serve on the committee with constitutional officers.

Rose Hartschuh reported that we are seeking a volunteer to serve on the new OACTE Leadership Task Force. Please contact Rose with suggestions.

Rose Hartschuh reminded attendees that officer candidates are needed. Contact any officer if interested.

### **Committee Reports**

**Advocacy Committee:** Scott Sharp reported that the Advocacy Committee generated a list of concerns and wants related to the STEM school. He reviewed the list with attendees. The list will be given to Ohio Farm Bureau, who will use it when meeting with Senator Widener.

**Membership Committee:** Tim Lamb reported that the Membership Committee worked to revise the membership form and will propose that OAAE dues be changed to \$80 total for the coming year. The membership form will include a package option (OAAE, NAAE, ACTE, and OACTE), or spots to select membership for specific organizations. The form will no longer have a discount for beginning teachers.

**Professional Development –** Sarah Whitford reported that the committee is contacting presenters. The committee shared new ideas and is working on developing a price for the summer conference.

**Taxonomy Review –** John Poulson reported that the Taxonomy Review committee met and will propose the following change to the constitution (delete words that are crossed out and add those that are highlighted):

#### **Article IX-Taxonomy Areas**

Section 1: Teachers in each ~~taxonomy area~~ **pathway** shall elect representatives to OAAE Delegate Council on a biennial basis.

Section 2: ~~Production Agriculture, Food Processing, Natural Resources and FBPA taxonomies shall elect one representative to Delegate Council on the odd numbered years. Ag Science Agriculture Business & Service, Agriculture Mechanics, Horticulture and Animal Production and Care taxonomies shall elect one representative to Delegate on even numbered years.~~ **Agribusiness and Production Systems representative 1, Food Science & Technology/Biotechnology and Natural Resource Management shall elect one representative to Delegate Council on the odd numbered years. Agribusiness and Production representative 2, Agriculture and Industrial Power Technology, Horticulture and Animal Science & Management shall elect one representative to Delegate Council on the even numbered years. The elected representatives shall serve a term of two years on Delegate Council. Preference for representatives will be given to teachers from the Pathway**

### **New Business**

John Poulson moved to approve the recommendations of the Taxonomy Review Committee. Anna Creswell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Sharp moved to accept the STEM school concerns generated by the Advocacy Committee. John Poulson seconded the motion. Rose Hartschuh asked for objections and none were presented.

Tim Lamb moved to accept the membership form and dues revisions presented by the Membership Relations Committee. Noah Neiderhouse seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the need for a Delegate Council meeting in May. This would be the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the year, which is one more than most years. Attendees agreed to cancel the meeting.

John Poulson moved to make the following changes to the constitution:

- Article VII “Executive Committee” – remove the Executive Secretary
- Article XIV “Executive Secretary” – remove entire article

Don Paullin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Lamb moved to donate \$250 to Scarlet and Gray Ag Day. Sue Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rick Metzger moved to pay \$300 to set up online registration for the summer conference to track session totals for OAAE day. Tim Lamb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting. Noah Neiderhouse seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Warner  
OAAE Secretary