

**Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2012**

Call to Order

The January 6, 2012 meeting of the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators was called to order at 10:16am by Delegate Council President, Rose Hartschuh, at the Ohio FFA Center. The invocation was given by Tim Lamb. Members and guests present included Rose Hartschuh, Sue Davis, Kellie Warner, Mike Derringer, Scott Sharp, Tim Lamb, Jon Henry, Ike Kershaw, Noah Neiderhouse, Dave Stiles, John Poulson, Rick Metzger, Don Paullin, Mick Weber, Kevin Kremer, Cyndi Brill, Sarah Whitford, Tom Holton, Chris Gardner, Leah Amstutz, Kevin Williams, Bruce Bennett, and Chad Berning.

Officer Reports

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Tim Lamb moved to accept the minutes and Mike Derringer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Derringer provided the financial reports for the checking account, as well as money in CD's. The current ending balance in the checking account is \$56,969.11. There are three CD's in the amounts of \$11,410.99, \$5,382.02, and \$3,120.90. Mike reported that the Treasurer's records will be audited in January. Don Paullin moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Scott Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Updates

OAAE President

Rose Hartschuh, provided a draft copy of a letter that has been sent on behalf of OAAE to the Ohio Farm Bureau regarding our expectations for the legislative partnership. The expectations outlined include:

- A written report provided to OAAE each month regarding legislation pertaining to agriculture and/or education.
- Providing legislative training and events at HOT Conference, COLT Conference, and State FFA Convention
- Limited lobbying on issues deemed important by OAAE

Farm Bureau has already assisted OAAE with drafting a letter regarding the Department of Labor proposed regulations on child labor.

Rose Hartschuh also reported that she is working on creating an OAAE listserv so as to prevent any problems violating the use of the statewide Ag Ed listserv. A concern that has been raised is in regard to making sure all OAAE members are on the list, as several lifetime members and retirees are not included in our membership lists, and thus have not been included in the listserv. Help is needed making sure the email list is accurate as possible.

Rose also reminded everyone to check the OAAE website for updates and encouraged Delegate Council members to submit more ideas today to put on the website.

Rose reported that the Executive Committee received a letter from Valerie Graham's attorney in Nov. asking that she be reinstated into the Executive Secretary position and that she be given back-pay. The officers have worked with an attorney to provide a response. No OAAE funds have been spent on this action.

Ohio Department of Education

Ike Kershaw reported on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education. This is the first time in many years that Ag Ed and FFA have had a decline in enrollment. ODE is working with Wilmington College and The Ohio State University to continue to make sure that teachers are prepared for the profession in the best ways possible.

Many teachers have taken advantage of having state staff help them make plans and implement the new course structure. There are still a lot of questions, especially regarding the new Tech Prep regions. Teachers, administrators, EMIS coordinators, etc. are encouraged to continue contacting ODE with concerns.

Tests should be available by March 1st, rather than January 1st. Ike reported that the tests will likely be used for performance-based evaluations. He encouraged that we have committees work on future directions for food science, biotechnology, engineering, and energy.

Ohio ACTE

Chris Gardner reported on behalf of OACTE. The priorities identified by the leadership this year include legislation, membership, leadership, and professional development. CTE has seen a drastic cut in the number of teachers and programs in Ohio as well, which ultimately has impacted OACTE membership.

OACTE has been working with Bricker & Eckler for one year now, which has increased CTE's presence at the state house tremendously. OACTE also put together a legislative task force, which has a representative from all CTE stakeholders in Ohio. The task force provides for effective communication among all stakeholders.

The main professional development conference will be held in July 31-Aug. 2. This year there will be options for each division to hold a session explaining the current events in their division, as well as offering professional development related to their division at the Ohio ACTE Conference.

OACTE is developing a leadership development task force as well.

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

Students are also encouraged to apply for the Darrell Parks Scholarship. The application is currently on the website.

The Legislative Seminar will be held on Jan. 24-26. The Governor will potentially be speaking at this event. The student legislative lunch will be on March 22. Students will not only attend the lunch, but they will also be encouraged to make appointments with their legislator. OAAE is encouraged to have teachers and students participate in these events.

Chris reminded everyone about services that OACTE can provide. Such services include sending email blasts, utilizing the web page, and offering discussion forums.

District Reports

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

District 2: No report

District 3: No report

District 4: Don Paullin reported that the district is preparing for evaluations.

District 5: No report

District 6: No report

District 7: No report

District 8: No report

District 9: No report

District 10: No report

Taxonomy/Individual Reports

Animal Care: No report

Production/Agriscience: Sarah Whitford reported she will be working with the Professional Development committee today to plan for the summer conference. If anyone has ideas for workshops, or input regarding the OAAE day, please contact Sara Whitford or Mick Weber.

Foundation: Mike Derringer reported that the Foundation Board is undergoing a restructuring process. The Board will meet again next week, and Mike will have more information regarding that change after the meeting next week.

Alumni: John Poulson reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on January 28. The meeting will be the 40th year celebration for the Ohio FFA Alumni. WLC scholarship applications will be due on April 1. The Alumni will continue to use the Excel program for membership, rather than the Ag Career Network. John provided a reminder that chapters should not use the Alumni title or tax-exempt status if they are not actually affiliated.

Natural Resources: No report

Mentoring: Stephanie Conway and Lucy Bambauer submitted a written report (see attached). Leah Amstutz noted that the committee is planning for the second Beginning Teacher Workshop, which will be held on Jan. 21. Beginning teachers are encouraged to attend, but teachers of all ranges of experience are welcomed to attend as well. The committee is also putting plans in place for the mentoring program, which they plan to launch at the HOT Conference.

CDE Representative: Tom Holton reported that the Ogden's are putting together a plan for a Jr. Parliamentary Procedure contest. The state will continue to use only 3 scores in those contests that traditionally allow up to 4 participants but only count 3 scores. However, in these contests, a team must have 4 students compete in order to qualify for the national CDE. Tom also reported that there are two online tests this month, and that the Ogden's are looking into the possibility of organizing a CDE related to energy.

Agrimechanics: No report

Horticulture: No report

FFA Camp Board: No report

The general meeting broke for committee meetings and lunch at 11:20am.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45pm.

Old Business

Tim Lamb reported that several officers recently represented OAAE at the NAAE convention in St. Louis. At the convention, the delegates participated in business sessions, elected new board members, and attended professional development workshops. In addition, Ohio was well represented with award winners, including Anna Smith and Carmen Kennel (NAAE Teachers Turn the Key), Dena Wuebker (NAAE Outstanding Mentor), and Rose Hartschuh (ACTE Outstanding Young Member). Drew Bender also represented Ohio as a workshop presenter.

Mike Derringer referenced the revised budget, which included changes suggested at the last meeting. The floor was opened for discussion.

Dave Stiles reported that he conducted a membership survey at the Animal Science Taxonomy meeting, which was discussed at the previous Delegate Council meeting. Dave indicated that the reasons teachers gave for not being OAAE members included: cost of membership, unable to see value in the joining, OAAE's relationship with Ohio Farm Bureau, and not feeling included in the profession.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee: Scott Sharp reported that the Advocacy Committee will be contacting Ohio Farm Bureau to determine what the cost will be for additional lobbying if desired by OAAE. Scott Sharp will be representing OAAE at the OACTE Legislative Seminar. The committee is concerned about whether the Delegate Council is budgeting enough money for advocacy efforts due to the extensive costs (travel, registration, hotel, etc.) for the numerous advocacy opportunities that OAAE has. The committee would like to have OAAE purchase a table at the OACTE legislative luncheon in March. The committee is interested in having a legislative advocacy event on the Wed. evening before State Convention. The Advocacy Committee suggests that the Professional Development Committee utilizes the services of the Ohio Farm Bureau at HOT Conference, having them be a partner at the tradeshow, as well as present a workshop about "How to be a political aid." Scott Sharp and John Poulson will represent OAAE at the National Policy Seminar in March.

Membership Committee: Mike Derringer reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. The committee decided to send invoices out as membership reminders, just as numerous other organizations do. Committee members will be making contact with businesses to explore membership discounts. The committee will also coordinate with the Ohio Farm Bureau to try to get a Farm Bureau membership discount for OAAE members. The committee will present motions regarding moving to online subscriptions to the Ag Ed Magazine, and to set a final deadline for the 2011-12 dues paying year. The committee will continue teacher grants this year, and will discuss this item more in March.

Professional Development – Kellie Warner reported that the committee discussed plans for the OAAE summer conference and HOT Conference. The committee discussed considerations for hotels, including the number of rooms to block, the use of a banquet room and social room, etc. The committee discussed the evening socials, and explored options of staying at the hotel and/or going away from the hotel as the group did last year. The committee noted that surveys showed mixed reactions on the banquet entertainment. The committee will consider a shorter entertainment, or use the money for other aspects of the program. The committee reviewed the benefits that partners get for attending and putting up displays at the conference. The committee would like to revise the involvement of partners and

vendors, including: a partners reception at the hotel prior to the banquet; linking partner resources to specific workshops, allowing partners to promote their products or resources for a few minutes during the workshop; having levels of sponsorships that include sponsoring workshops, meals, awards, etc. In addition to partners/vendors, the committee would like to see the presenters and teachers with displays about creative ideas at the partners reception. The committee would like to have 1 block of workshops on “personal” topics – STRS, financial investments, self-defense, cyberbullying, etc. The committee recommended having teachers who are currently teaching the new courses to present workshops and offer materials that will help those transitioning to the new courses next year.

New Business

Scott Sharp moved to renew OAAE’s membership in the Ohio Ag Council. Don Paullin seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion passed.

Rose Hartschuh asked Delegate Council members for ideas of who would serve as a representative on the OACTE Leadership Task Force. Ideas were given.

Mike Derringer moved for the 2012-13 membership year to subscribe to the NAAE magazine online, rather than subscribing to hard copies of the magazine. Sarah Whitford seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. The motion passed.

President, Rose Hartschuh, left the meeting and turned over the powers of the chair to President-Elect, John Poulson.

Dave Stiles brought forth concerns regarding Taxonomy Chairs. Dave noted that some are not OAAE members, very few attend Delegate Council meetings, and the current positions do not align with the new course structure. Discussion was held. John Poulson appointed an Ad Hoc committee to discuss these concerns with Taxonomy Chairs at the next Delegate Council meeting. Committee members will include Dave Stiles, Kevin Williams, and Kevin Kremer.

Mike Derringer moved to end the 2011-12 dues paying year as of March 31, 2012. Dave Stiles seconded the motion. Discussion was held and a vote was taken. The motion passed.

Scott Sharp moved for OAAE to pay for 1 table at the OACTE Legislative Luncheon. Dave Stiles seconded the motion. Discussion was held about the logistics of organizing this effort. The motion failed.

John Poulson reminded attendees that several OAAE officer positions will be available this spring and encouraged them to consider running for a position. John also encouraged District Chairs to use the assistance of their Vice Chair (if the position exists) in order to “train” that person as they go through the evaluation process.

Ike Kershaw led a discussion regarding renovating the FFA Center.

Tim Lamb moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Paullin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Warner
OAAE Secretary