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PDC Oshkosh Convention Center Business Meeting Minutes of Monday, June 23, 2025

Before the meeting began, Amanda Seichter introduced the new teachers, and they were given the Ag Teacher Creed and Advisor Pin.

Beth Babcock gave the Invocation.

President Mary Handrich-Grasee brought the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. She thanked the sponsors and exhibitors for their continued support of WAAE. Mary reminded all that Linktree is the platform we are using for all PDC information, schedules, and all current information can be found there using the QR code.

Motion by Kim Houser, second Linda Satler, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2024. Motion carried.

Beth Babcock presented the Proposed 2026-27 Budget. The WAAE Board suggests a dues increase from \$100 to \$125 to take effect 2026-27. The Finance Committee was thanked for all their time.

Exhibitor door prizes were announced by Keith Becker and Jeanna Burgan

Gwen Boettcher and Troy Talford explained the purpose and need of the Relief Fund and New Teacher Fund.

President M. Handrich-Grasee pronounced the meeting recessed and will reconvene Tuesday, June 24 at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Travis Engel gave the Invocation.

President Mary Handrich-Grasee opened the meeting at 12:07 p.m. The WI FFA State Officer introductions took place.

Committee reports were given for the following committees: Diversity, Fundraising, SAE, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Instructional Kits. For the PDC Committees, Travis Engel thanked the Auburndale FFA for the meat sticks used for presenter appreciation gifts, and Wally Taylor thanked Bobbi Windus for all her work with organizing socials and reminded everyone to sign up in the back of the room. Linda Sattler and Troy Talford gave the Legislative Liaison Committee updates and demonstrated how WAAE members can find their legislators and contact them about issues when asked to do so by WAAE. Joe Heinbuch reported for Idea Unlimited about the new application form from NAAE that will be required next year and also for this year's winner.

Tracy Brunton recognized the 30 Minute Club members who were Shari Graffunder, Katie Reiner, Jessica Magdanz, Tracy Brunton, Brenna Babcock, Emma Huber, and Jamie Rupp.

Mary Handrich-Grasee recognized the following Teacher of Teachers: Shannon Lyon, Silver; Susie Olson-Rosenbush, Bronze; and Hillary Bark, Bronze.

Nathaniel Nolden recognized the 19 members who completed the SAE for All Certification: Becky Grabarski, Noah Bestul, Danielle Heenan, Jacob Timm, Rachel Ziegler, Brooks Lueck, Jamie Propson, Katie Koeppel, Crystal Retzlaff, Brenna Babcock, Emma Huber, Sierra Hanley, Jeremiah Ihm, Troy Talford, Travis Sprague, Sammy Jurczykowski, Alexis Nolden, Nathaniel Nolden, Kim Houser.

Jacob Timm gave a report on Region III and all the offerings they attended in Iowa.

Raffle winners were announced, and door prizes were given out.

Mary Handrich-Grasee announced the meeting closed at 1:03 and will reconvene on Wed at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Mary Handrich opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Beth Babcock presented the proposed 2026-27 WAAE Budget for review, discussion, and approval.

Motion and second by Linda Sattler/Troy Talford to approve the proposed 2026-27 WAAE budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion and second by Troy Talford/Sally Ladsten to raise the WAAE dues to \$125 beginning the next fiscal year on March 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Committee reports were given for Wellness, CDE, and Advocacy, with a new middle school video played for all. Mike Fowell reported the Monday Night Picnic raffle for New Teachers Scholarship Fund brought in a net of \$1,400.

Dakota Bockenbauer of UW Platteville recognized the Cooperating Teacher Recipients, and Mary Handrich recognized the UW River Falls Cooperating Teacher Recipients.

Motion by Linda Sattler, seconded by Wally Taylor, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aaron Kilsdonk
Past President