

NCACAA State Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2015, 3:00pm
Grandover Resort & Conference Center, Greensboro

Call To Order: President, Paul Westfall called the meeting to order at 3:04pm. Fifty agents were in attendance.

New Members & Retired Agents: New Member Anna-Beth Stewart from Forsyth County introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary, Jamie Warner asked if there were any corrections to the June 18, 2014 minutes from the Asheville meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. It was moved by Amy-Lynn Albertson and seconded by Jacob Morgan that the minutes stand. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Spearman presented the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2014. It was moved by Andy Burlingham and seconded by Jacob Morgan to accept the report as read. Motion passed with no discussion.

Trust Fund Report: Lenny Rogers gave a brief run down of the accounts as of June 18, 2014. There was no further discussion regarding these accounts or this report.

Update on 2015 State Meeting: Sam Groce thanked everyone for coming and bid them a safe trip home.

2015 State Meeting Sponsorship: Matt Stevens announced that a total of \$15,225 was raised this year from 29 sponsors. He thanked everyone that helped him contact sponsors and make those connections.

Horn of Plenty: Paul Westfall announced that this year's Horn of Plenty will be in Greenville, NC. Contact a North East District County Director if you are interested in helping with this event.

Voting Delegates to NACAA Meeting: Voting delegates for the NACAA meeting in South Dakota will be:

- South East – Justin Whitley
- North East – Erin Eure
- North Central – Kathryn Holmes
- West Central – Travis Birdsell
- South Central – Andrew Baucom
- West – Kerrie Roach
- Silas Brown

State's Night Out: Paul Westfall announced that State's Night Out would be Tuesday, July 14th at The District and will include a buffet dinner for \$25 a person. He will ask about children's prices. The District would like us to pre-pay for the meals, so Paul needs a definite headcount at least 1 week before the event. Because the hotels are so spread out, the NCACAA Board voted to pay for the transportation for the State's Night Out.

NACAA Southern Region Director Update: Lenny Rogers addressed the group with a brief presentation about what the National Association strives to do along with accomplishments from 2014. He also provided a recap of the 2014 Mobile, Alabama meeting. This year's AM/PIC will be next month in Sioux Falls, SD. The headquarters is the Sheraton Hotel there. During this meeting, NACAA will celebrate 100 years of existence. Amy-Lynn Albertson has agreed to decorate the cake that will represent North Carolina Ag Agents at the celebration. Lenny also announced the upcoming National Meetings and locations as well as the dates for the 2016 JCEP and PILD conferences. These dates are as follows:

- JCEP in Las Vegas, Nevada: February 10 – 11, 2016
- PILD in Crystal City, Virginia: April 10 – 13, 2016
- Little Rock, Arkansas: July 24 – 28, 2016
- Salt Lake City, Utah: July 9 – 13, 2017
- Chattanooga, Tennessee: July 29 – August 2, 2018
- Indianapolis, Indiana: 2019 **Tentative**

OLD BUSINESS:

Diversity Report: Tyrone Fisher let the group know that surveys had been conducted regarding prayer at meetings and according to these surveys, people mainly had issues with the way prayers are ended, not with the actual prayers. Starting with the National meeting this year, the way prayers are ended will be changed to reflect these concerns.

NCACAA Banner: Tyrone Fisher thanked Amy-Lynn Albertson and the Davidson County staff for finding a vendor to get our banners and table clothes made. They were displayed at the banquet and throughout the state meeting and looked great!

NEW BUSINESS:

Transportation to NACAA AM/PIC: It was announced that Dr. Melton has rented a minivan for agents that said they would like to drive to South Dakota. There will be educational stops along the way.

Red Jackets: Tyrone Fisher is working with a distributor of these jackets. The estimated cost is less than \$100 for each jacket. There are currently 7 NCACAA Past Presidents that are still employed with Extension. If you think of any more, please contact Tyrone (tyrone_fisher@ncsu.edu).

Items From the Floor: Paul Westfall asked if there were any items from the floor to discuss. There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4-H/Youth – Eileen Coite stated that there really was not a committee report to share, but she did want to mention that Becky Spearman had an excellent entry, winning the award this year.

Life Members – Henry Ramseur sent the report that the following had passed since the last State meeting: Dr. Dalton Proctor, Robert Love, Zackie W. Harrell Sr., Dr. Paul Dew, P.E. Bazemore, Dr. Carlton Blalock, Dr. Earl Volland, Dr. Edgar Boone. Henry still needs for someone to take this position. Please let Paul know if you are interested.

Horticulture – Cindy Lauderdale reported that Mark Blevins (Brunswick County) was selected for the Pre-conference Horticulture tour in South Dakota. There were no applicants for the \$500 Lewis Howe scholarship for professional improvement this year.

Nominating – The slate of officers was voted on in a special order of business during the banquet. The vote was unanimous and the 2016 Officers are:

- Vice President – Travis Birdsell, Ashe County
- Secretary – Jamie Warner, Montgomery County
- Treasurer – Mark Danieleley, Alamance County

Officers that did not require a vote were:

- President – Paul Westfall, Granville County
- President Elect – Matt Stevens, Halifax County
- Past President – Silas Brown, Clay County
- Federation Representative – Nancy Keith, Iredell County

Search for Excellence – Amy-Lynn Albertson announced that Shawn Banks was a National Finalist in Horticulture. All winners of this year's Search for Excellence awards will be announced at the Awards Breakfast.

2016 State Meeting Invitation: Matt Stevens invited everyone to attend the 2016 State Meeting, which will be hosted by the North East District. The dates will be June 21-23, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza in Nags Head.

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Travis Birdsell and seconded by Andrew Baucom. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jamie D. Warner