

NCACAA State Board Meeting

April 12, 2013

10 AM

Collaborate Session

Members present: Tyrone Fisher, Becky Spearman, Cyndi Lauderdale, Danny Lauderdale, Tiffanee Conrad-Acuña, Michelle Shooter, Craig Adkins, Will Strader, Jacob Morgan, Nelson Brownlee, Adam Keener, Lenny Rogers, Tim Britton, Karen Neill, and Tom Melton.

Call to Order- Cyndi Lauderdale called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Review of Ag. Foundation Funds- Sonia Murphy was not able to join us on Collaborate. We can look at the slides 4-31 if we want. Please ask a board meeting for more details. She may be able to join us at the June session or can maybe wait til the fall. Cyndi would rather not wait that long.

Report from Administration- Dr. Melton stated that at the last statewide meeting, they announced Joann Lelekacs as the new local foods coordinator. She's doing a good job and staying on top of a lot of the Agent training. State conference will have more Agent training in it. There will be less administrative updates. We'll have a day and a half of technical Agent training. It will be concurrent sessions across 5 different areas. This isn't concrete yet, so he is throwing it out to us for some feedback. Local foods, Ag, 4-H, FCS, and organizational development tracts will be given. He knows we'll get complaints, because we can't have training on everything. Livestock Agents won't get as much training since we have the August training that is so great. They will shortly be appointing a committee to help layout the Agent training portion of the State conference, probably one Agent from each of the program areas. We are preparing for around a 7% cut from the federal government, which will effect us. We are also preparing for around a 5% state cut will affect us dramatically. It may be around a million dollars, which will come out of salaries and is based on what the governor's budget is. The Dean thinks that number will go down. The dean thinks we have a lot of Ag support and

will probably suffer a bit less than other departments. Cyndi said that Tom seems to have made a good recovery. He said he's still on crutches for 4 more weeks, but he still can't drive. Cyndi stated that she was told there are about 68 vacancies for Agent positions. He can't confirm that, since he hasn't talked to Sherry in awhile, but until we know what the budget cuts will be, they will probably be held open. The last number that he heard was if you split the cut between state and campus, which is what Joe is going to try to do, it will be around 50 Agent positions. The problem we are going to have if it stays at five and a half percent is that certain people can't be cut. That includes all faculty that are tenured and anyone on an appointed contract. Some states have let go tenured positions if they are in a bad state of emergency, but we've never done that.

Minutes – Tiffanee Conrad-Acuña stated that the minutes were posted on-line from the February meeting and the board was notified that they were posted on-line through email. Cyndi emailed a correction that the Lewis Howe Scholarship was misspelled and that correction has been made. Tiffanee asked for any additional corrections or additions to the minutes. Jacob moved to approve the minutes as emailed with corrections, Tim 2nd the motion, **motion carries**.

Treasurer's Financial Report - Becky Spearman stated that we got the treasurers report from Cyndi. We've been getting sponsorship money for the State meeting. We've also paid the National dues, which is a big number. We have 215 members. There are two life members that we pay for this year. She asked for any questions. Cyndi asked if we are on budget for some of the things that we've spent money on this year and Becky said that we are. Cyndi said that she would like to thank Will for switching everything back and forth behind the scenes.

Trust Fund Report- Lenny Rogers stated that the program award accounts and youth scholarships account have remained unchanged since the end of the year. The investment accounts has risen. It dipped in the crash of 08, but it is now over the original amount. Please ask a board member for more details.

Old Business

Galaxy (send names of voting delegates)- Cyndi stated that registration begins May 1. Let your voting delegates from your districts know to register then. Cyndi

needs a list of them to send to administration. We can type in chatbox now or send those to her.

New Business

National Secretary Meeting Request- Cyndi stated we discussed sending them money before. This is a different request from what we have in our budget. It's for the secretary's national meeting. The secretary who she spoke with was not sure why we were sent a second request, because she felt like we do the Secretary's well for what we provide for their State meeting. Cyndi told her that the state meeting is important to us because we want to make sure our secretary's are awarded. Tim asked if they were not expecting money since we were not supposed to get an additional letter. Cyndi said that is correct. Tim made the motion to respectfully decline the request for sponsorship for the National secretary's meeting. 2nd by Michelle, **motion carries**.

NCACAA State Committee Chairs and Reports

Ag. Economics & Community DevelopmentMark Seitz- No report

Agronomy & Pest Management.....Al Wood- No report

Animal Science.....Randy Wood- No report

Horticulture & Turfgrass.....Cyndi Lauderdale stated there are opportunities to do a post horticulture tour at Galaxy. She's sent emails and we also have the Lewis Howe scholarship. Anyone can email the application form to Cyndi if they want to attend a professional improvement activity.

Natural Resources/Aquaculture.....Molly Sandfoss- No report

Sustainable Agriculture.....Debbie Roos- No report

Administrative Skills.....Paul Westfall- Couldn't make it to the Collaborate session, but emailed Cyndi that someone is willing to conduct an administrative skills workshop at the state meeting, he was wondering if it could be added to when others do their award winning presentations. He's applied for the Southern Region Vice-Chair position for Administrative Skills, but won't know if

he's been appointed til after the National meeting. Becky stated that the committee wants to use the entire time for communications award winners, so there is no time to fit that workshop in, but that might be something that next year's committee can think about. Cyndi said the ones hosting for next year may want to get in contact with Paul to fill a slot for their meeting.

Agricultural Issues & Public Relations.....Anne Edwards- Cyndi said that she couldn't be on collaborate, so there is no report.

Early Career Development.....Michelle Shooter- Cyndi stated that Michelle said she did not have a report.

Teaching & Educational Technologies.Mary Hollingsworth- No report

4-H and Youth.....Della King- No report

Communications.....Eileen Coite couldn't be on Collaborate, but emailed her report and asked that Cyndi report that we've all seen our state winners through email. They've been sent to regionals. She should know next week who the regional winners are. Keith is working on getting the winners to present at the state meeting.

Professional Excellence.....Wick Wickliffe- No report

Public Relations.....Tyrone Fisher stated that we had 14 submissions from across the nation. We had 2 submissions for the Ag Awareness Awards. 1 winner was selected and sent for finals. Us and Kentucky and maybe Florida and a couple other states may have been the only ones to submit. He will send an email to everyone as soon as that information can be made public.

Recognition and Awards.....Danny Lauderdale stated that he emailed everyone the info for award winners for this year. The Young Agent award goes to Danelle Cutting and Lance Grimes. The AA awards go to Matt Stevens and Della King. Dan Campeau, Al Wood, and James Hartsfield are the DSA award winners. The AA and DSA award winners are all good for the national level. We could have had 4 AA's, but we did not get the applicants for that. We have 2 AA winners, and we had 4 applicants for the Young Agent Award, and were able to award 2 young agents winners since the retired Agents agreed

funded to that starting this year. He sent the names to Eileen to get plaques made along with the Communication Award plaques. He's been in touch with Mandy Harris about the awards banquet, he needs to get in touch with her about that again. Admin is lined up to hand out plaques, do any reading that we decide to do and be in the pictures.

Scholarship.....Ben Chase- No report

Search for Excellence.....Amy Lynn Albertson couldn't be on Collaborate, but Cyndi stated that we have had very few applications this year. For the crop production category, there was a team for the first place winners and they were Mark Powell, Louis Smith, Tommy Grady, Al Wood, and Paul Smith. 2nd place was Tim Britton, Brian Parrish, and Colby Lambert. There were no applications for Farm and Ranch Financial Management, Farm Health and Safety, Landscape Horticulture, or Livestock Production. Mark Blevins won Remote Sensing and Precision Ag. Lara Warden won Sustainable Ag USDA Sare Program. A team won for the Young Beginning and Small Farm Ranchers, which was Amy Lynn Darrell, Danielle Cutting, Stephen Grier, Amanda Taylor, Mike Roberts, Mark Tucker, and Jamie Warner. She doesn't know about the regional or national winners yet.

Life Member..... Henry Ramseur- No report

Benevolence.....Frank Winslow- No report

Constitution and Bylaws.....Becky Spearman stated that she reviewed them and we don't have anything that needs to be changed. Please let her know of any changes. You do have to give a 30 day notice on that one.

Internal Communications.....Will Strader stated that there is no report.

Membership Services.....Allison Brown- No report

Nominating Committee.....Richard Melton- No report

Youth Scholarships- Tiffanee Conrad-Acuña stated that we have 2 very good applications that she is excited about. We do have a couple more that will be coming in, maybe 3 or 4. Parents and youth have been emailing her with really good questions, so there should be several to choose from once the deadline is past. After the discussion from the previous meeting about confusion with life members and deceased members the youth scholarship committee would like to make the motion that the children, grandchildren, and legal children of current Agricultural Agent Association members, Life members, and Past retired members be eligible to apply for the youth scholarship, regardless of whether the member is deceased, as long as there is a record of membership. 2nd by Will. There was much discussion about whether we have good records on past retired members paying dues or being located to become life members. Will asked the question if you have an Agent that pays their dues for 10 years and then leaves Extension, and their child got the scholarship during that time, has is that different than a retired member who didn't get a life membership getting a scholarship. Cyndi said that Will made a valid point and asked for more discussion. Becky amended the motion that we to take out the past retired members part of the motion, so that the new motion reads the children, grandchildren, and legal children of current Agricultural Agent Association members and Life members be eligible to apply for the youth scholarship, regardless of whether the member is deceased, as long as there is a record of membership. 2nd by Danny. Majority wins because it is a policy change. **Motion carries.**

Update on 2013 State Meeting- Becky Spearman stated that the link for the registration page will go live this afternoon. We've been working on everything quite a bit. We had some problems due to sequestration for the youth and spouse tours. We scrambled at the last minute to change some of the tours. We put a disclaimer that there may be some changes later if there are more budget issues. The registration will go live and an email will be sent to Agents on Monday. Some of the pledge for the Farm Credit money will go straight to the district. Becky talked to Silas and we got some more checks. Two wks ago, he sent reminder letters reminding groups that normally give. Tyrone sent a list around last year at the board meeting so that we could help with sponsors. Becky emailed a couple of sponsors, so we probably need to consider emailing ones that normally give.

Cyndi thinks that is good, because she encouraged those who knew the sponsors to ask them.

PILD- Tyrone stated that he and Silas will attend. They have set up appointments with their elected officials. Lenny will drive up separate as well. We will have representation from the Ag Association. Cyndi advised not to go in with a script, because she didn't use it. She did prepare, but you just have to let things go the way they go. It was a very positive time because the legislators did understand and appreciate Agriculture.

Announcements/Dates

PILD (April 21-24)

2013 NCACAA South Central District State Meeting- June 18-20, 2013 at Holiday Inn in Fayetteville

NACAA AM/PIC – Pittsburgh, PA (Galaxy IV), September 15-20, 2013

Next Board Meeting- June 18, 2013 at 7 pm in room 1032 at the State Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Fayetteville

District Reports

Northeast- Danny stated that he did not have a report.

North Central- Will stated they have a meeting scheduled for next Fri in Orange County.

Southeast- Tim said the next meeting will be May 10th in Johnston County.

South Central- Michelle stated that the next meeting is May 3rd. It will be our last meeting before the state meeting and will be in Fayetteville. Becky has been working very hard to get our ducks in a row for the state meeting and we're getting excited!

West- Adam stated that their next meeting is May 14th.

West Central- Craig stated that their meeting will be next Friday in Allegany County. They will be visiting a chose and cut operation, a wreath making

operation, and then tour the Upper Mountain Research station in Laurel Springs in the afternoon.

Karen Neill stated through Will that a retired County Extension Director who was here for 10 years, then left Extension. He's asking for membership as a life member. According to the by-laws, the board has to approve this and they have to pay for it. Becky questioned if he was ever a paid Ag Agent, because at the National office, they have no record of him ever being a member. Craig stated that he was the Horticulture Agent in Randolph County about ten years before he moved over to Guilford County as the CED. He won several communication awards and attended state meetings, so he is assuming that he was a paying member. Becky asked if he could be under another name or a misspelled name. Karen was not aware of any. Becky's suggestion is to let her do some more research from the hand written records, and table this until the June meeting, but if he was never a paid member, then he can't be a life member. Lenny said that he is not aware of any other place where records are kept. Cyndi has Karen if it's ok to wait for June. Karen totally agrees with it being discussed at the June meeting.

Tyrone asked to discuss State's night out at Galaxy because of the baseball game. Much discussion took place and Tyrone decided to collect more information about prices on the game and transportation.

Cyndi stated that the sooner she can get the voting delegate names, the sooner administration can approve the names and they can get registered. Karen stated that she is the voting delegate from the North Central District.

Jacob moved to adjourn, 2nd by Becky, **motion carries**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffanee Conrad-Acuña