

National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
June 10 & 12, 2003

President Jim Kelm called the 18th Annual Business meeting of NFRBMEA to order at 10:30 AM at the International Inn in Minot, North Dakota on Tuesday, June 10, 2003.

A moment of silence was held in memory of John Hest.

Changes to the meeting agenda were discussed. Maylon Peters moved to approve the proposed changes. Tom Weygandt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The secretary's report of the 17th Annual Business meeting was distributed as a part of the Annual Report for 2003. Maylon Peters moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Rich Baumann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jay Olson conducted the Roll Call of States in the Monday afternoon session. At that time it was reported that 64 members, 30 spouses, and 11 children from 11 states attended. There were also numerous guests and friends of the organization present.

Ira Beckman reported that the nominating committee is presenting Charles Duell for the office of Secretary. Denny Jackson moved that nominations cease and that we cast a unanimous ballot for Charles Duell for the officer of secretary. Norm Bohmbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ira Beckman presented Ron Dvergsten for the office of President Elect from the nominating committee. Maylon Peters moved that nominations cease and that we cast a unanimous ballot for Ron Dvergsten for the office of President Elect. Denny Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ira Beckman presented Jim Kelm for the office of Past President and Tom Weygandt for the office of President on behalf of the nominating committee.

Rich Baumann presented the balance sheet included in the Annual Report for 2003 dated 3-31-03 with cash on hand of \$17,247.01 and an account receivable of \$1000.00 from North Dakota seed money for a net worth of \$18,247.01. Rich also presented a 2002-2003 comparison of budgeted and actual revenue and expenditures. The budget for 2003-2004 was approved at last year's conference and a proposed budget for the 2004-2005 year was also presented. Tom Weygandt moved to approve the budget for 2004-2005. Ira Beckman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wayne and Deb Pike presented the *Nuts and Bolts*, Website, and Membership reports. Deb reported that 185 electronic and 20 paper copies of the *Nuts and Bolts* newsletter were sent out for the spring issue. Deb also reported that there have been 6,968 hits on the website, which exceeds the challenge of 5,000 hits made last year by President Jim Kelm. Wayne reported that there are 176 Regular members, 17 Associate members, and 1 Lifetime member. It was suggested that a reduced or free undergraduate membership might be available. This will be considered at the Fall Board Meeting.

Dr. Dick Joerger, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota, reported that a survey of all current Farm and Ranch Business Management Instructors will be conducted either by electronic mail or hard copy within the next few weeks. This survey will research the need for inservice tenure appropriate education for our members. The survey will be tabulated and presented for action at the Fall Board meeting.

Gary Thome, Adult Representative on the National Council for Agricultural Education, gave an activity report of the council and the possibility of full membership for NFRBMEA on the National Council. Gary encouraged members to review the website at www.teamaged.org.

Jim Kelm reported that Ron Dvergsten at Northland Community and Technical College from Region III and Jon Farquharson of Blue Mountain Community College of Region I have been named Regional winners of Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Agricultural Education Programs.

Tom Weygandt reviewed a question and answer sheet on a proposed National Institute for Farm and Ranch Business Management Teacher Education.

The meeting recessed until the Thursday morning session.

President Jim Kelm called the business meeting back to order at 10:15 AM on Thursday, June 12.

The Distinguished Service Award plaques were not available but will be presented to Jerry Bartel, Marv Knell, Jim Riley and Dr. Laurence Crane (on behalf of National Crop Insurance Services) at a later time.

Ira Beckman gave an updated Past Presidents report reviewing the Annual Report for 2003.

Laurie Morris presented the Historian's video report of last year's conference.

Jim Kelm reported that the Recruitment Committee would have a brochure for the organization ready for printing soon.

John Caster gave the Industry Relations and Alliances report. John reported that NFRBMEA is pursuing closer relations with other organizations to better meet the needs of our member instructors and our students. John and committee member Steve Metzger challenged the members to secure a list of vendors or sponsors. Specific projects such as the National Institute, *Nuts and Bolts*, conference coffee breaks, and other projects or activities might be more easily promoted. Classification of sponsorship might be promoted such as Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Ron VanNurden reported that the Resources committee recommended that the establishment of an electronic library be pursued, with Charles Duell as the librarian. Morgan Community College would act as the host for the library. The library would include software, databases, curriculum, links, and other information that could be available for use and exchange by the members. Information to be placed in the library would be reviewed by a committee in an attempt to maintain quality. Ron requested that members respond to the needs survey that will be sent.

Tom Weygandt reported that our organization will not be involved in Instructor Certification but will attempt to establish Instructor Standards.

A request was made for volunteers that may be interested in serving as additional members on a committee for the coming year.

Jim Kelm reported on cooperative efforts with the National Association of Farm Business Analysis Specialists, NAFBAS, to combine some activities that would include conference hosting. The combined groups would encompass about 500 members that serve about 40,000 farms. The 2004 NAFBAS national conference will be held in Wichita, Kansas and the 2005 conference will be in Washington

D.C. A joint conference might be a goal for the 2006 conference, when NAFBAS will be meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Vic Richardson gave the Audit report for the 2002 conference. Vic reported that the organization has met all accepted accounting procedures. Ira Beckman moved to approve the Audit report. Denny Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no old business at this time.

Al Graner moved to establish membership on the National Council for Agricultural Education. Gary Thome seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tom Ackerman moved that we work toward establishing a National Institute. Al Graner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rich Baumann presented the conference hosts, Dale Enerson, Tom Hanson, Al Graner, Rueben Mayer, and Marsha Dupré gifts and plaques in appreciation for their fine efforts in hosting the conference.

Ed Ruff, 2004 conference Chairman, offered an invitation to attend next year's conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. Next year's theme will focus on the interface between production agriculture and environmental advocacy.

Tom Ackerman offered a tentative bid for the 2005 conference to be held in Ohio. John Woodford moved to accept the tentative bid. Al Graner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Kelm gave his remarks as the retiring President. Committee advancement and revitalization of the organization were noted. A vision for the future has been established and members were challenged to "Make a Difference".

Officers for the forth-coming year were installed. The officers for 2003-04 are: Jim Kelm - Past President, Tom Weygandt - President, Ron Dvergsten - President Elect, and Charles Duell - Secretary, Rich Baumann - Treasurer, Wayne Pike - Nuts & Bolts Co-Editor and Membership Secretary, Debra Pike - Nuts & Bolts Co-Editor and Webmaster, Laurie Morris - Historian, Ed Ruff - 2004 Conference Chair, and Tom Ackerman as 2005 Conference Chair.

Tom Weygandt, incoming President, gave his remarks.

Al Graner presented the Social Olympics award to Jerry and Em Bartel.

Al Graner, 2003 Conference Chairman, presented the 2002-2003 retiring officers with plaques and a NFRBMEA wall mirror in recognition and appreciation for their year of service to the organization.

Al Graner presented a series of Door Prizes.

Steve Metzger moved to adjourn the meeting. Keith Torgerson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM on Thursday June 12, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay M. Olson, Secretary

