

*NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting  
October 30-November 1  
Howard Johnson Antigua Bay  
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin*

Members present: Tom Weygandt, Ed Ruff, Jim Kelm, Ron Dvergsten, Rich Baumann, Laurie Morris, Tom Ackerman, Charles Duell, Wayne Pike, and Deb Pike.

Item #1 - Call to Order

President Tom Weygandt called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. on October 30.

Item #2 - Agenda Changes

Tom added to the agenda items 21 and 22.

Item #3 - Minutes

Charles distributed the minutes from the previous meetings. Naming of the distinguished service award recipients from the spring conference board meeting. Charles asked for clarification of the Distinguished Service awards mentioned in the Pre-Conference minutes from April 23, 2003. Distinguished Service Award members recipients name in the April 23 minutes were Jim Riley and Jerry Bartel. Distinguished service award recipient chosen from a friend of the organization was Lawrence Crane, from National Crop Insurance.

Jim moved, Ron seconded motion to accept the 2003 Post-Conference Minutes. Motion passed.

Item #4 - Treasurer's Report

Rich gave the treasurer's report. Charles moved and Ron seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Item #5 - Membership Secretary's Report

Wayne reported paid membership as of 10-30-03 at 122 total members: 116 regular members, 1 honorary member, and 5 associate members. These numbers compared to 176 regular, 19 associate, and 2 honorary members from March 31, 2003. Discussion on the relatively low number of regular members at this point in time compared to the end of the previous year. Discussion of the number of new teachers who are unaware of the organization in the alphabet soup of different organizations that new teachers are confronted with trying to understand why a person should become a member of the organization, regardless of whether they are reimbursed by their employer. Discussion also included the thought to have a separate dues billing sheet for those who are or those who are not attending.

Ron moved, Jim seconded to accept the membership report. Motion passed.

Item #5A - Dues increase – Ron moved, Charles seconded motion to lay on the table.

#### Item #6 - Nuts And Bolts Reports

Deb gave the Nuts and Bolts report. The fall issue is out. Electronic copies sent: 96 to members, 202 to non-members; printed copies: 10 to members, 120 to non-members. Wayne reiterated the need for other contributors to the *Nuts and Bolts*. Tom Ackerman moved, Rich Bauman seconded to accept the Nuts and Bolts report.

#### Item #7 - Webmaster's Report

Deb gave the Webmaster's report. There have 7948 visitors; 200 from the beginning of the month. Discussed a change in the *Nuts and Bolts* newsletter so that the back issues are available in PDF format rather than done in HTML. This has been a time saver for Deb as she already has it in PDF format from the print issues. Discussion over accepting credit cards for dues or registration was briefly brought up. Deb still needs a bio from Charles Duell. Charles Duell moved and Tom Ackerman seconded the motion to accept the Webmaster's report. Motion passed.

#### Item #8 - Past President's Report

Jim Kelm gave the Past President's Report. Jim asked for comments and suggestions for writing the Annual Report for 2004. The committee looked at the Annual Report for 2003 and had discussion over what should appear in the 2004 report. Jim will include an executive summary of the report, and condense the agenda/topics, will include States we have membership from. Also will have a photo of the 2003 board. Committee reports, logos and graphics were discussed. The board discussed the need to update or change the logo. Ron moved, Tom Ackerman seconded to motion to accept Jim's report.

Discussion of the Mission Statement as it appears in the Annual Report. Moved by Ron Dvergsten and seconded by Charles Duell to have Wayne Pike look at the wording of the Mission Statement. Motion passed.

#### Item #9 - Historian's Report

Laurie Morris gave the Historian's report. Laurie asked members to forward to her items that do not appear on the Historian's CDROM that she has prepared. Laurie also mentioned the need for some orientation at the post-conference board meeting. Also mentioned was the need for a different format for the CDROM contents, preferably in PDF format instead of converting into HTML for the CDROM. Charles moved, Ed seconded the motion to accept the historian's report. Motion passed.

#### Item #10 - Memorial Plaque

No action was taken.

#### Item #11 - NAAE & National Council

Jim Kelm reported. NFRBMEA is listed on the Team Ag Ed web site at (<http://www.teamaged.edu>).

The council. The board met in the first part of October. The cost of membership is anticipated to be about \$800.00. Jim will request full membership at the council's

board meeting in March. Jim also mentioned that we should be connecting with the membership of NAAE.

Ron Dvergstien moved, Jim seconded, for the board to write a letter to the Council requesting membership.

#### Item #12 - Tax Return and Audit

Jim Kelm moved and Ron Dvergstien seconded the motion to have Vic Richardson to prepare the tax return and audit NFRBMEA's Books. Motion passed.

#### Item #13 - Statement of Compliance

Jim Kelm moved, Ed Ruff seconded, that it be recorded that the board has discussed and generally agreed the NFRBMEA is in compliance with the requirements of a 501 (c) (3) corporation. Motion passed.

#### Item #14 - 2003 Conference Report

Rich reported for Al Graner some general numbers from the 2003 Conference.

Meeting recessed @ 5:55 p.m.

Meeting reconvened @ 8:50 a.m. Friday, October 31, 2003.

#### Item #15 - Conference Report

Ed Ruff introduced the members present for the 2004 Conference report. Mark Alden, Bryce Larson, Doug Marshall, Madison Area Tech College Mike Sabel, Mid-State Technical College, and Jim Gibson, state director of technical education for the state of Wisconsin. Theme is: Green and Gold of Wisconsin. Environmental Responsibility, Economic Rewards.

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#### Item #16 - 2005 Conference Report

Tom Ackerman reported on preparations for the 2005. Conference is slated for Wooster, Ohio June 5-9, 2005. Possible topics are: positioning the farm, strategic planning, and business planning; agriculture labor; profitability and analysis of farm records; challenges of local government in agriculture; new weeds that challenge agriculture; the changing face of Ohio agriculture. Ron moved to accept, Charles seconded, motion passed.

#### Item #17 - Resources Committee Report

Charles Duell reported on the survey developed by Ron Van Nurden. Board discussed the survey and it was felt that the resource committee should go ahead with a request for submissions to the membership at large, including the disclaimer wording that would accompany the template. Copyright would be retained by the individual author. Ron moved, Tom A seconded motion to accept report.

#### Item #18 - Membership Committee

Ron Dvergstien gave the membership committee report. Updating the brochure was mentioned, collegiate student membership, closer affiliation to high school instructors as source or potential adult instructors, reiterated the benefit of the resource

library as a way of drawing more adult instructors to become NFRMBEA members. Jim moved, Rich seconded the motion to accept the membership committee report. Motion passed.

Bylaw committee appointed: Tom Weygandt appointed a committee consisting of Jim Kelm, Ron Dvergsten, Laurie Morris, and Tom Weygandt to serve as a bylaws committee.

#### Item #19 - National Institute Report

Dr. Dick Joerger presented a draft of the preliminary findings of the National FBM/FPM Inservice Assessment Project. Draft copies were given to board members. Following the presentation discussion centered on what the next step should be. Among other facts uncovered was that the median age of the 120 instructor respondents was 53.3 years.

The FFA Foundation, Deere and Company, and Kellogg Foundation were mentioned as potential donors.

Jim moved to authorize up to an additional \$2,000 for Dr. Joerger's inservice assessment project. Ron seconded the motion.

Ron moved to accept, Rich seconded. Motion passed.

#### Item #20 - Industry Relations and Alliances / NAFBAS

##### Industry Relations and Alliances Report

Ron Dvergsten passed out an email from John Caster asking for more specifics on the Institute idea before going out and trying mount a major fundraising effort. He said that he had not had any responses from members indicating persons or organizations that had been sponsors.

Jim mentioned that sometimes we overlook the simple things and are targeting major fundraising. Jim moved, Tom seconded the motion to accept John Caster's report.

##### NAFBAS

Conference call with Bob Rhea. NAFBAS dues are \$30.00 for active members. Active members in NAFBAS are voting members, and non-voting affiliates do no pay dues. Affiliate members are more likely to be tax software vendors, service companies, etc. Bob suggested that NAFBAS membership would not necessarily want to be members of NFRBMEA. Bob suggested that when we have joint conferences that an active member in either organization could attend at a reduced registration cost (non-members would pay higher registration).

Jim asked whether there should be some cross-promotion to the membership of the other group.

Tom Weygandt suggested a letter to be put into the mailing an invitation from the 2004 Conference committee. Bob Rhea will have Brian Manning from NAFBAS send info to Ed Ruff to get info into our conference mailing.

Exchange of membership lists, copies of our bylaws was suggested by Wayne. Jim suggested that both organizations need to have a brochure and/or a display to have at the other organization's 2004 and 2005 conferences.

Suggested that we need to have a person from NFRBMEA be on the 2006 conference committee.

#### NAFBAS Conferences and Themes

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Theme</u>
2004	Wichita	Business Succession Planning
2005	Washington DC	Government programs/policies
2006	Omaha / Council Bluffs	

Jim suggested that perhaps in the future a joint meeting could be held with NAFBAS and NFRBMEA. Timing and location of a joint meeting were discussed. After some discussion the consensus of the group was that a Fall joint meeting would work the best, possibly in conjunction with the Pork Board meeting or other industry meeting that we could attach to. A Joint meeting was suggested for Champaign Ill for Fall 2004. Thought was that we would extend the duration of the meeting by one day to accommodate the joint meeting.

Jim moved, Ron seconded the motion to go ahead with the joint conference in 2006. After discussion, motion passed.

Rich moved, Jim seconded the report written by Wayne Pike from the September NFRMBEA/NAFBAS joint meeting.

#### Item #21 - Change in Rural America

Tom handed out information on a conference in Lexington KY. the Change in Rural America: Social and Management Challenges in.

#### Item #22 - Southern Region Ag Ed Leadership Conference

Tom Weygandt let the group know about an email that had been received by the Southern Arkansas University chapter of Alpha Tau Alpha, soliciting sponsorship for their Conclave in November. No action taken.

#### New Business

Dues Increase. Jim moved, Ron seconded the motion to take from the table the item concerning increasing dues. Motion passed.

Ron moved, Rich seconded to place on the agenda for the 2004 annual meeting a change of the active membership dues from \$20 to \$30.

Jim moved, Ron seconded a motion to amend the previous motion to empower the bylaws committee to also include looking at affiliate membership dues levels. Amendment passed. Motion as amended passed.

Distinguished Service Awards. Individuals were discussed.  
from membership, and from industry. Moved by Jim, seconded  
by Ron to accept the names. Motion passed.

Moved by Jim to adjourn, seconded by Ron. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:35  
November 1, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Duell