

NFRBMEA - NAFBAS Joint Board Meeting
University of Minnesota Campus, St. Paul, MN
September 28, 2009

Wayne Pike, NFRBMEA, was selected as Chair; Al Graner, NFRBMEA, was selected as Secretary.

Bob Rhea gave the Secretary's report from the Joint Board Meeting in St. Louis. Virgil Dagman moved to accept the Secretary's report, second by Jay M. Olson; motion passed.

The agenda was posted on the screen and followed with a few changes.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the two groups for sponsoring the annual conference was reviewed. The Memorandum of Understanding is good through June 2010; it is working well and is expected to be continued and possibly extended.

2009 St Louis conference survey results were reviewed. Conference locations were reviewed for:

- 2010: Fargo
- 2011: Nashville
- 2012: Michigan, or somewhere in Midwest

A Recommendation from NFRBMEA was made about combining first-time conference attendees from both NFRBMEA and NAFBAS for the First-Timers' Meeting at the annual conference. Motion made by Tom Thaden, to include first-timers from both groups in an informational meeting about what each group does, why we meet and how to work together, second by Jay M. Olson; motion passed.

Recommendation from NFRBMEA to include NAFBAS professional papers in NFRBMEA's Exchange of Ideas and have presentations made at the conference. Jim Kurtz moved to appoint a committee of the NAFBAS Professional Papers Committee and NFRBMEA appointing Jim Kurtz and Al Graner to work out the details combining both groups. Motion seconded by Mike Schmidt; motion passed. Committee recommendation to be reported next year.

Doug Wertish gave the 2009 Conference Treasurer's report.

Wayne presented the NFRBMEA recommendation for paying the Conference Treasurer \$500 for keeping the conference monies organized. Tom Thaden moved that the Conference Treasurer be compensated \$500 on June 30 following each conference, with a retroactive payment being made for the 2009 Conference. Second by Paul Gorman; motion passed.

Evan Conrad reviewed preliminary information about the 2011 conference for Nashville. June 12-16 follows the Country Music Festival; June 14-23 could be another possibility. Paul Gorman recommended that the dates be June 12-16, and the location to be the Opryland area. Second by Jim; motion passed.

Continued participation with Extension Ag Economists group was discussed and motion made by Jim Kurtz to continue the association with them. Second by Evan Conrad; motion passed.

(At this point, Dr. Dick Joerger addressed the group.)