

2010 NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting
University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus
September 27, 2010

The Fall Board Meeting of the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order at 9:33 a.m. on Monday, September 27, 2010, by President Al Graner. The meeting site was Room 119 in the Ruttan Building on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota.

Board members present were Al Graner, Myron Oftedahl, Jay D. Olsen, Jay M. Olson, Rick Morgan, Deb Pike and Wayne Pike. Secretary Jim McCuiston missed his flight in Denver due to long security lines even though he arrived at the airport in plenty of time. Dr. Richard Joerger was a guest in attendance.

The Board approved the agenda as developed by President Graner.

Dr. Joerger was asked to speak to us on his topic, "Steps Being Taken to Position the Minnesota Farm Business Management Program for a Strong Future." He offered his cooperation via the Minnesota State College and University system to further the goals of NFRBMEA. He described MnSCU's FBM Task Force efforts to strengthen the FBM program. He pointed out that leadership, finances and programming are the keys to a stronger program.

Deb read the minutes of our June annual business meeting in Fargo. The minutes were approved as read.

Deb read the minutes of our June post-conference Board meeting. A change was suggested that the word "hired" be changed to "contract with" in reference to Deb Pike's appointment as communications director. The minutes were then approved as amended.

Myron Oftedahl presented the treasurer's report. It was approved subject to audit. Jay M. Olson reported that the Bremer Grant to IABME has been received in its entirety and the Bremer Foundation approved its expenditure over four years instead of the original three years. Myron asked about investment opportunities for the organization's money that now is invested in certificates of deposit. The Board agreed that investment decisions are the treasurer's discretion. However, principal preservation and liquidity are primary concerns.

Deb Pike presented the communications director report. She has updated the 2010 and 2011 conference sites and our current membership list. She is working on archiving old Nuts & Bolts. All minutes and the annual reports are current on the Web. She will upload our logos and letterhead to the Web for access by Board members. The next Real-Time Update is in process. Billing letters were sent out last week to 72 former members.

Topics for the joint boards meeting were discussed. Motion by Rick, second by Myron to discuss setting up a specific conference web site and compensating the web manager for the time spent on the conference site. Motion passed.

Motion by Olson, second by Olsen to discuss the reimbursement of expenses out of the conference funds for the Conference chairperson. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at noon until planned reconvening on Tuesday.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at the same site.

Committee Reports:

There was no Industry Relations/Fundraising committee report. Deb Pike read the latest IABME report from Tom Weygandt. There was no Resource committee report.

Rick Morgan reported that the results of the 2011 Conference had already been discussed.

President Graner appointed Wayne Pike and Jim Kelm as co-chair people for the 2012 conference.

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award were asked for. There were no nominations at this time.

Motion by Rick, second by Wayne, to approve Ira Beckman as our next representative to the National Council for Agriculture Education to replace Jay M. Olson when his term is up. The motion passed. Jay M. Olson told us that he will be attending the next Council meeting in Reno next week. He also stated that we have established ourselves as an entity on the Council and that we are having an impact on a national scope.

President Graner asked for any names of colleagues who might be interested in helping NAAE with an early-career blog.

President Graner asked that all Board members review their job descriptions and try to accomplish their tasks as described.

Our next group meeting is planned to be by conference call or webinar on January 12, 2011 at 8 a.m. Central time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by,

Wayne Pike

Recording Secretary