

NFRBMEA Annual Business Meeting

June 14 & 16, 2016 – Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD

The 2016 Annual Business Meeting of the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association was called to order by President Will Walter on June 14 at 3:30 PM.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Rodney Armstrong. The minutes from the 2015 annual meeting were distributed. Josh Tjosaas moved and Don Hagen seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Several awards were presented at this time. Distinguished Service award plaques were presented to Mark Holkup and Jim McCuistion. Mark completed his service on the board of directors in 2015 and has coordinated the CHS Scholarship program since 2014. Jim is currently serving as past president and will be completing his term on the board of directors this year. Both are to be commended for their many years of service to NFRBMEA. Jim McCuistion was also presented a plaque in recognition of his term as NFRBMEA president.

Treasurer's Report: Myron Oftedahl presented the 2015-16 income statement (+\$1571.53 cash flow), the March 31, 2016 balance sheet (\$28,566.61 equity), the 2016-17 budget which was approved last year and the proposed 2017-18 budget. Myron informed the members that a credit card has been obtained to use for charging conference expenses. Keith Torgerson moved and Jay M. Olson seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

At this time Kent Vickre joined the meeting. Will presented Kent a plaque for Distinguished Service-Friend of NFRBMEA. Kent and the Iowa Farm Business Association have been instrumental in our annual conferences over the years.

Roll Call of States: Presented by Rodney Armstrong. Written reports are available in the digital conference notebook. Oral summaries were presented by Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Communications Director's Report: Presented by Deb Pike. Current membership is 96—87 active, 8 affiliate and one honorary. Several RTU's were sent out in the past year and one Nuts & Bolts newsletter. Website: All board meeting minutes and last year's annual meeting minutes have been posted. The website lists farm management education job postings as they are received. The conference website is now more mobile device friendly and contains a link to the digital conference notebook. Deb asked members to send her pictures from the 2016 conference and tours that could be used on the website.

Nominating Committee: Jim McCuistion reported that the nominating committee would like to place in nomination the following names for 2016-17 NFRBMEA officers: Treasurer- Myron Oftedahl, Secretary-Rodney Armstrong, President elect-Bruce Fowler. Tom Ackerman moved and Brad Sirianni seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Motion carried.

NFRMBEA Annual Report: The Annual Report will be available in digital form on the website at a later date. Jim McCuistion encouraged everyone to watch for it and take time to review it.

Conference Sponsorship Coordinator Report: Wayne Pike reported on his role as coordinator and his activities. Communication with current and potential sponsors is vital to the financial success of our national conferences.

CHS Conference Scholarship Report: Mark Holkup reported that CHS generously provided NFRBMEA with \$15,000 again this year to be used for scholarships for individuals interested in exploring farm management education as a career. This year the scholarships were made available to people in the workforce looking to change careers as well as college students. We had ten scholarship recipients who will meet with us on Thursday morning to report on their conference experiences. Tina LeBrun will be assuming the lead role as conference scholarship coordinator.

National Council on Agricultural Education (NCAE) Report: Josh Tjosaas serves as farm management education's representative on the board. The complete report will be in the Annual Report. Jay M. Olson stressed the importance of having farm management's presence on this board. Our representatives have been fortunate to serve as officers on this board in the past and we can use this influence to enhance the visibility and viability of our profession.

2016 Conference Report: Will announced that 240 people attended this year's national conference including 161 regular members plus the 10 scholarship recipients. Conference surveys will be done on-line. Emails will be sent out with links to the surveys. The conference notebook was digital for the second year and it seems everyone is becoming more comfortable with the format. Although financial information is not finalized it is anticipated that net revenue will approach \$25,000 which will be split evenly with NAFBAS.

Dues: Currently NFRBMEA dues are \$60 for regular membership and \$30 for affiliate. Allison Thompson moved and Ira Beckman seconded to set dues the same as last year. Motion carried

2017 National Conference: NAFBAS will be hosting next year's conference in Des Moines, IA.

2018 National Conference: NFRBMEA has selected Harrisburg, PA as the host site of the 2018 conference. Miguel Saviroff and Barry Kurtz have agreed to serve as conference coordinators. Potential tours are being considered.

Jennifer Smith encouraged all conference attendees to send thank you letters to our conference sponsors.

Bruce Fowler moved and BillieJo Shae seconded to recess until 10:15 Thursday morning. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened Thursday at 10:30.

Several of the CHS scholarship recipients were present. They introduced themselves and talked about their experiences at the conference. They all expressed their appreciation to NFRBMEA and NAFBAS for allowing them to be a part of the conference activities and to CHS for providing them the scholarship opportunity. Mark Holkup asked them what changes they would make to enhance the experience of future scholarship recipients. Some of the suggestions made were to have more instructors from the two organizations give presentations on their career experiences, introduce them to the group earlier in the conference and make arrangements for continued involvement and access to information about farm

business management. Mark will put together a written report for the board on suggestions for improvements in the scholarship program.

Miguel Saviroff and Barry Kurtz presented additional information on their preliminary plans for the 2018 conference in Pennsylvania.

Will Walter expressed appreciation to everyone for coming to Sioux Falls and giving South Dakota the opportunity to give back to NFRBMEA.

Will declared the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Armstrong, NFRBMEA Secretary