

**Western Region American Association for Agricultural Educators Business Meeting**  
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference  
Business Meeting Session I Minutes  
Spokane, Washington  
Friday, April 26, 2002

1. **Call to Order.** Western Region AAAE Vice-President Tom Dormody called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Dr. Dormody welcomed members and guests and introduced the Western Region Officers: Dr. Martin Frick, Alternate Vice-President and Dr. Greg Thompson, Secretary. Members and guests were invited to introduce themselves. Dr. Dormody and Dr. Gary Straquadine provided an update on the Big Sur Marathon held during last year's conference in Carmel, California. Dr. Straquadine and Dr. Dormody were commended for representing Western Region AAAE in the marathon. Dr. Dormody discussed committee opportunities and encouraged members to get involved in Western Region Committees.
2. **Minutes of the 2001 Western Region Agricultural Education Meeting.** The minutes from the 2001 AAAE Western Region Agricultural Education were approved as written.
3. **Supply and Demand Report.** Dr. Frick handed out the Teacher Supply and Demand Report.
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - Journal of Agricultural Education Editing and Managing Board – Dr. Brenda Seevers (chair) announced the committee minutes were on the Conference CD.
  - Communications Committee – Dr. Wayne Fanno (chair) announced the committee would meet today (April 25, 2002)
  - Program Improvement Committee – Dr. Bill Kellogg reported the committee was not active this year. AAAE contributed \$500 for the 2001 Western Region Conference.
  - Professional Development Committee – Dr. Vern Luft (chair) announced the upcoming qualitative workshop to be presented at AAAE as a pre-conference session. The professional Development Committee has a nominations and a membership subcommittees.
  - Research Committee – Dr. Jack Elliot (chair) announced the awards have been delivered to Dr. Mike Swan (Conference Chair).
5. **Western Region Rotation.** Members discussed the rotation of the Western Region AAAE Conferences. It was suggested that Hawaii be included in the rotation. Dr. James Christiansen discussed developing a program well in advance to show administrators the professional development taking place at the meeting. Dr. Dan Hubert will check out hotels, etc. when he travels to Hawaii in November. Dr. John Mundt discussed the agriculture teachers and state supervisors accommodated us and made the conference a success. Dr. Swan volunteered Washington State University to conduct the research meeting in Hawaii. Dr. Dormody would like us to initiate a discussion with Western Region NAAE about Hawaii. Dr. Billye Foster suggested adding Alaska to the

conference rotation. Dr. Christiansen mentioned the expense of going to Alaska is much higher than other states. Dr. Carl Reynolds suggested checking out Alaska. A vote was conducted concerning substituting Alaska for Colorado Alaska for Colorado in 2008. The vote was 11-7 in favor of discussing the substitution next year. Dr. Frick suggested Vancouver Island for Alaska with professional development in fisheries, forestry, and horticulture. “High Tea for AAAE” (Dormody, 2002).

**6. Teacher Panel on Mentoring.**

Dr. Swan introduced John Grubbs, Lynden High School Agriscience Teacher, Steve Cotterill, Career and Technical Education Director, Snohomish High School, and Erin Murphy, North Kitsap High School, Agriscience Teacher. Steve said he has questions and concerns. Teachers are embracing the mentoring. The challenges are not the same – budgets and issues. Steve asked the question, “When students complete your course, what you want them to know and how do we know they know it?” Steve sees teachers preparing too much for class, not preparing enough and wonders are they relying too much on canned curriculum. Teachers need to develop more labs or activities in the classroom. He thinks in many instances, there is an over-reliance on FFA. When parents come to registration, they usually ask two questions: “Does this course help students pass WASSLE (state standards)?” and “If students take agriculture classes, can they get into college?” Steve mentioned that the Superintendent doesn’t care if you had the grand champion Holstein cow. We need something to help our young folks. John discussed his challenges with At-Risk students. As a volunteer at Child Care Protective Services for a year. Love of students everyday – parents that make the job enjoyable. John also discussed the pressures from WASSLE (state standards). As teachers we are constantly convincing the principal why you should be here (conferences). One of the challenges facing John as a young teacher is the attitude that he doesn’t know his place and that he needs to climb the ladder in this district. John challenged us to take agricultural education to where it is now and take it to a new place. John was told he had a mentor teacher, but John doesn’t know who he is.

**7. Adjournment.** The session was adjourned at the conclusion of the Mentoring Session.

**Western Region American Association for Agricultural Educators**  
**Western Region National Association for Agricultural Educators**  
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference  
General Session Minutes  
Spokane, Washington  
Friday, April 26, 2002

1. **Call to Order:** The joint session meeting of NAAE/AAAE commenced at 10:30 a.m. by AAAE Vice-president Tom Dormody and NAAE Vice-president Sue Polland
2. **State Reports.** The following state agricultural education reports were given:
  - a. Arizona – See report in appendices
  - b. California – See report in appendices
  - c. Montana – See report in appendices
  - d. Nevada – See report in appendices
  - e. New Mexico – See report in appendices
  - f. Oregon – See report in appendices
  - g. Texas – See report in appendices
  - h. Utah – See report in appendices
  - i. Washington – See report in appendices
  - j. Wyoming – See report in appendices
3. **2003 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference.** Greg Thompson and Kathy Holmes (Oregon) announced that the 2003 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, April 23-26, 2003. Dr. Thompson and Ms. Holmes discussed conference plans and industry tours.
4. **Western Region Conference Rotation.** Motion by Dr. Dormody, Second by Dr. Fanno to hold the 2004 conference in Hawaii. Dr. Luft provided an overview of the last time it was held in Hawaii. Costs for the conference were discussed. The motion was amended that spouses be prohibited from attending the conference. Amendment died for a lack of second. Motion passed 44-0.
5. **Western Region AAAE Awards:**

*Outstanding Young Member* – Carlos Rosencrans, New Mexico State University

*Distinguished Teaching Award* – Robert Torres, New Mexico State University

*Distinguished Service Award* – Carl Reynolds, University of Wyoming

*Poster Session Award Winners.* (report in appendices). Nineteen posters were presented at the Western Region Poster Session held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. Dr. Jim Knight presented the awards:

*Winner:* “Mentoring Beginning Teachers: A Team AgEd Approach”  
Greg Thompson, Brian Warnick, and Lee Cole Oregon State University

*First Runner-up:* “Developing and Implementing an On-line Portfolio System” Michael Spiess and Steve Rocca, California State University, Fresno

*Second Runner-up:* “Work is Hard. Distractions Are Plentiful. Time is Short”  
Billye Foster and Ed Franklin, The University of Arizona

*Outstanding Graduate Student Poster:* “Using Computer Technology to Enhance Learning and Student Success in Career Development Events.”  
Roxann Poskey, Tina Waliczek, and Carl Igo, Southwest Texas University

6. **Adjournment.** NAAAE Western Region Vice-president Sue Polland and AAAE Western Region Vice-president Tom Dormody adjourned the General Session of the Western Region Agricultural Education Conference.

## **Western Region American Association for Agricultural Educators Business Meeting**

Western Region Agricultural Education Conference

Business Meeting Session II Minutes

Spokane, Washington

Saturday April 27, 2002

1. **Call to Order.** Western Region Vice-president Dr. Tom Dormody called the business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Supply and Demand.** Dr. Frick distributed the Supply and Demand Report. See Appendices
3. **Communications Committee.** Dr. Fanno reported the committee was working on developing a newsletter and a website for Western Region AAAE
4. **Western Region Committees**
  - a. Communications Committee  
Wayne Fanno – 2005 (re-elected)  
Billye Foster - 2004  
Dan Hubert - 2003
  - b. Program Improvement  
Steve Frazee – 2005 (replaced Bill Kellogg)  
Greg Thompson - 2004  
Ed Franklin - 2003
  - c. Professional Development  
Gary Straquadine – 2005 (replaced Doug Pals)  
Carl Reynolds - 2004 (replaced Robert Torres)  
Vern Luft -2003
  - d. Research  
Bill Kellogg – 2005 (replaced Jack Elliot)  
Rosco Vaughn - 2004  
Mike Swan – 2003
  - e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board  
Carrie Trexler – 2005 (replaced Greg Thompson)  
Billye Foster - 2004  
Matt Baker - 2003 (replaced Robert Torres)
  - f. Poster Session  
Motion by Dr. Reynolds, second by Dr. Marvin Kleene to have a three-member poster committee, effective 2004.  
Ed Franklin – Chair for two more years (2002 – 2003 – 2004)  
James Knight – 3 yr. Term

Dan Hubert – 2 yr. Term

- g. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board  
Mike Swan – 2005
- h. Consultant to FFA Board of Directors  
Jack Elliot – 2003
- i. FFA Foundation Board of Trustees  
Jack Elliot – 2003 (Western Region representative elected in 2007)
- j. Agricultural Education Magazine Editing-Managing Board  
James Smith - 2004

5. **AAAE Realignment.** Dr. Swan discussed realignment of the AAAE Central and Eastern Regions. The discussion was brought up in the 2001 AAAE Business Session and next December there will be a by-laws change, if there is a favorable vote. NAAE wants to continue with six regions.

6. **National Council.** In the March Board Meeting, the Council voted in favor for Agricultural Education will to be dissolved. Pam Holvert will be hired by NAAE and Mark Leitman's position was terminated. Leitman's position will go through the 2002 National FFA Convention. Reasons for dissolving The Council were financial and that the Council no longer wanted to be involved in curriculum, which will be transferred to the National FFA. Dr. Luft reported that the Agricultural Education Policy Committee will revert back to the policy committee.

7. **Research Presentations.**

*Outstanding Research Paper:* “ A Comparison Between Career and Technical Education and Those Students on a High Stakes Test”  
Jack Elliot and Augusta Zimmerman

*First Runner Up* – “Agricultural Systems Management Related Industry Perceptions of Knowledge & Skill Needs for Beginning Managers in West Texas” Kyle McGregor, Tarleton State University, Steve Fraze, Matt Baker, Chad Davis, and John Barton, Texas Tech University

*Second Runner Up* – “Texas Agri-Science Teachers' Attitude Toward and Stages of Adoption of Information” Steve Fraze, Davin Fraze, Lance Keith, and Matt Baker, Texas Tech University

8. **Resolutions.** See resolutions in appendices. Three appreciation resolutions and one action resolution was passed by the delegation. (See appendices)

9. **Moving AAAE**

Dr. Elliot moved to explore possibility of alternatives for the NAERC and AAAE away from ACTE (second by Dr. Frick). After a lively discussion, Dr. Frick moved to refer the motion to a committee consisting of Dr. Elliot (Chair), Dr. Frick, Dr. Reynolds, Dr. Briers, and Dr. Igo with instructions to the committee to confer via e-mail, use the Western Region Listserv for reaction to the motion, and then report to AAAE President by Dr. Dormody (second by Dr. Elliot). Motion passed.

**10. Discussion**

Dr. Van Shelhammer challenged the Poster Committee to implement a plan of taking the poster session and getting in the hand of the teachers and others or posted on the web. Dr. Dormody asked the Communications Committee and the Poster Committee to work together to distribute. Dr. Tim Murphy suggested we collect research by regions and then house it on the AAAE Website.

**11. Adjournment.** Dr. Dormody thanked Dr. Swan for his work and then adjourned the meeting. Dr. Fanno asked Western Region AAAE to come together for a picture.