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To PAAE Board Members:

I would like to express my appreciation for allowing me to serve as a delegate for PAAE. While at the conference, I was able to gain valuable materials to use in my classroom from the professional development workshops, fulfill my position as the marketing committee secretary, attend general membership and regional meetings while voting on behalf of PAAE. Upon returning from any conference, I always feel refreshed and full of new ideas to implement in my classroom, and this conference was no different. Below is a list of the following items that I participated in:

Professional Development:

- <u>"Wait, What Are We Doing Again?" Setting context and giving effective directions the first time</u>- This
 workshop focused on implementing classroom strategies to provide detailed and effective directions,
 thus reducing the need to repeat directions to the students.
- <u>Teaching and Coaching! Strategies for Career Development Event Preparation</u>-The focus of this workshop was evaluating data obtained through observations of FFA chapters who have had successful C.D.E. teams at the national level. It was determined that successful teams spend time utilizing both instructional and motivational strategies with emphasis being placed on instructional strategies.
- <u>Interactive Gaming for your Learners: Pest Management and Pesticide Safety-Participants at the</u> workshop were provided with websites that can be utilized in class while teaching pesticide safety. These websites contain both review and assessment games that provide students with a certificate exhibiting their progress.
- <u>Marketing NAAE Membership to Aq Teacher In Your State</u>. This was the workshop that I helped to plan, organize, and conduct. The participants stated that they gained new strategies to implement in their own state to increase membership numbers.
- <u>Hands-On Labs on an Aq Teacher Budget: Affordable project-based, hands-on and STEM based</u> <u>agriscience activities for secondary students-</u>This was an amazing workshop where we conducted labs that can be used in our classes with most supplies being bought at the dollar store. Upon conclusion of this project, all participants walked about with a packet full of various labs. I loved this workshop, and I would recommend any teacher to attend if the opportunity arises again.
- <u>Teaching the Gaming Generation-Using Effective Review Games in the Classroom-</u>In this workshop, participants were given resources to utilize in the classroom. The resources included: Jeopardy, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, Kahoot, Plickers, and Quizlets. I currently use some of these review techniques, but I did not have a copy of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and now I do.



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• <u>Getting Their Engines Going: Active Learning Strategies for the Small Gas Engine Lab-</u>This workshop provided many hands-on activities that can be incorporated in to an engine's class. All participants were given the resources to access Montana State's engine curriculum. This was also an amazing workshop, and I cannot wait to incorporate some of these activities into my class

NAAE/Regional Business

- Attended the three NAAE General Business session, and on Saturday assumed my position as a seated delegate to vote for the President-Elect
- Participated in the 2 Region VI Meetings. At those meetings, I also provided the marketing committee report and the upcoming items that the committee will address. (Vice President: Krista Pontius and Secretary: Sherisa Nailor)
 - Notes from Regional Meeting:
 - Encourage a representative from your state to attend the National Policy Seminar conducted by NAAE. One representative will receive reimbursement per state. (Feb. 29-March 2)
 - Please think about attending the Region VI Conference in Trenton, NJ during April 29th-30th
 - PAAE received the distinguish membership award.
 - Vermont is hurting to keep their association alive, but they were able to get 6 members to join.
 - PSU was the only college from our region to send two pre-service students to the conference.
- Attended the two award luncheon that featured various award winners, updates from sponsors, and the President-Elect candidate speeches.

ACTE General Session and Keynote Speaker

- ACTE Board provided greetings and updates for the year.
- Keynote Speaker: Pencils of Promise-Founder: Adam Braun
 - Goal: To build a school in developing countries to provide education to the students.
 - Since the inception of the company, he has built 300 schools worldwide.
 - For more information go to the following webpage: https://pencilsofpromise.org/

***Please refer to COP for the regional minutes.

Marketing Committee

• As secretary of the committee, I recorded the discussions that took place at the unofficial committee meetings to determine the topics for the official meeting in January.



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- Assisted with presenting the marketing committee workshop that was organized by various members of the committee.
- Assisted the chair with the development of the topic list that would be presented at Saturday's business session.
- Notes:
 - The marketing committee was very successful with developing a workshop to help address the needs of membership recruitment.
 - In January, the committee will be conducting a webinar for state leaders in order to demonstrate the resource available through NAAE.
 - The committee will be looking at upgrading Communities of Practice to encourage more to utilize the website. Currently, the Ag Ed Discussion Lab on Facebook is receiving more replies than COP.
 - Encourage all states to access the new marketing videos, brand center, and "Life Cycle of An Ag Teacher" to help market and recruit new members to NAAE. This should be available soon.

*** Please refer to COP for the committee reports.

Sincerely,

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