

PAAE Board of Directors Conference Call

December 8, 2015 - 4pm

President Bittner called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

Joining the call were: Bittner, Jarema, Isenberg, Schanbacher, Cambuzzi, Wallace, Campbell, H. Anderson, Berndtson, Brammer

Minutes of last meeting September 2015 were emailed out. *Schanbacher/Anderson moved to accept. Motion passed.*

Presidents Report – David Bittner, President

Report from Legislative Dinner on 11/16/15

The PAAE Leadership team of President Bittner, President-Elect Isenberg along with Versant staff had the privilege to meet with House Education Chairman Stan Saylor of York county and members of the House Education Committee. The purpose was to discuss the restoration of centralized leadership for agricultural education in Pennsylvania. The meeting was very productive with a promise to both host a hearing on agricultural education along with an accompanying tour to move legislation that would provide a permanent fix for administering agricultural education in the commonwealth. Stay tuned as we continue to work on your behalf.

The primary objective is to retain Cliff Day's (anticipated March 2016) and Chris Weller's (position within the Department of Education. The secondary objective is to reinstate both of these positions to full-time status dedicated 100% to agricultural education to provide more centralized leadership within the state. This may or may not require legislation since it may require the creation, consolidation, and/or redirection of funding streams. We can all agree that the roles of these positions in providing leadership for the profession has been minimized due to changes within PDE. The work we are doing is to ensure that agricultural education will forever have centralized leadership, through a position or positions whose sole focus is to promote school-based agricultural education in Pennsylvania, the continued development of its teachers, and to push the profession further into the future.

Attended PDA Strategic Planning Session and met with Scott Sheely on 11/23/15

Discussed Workforce Development Initiatives and Statewide and Region-based Tour of Agricultural Education in PA during February's National CTE Month.

President Elect – Isenberg – Working on POA documents – hopefully final form by spring regional meetings.

Past President – Wallace – Attended NAAE conference, New Orleans. Great sessions, and a report was filed.

Brammer – Provided financial reports.

Regional Reports:

Eastern – Anderson – regional meeting held, all went well.

Northern – Berndtson – No new news. Comments on tractor driving CDE. Send to all teachers.

South Central – Jarema – Great turn out at regional meeting.

Western – Campbell/Cambuzzi – McGuffey has a new teacher (John Leasure) Regional meeting went well. Derry partnered with Farm Bureau and conducted a tour – Great response. Joe Patracka-House Ag Committee.

Representative Reports

Foundation – Bittner – Great PAAE representatives. Doing a great job pulling in new trustees.

Working to maintain and increase funding. Seibert is spearheading CDE sponsorships. Bittner talked to the Foundation about helping to fund an Ag Ed survey.

FFA Association – Isenberg – Meeting Friday Dec 11.

Committee Reports:

Member Services – Jarema - Scholarship application is out. Spring trip announcement is out. Gift bags are being worked on. Add Doug Brown to the committee.

Marketing Committee – No report

Strategic Planning – No report

Public Policy – No report

Policies & By Laws – Anderson - One new committee member, Kristy Etzler. The award nomination form and process being worked on. Fiscal year change?

Finance – Campbell – No new information.

Professional Growth – Berndtson – Haven't met – Still looking for additional committee members. Need roles and responsibilities of committee members. Need programs for ACES and SLLC. Ideas – More AET training.

Summer Conference – Bittner –Committee has met four times. They are ready to make deposits for transportation, meals, etc. Will meet again next week to develop a survey for the conference - One survey with Professional Development. Preliminary conference information out in January.

2017 Summer Conference – Philadelphia

Advocacy – No report

Mentoring – All new teachers are being assigned a mentor.

Sunshine – Need work concerning the online form.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **NAAE reports** from the delegates – Posted on the web site.

- B. **100th Farm Show**
 - 1. PA Preferred Reception (Blue ribbon reception) - \$250 allocated for tickets. Bittner, Isenberg, Cambruzzi, Anderson, Jarema, and two additional.
 - 2. Display with the Foundation at Farm Show – Need help. Volunteer spot – Bittner to reach out to Sparks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **AG ED Survey** – Financial cost – Utilize an outside source? Statewide survey to all 500 school districts. Can VP's help – Can PDE and PDA be involved?

- B. **Membership Drive** – December 31 is the deadline. Regional VP's, please reach out to those not on the list.

- C. **CDE Sponsorship** – Request from the FFA Foundation for \$250.00 to sponsor the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE. *Jarema/Cambruzzi moved to sponsor the CDE at \$250.00. Isenberg/Anderson moved to lay on the table. Motion passed. DISCUSS AT REGIONAL MEETINGS. NEXT MEETING ACTION.*

- D. **NAAE Relief Fund Request** - \$100.00 annually – *Isenberg/Anderson moved to refer to the finance committee. Motion passed.*

- E. **PAAE Awards** – The following were nominated for PAAE/NAAE Awards:
 - Outstanding Young Member – Ayla Miller
 - Ag Science Teacher – Mark Anderson
 - Outstanding Teacher – Sherisa Nailor
 - Outstanding Secondary/Middle School Program – Tri-Valley
 - Outstanding Mentor – Daniel Foster
 - Teacher Turn The Key – Megan Slates
 - Lifetime Achievement – Carole Fay
 - Outstanding Service – Deb Seibert
 - Outstanding Cooperation – The Center for Dairy Excellence

Next meeting at SLLC – 2pm.

Regional Meetings are set:

Eastern - April 6 – Garden Spot HS

Northern – April 7 – Williamsport HOSS's

South Central – April 13 – Cumberland Valley HS

Western – April 5 – HOSS's Indiana

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Brammer", is centered on a light green rectangular background.

Mike Brammer

PAAE Executive Secretary.