

Members Present: Allison Sutphin, Laurel Bishop, Frank Saldana, Charley Carroll, Elizabeth Duncan, Christy Kerr, Ron Ryrd, Katie Reames, Howard Hill, Brian Fisher, Carly Woolfolk President
Katie Reames brought the meeting to order at 8:24 am.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Christy Kerr made the motion, Elizabeth Duncan seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1) Area Reports-

Appalachian Area- Held a Talent Competition at their Area Rally to entertain in the in between times.

Central- none

Eastern- First rally was very successful, they are already making plans for next year. It increased tractor driving participation by a great deal.

Northern- Do other areas collect dues? If so, what do they do with them? Do you have a bank account?

Laurel- until Rally, they did not have a reason to have an account. So, they set up an outside bank account. \$15, meal and t-shirt,

Katie- separate bank account, \$25 dues per chapter for plaques, area rally stuff, state officer gas, award pins and plaques

Elizabeth- \$35 per chapter, rally plaques- non state convention, ribbons for MS, all through Randolph Henry HS, endow plaques, donation to Mr. Heishman, Stephen Edwards brought students from Mt. Olive to help with the Rally.

Mr. Byrd (Appalachian)- They have an area account and have had it forever. They use it for all area activities, t-shirts, etc. Charge \$25 dues per chapter. Need to have a separate area treasurer than the area president.

2) Treasurer's Report- Attached sheet. Mr. Byrd. Fluid situation. \$30,000 of money put in foundation account to gain interest. We need to be getting interest from it. Howard Hill made the motion to request from the foundation the \$30,000 and the interest due. Allison Sutphin seconded the motion. Discussion to place it in a CD or investment. National FFA Foundation has a pool investment account, get a better return, 7-9%. Motion passed. Elizabeth Duncan moved to the executive committee investigates options to best invest the 30,000 and interest by the end of May. Howard Hill seconded the motion. Following the conference call, the money will be the invested in the appropriate accounts.

3) VA DOE-

- 1) New Work Based Learning Conference in Richmond, everything is paid for except for travel and lodging. Entertainment is Flying Squirrels. It is June 28-29. Information is on Supts. Memo.
- 2) Curriculum Review: 8006 is a high school course – so my suggestion was for them to change the middle school CDE handbook since it reads enrolled in a middle school course which would penalize any school using 8006 for 8th graders. The way it is written, that would not allow 8th graders taking 8006 to compete in the middle school CDEs.
- 3) 8010, 8012, and 8014 were traditionally called Ag 3, 4 and 5 (8006 was Ag I and 8008 was Ag II). We have updated 8006 to be a high school exploratory and 8008 is now strictly in the Animal Systems Pathway. However, 8010, 8012, and 8014 stayed as “production ag” courses and include all pathways which causes some difficulty in preparing students for certifications. Additionally, in talking to

instructors with those courses, each was focusing on the pathway of their choice that fit with their preferred or designated pathway. (then you can put the questions I asked – I was talking so fast that I don't think it could all be recorded) I am planning to make 8012 partner with 8008 and focus on production/large animal as listed in the curriculum revisions for 2016-2017.

- 4) Vet Assistant (8310/8311) were in Health and Medical Science and are not Ag – there is a lot of repetition between Small Animal II and our Vet Science course so we need to revise all of those courses together to make a more rigorous curriculum and removed redundancy.

- 4) Executive Director's Report- working on conference and aligning the financial report. Thanked us for the salary that he missed. He is very impressed and pleased with working with Dr. Jones. Please call Ron with any questions and concerns!

- 5) President Elect- none

- 6) Winter In-service 2015 - Attendance doubled from last year. Suggestions for next year: CyberSecurity that relate to Agriculture – i.e. – automated hydroponic systems and RFID tags for automation in animal production, drones for precision spraying. Carly talked about the training she went to and how insightful it was and really applied to a lot of the emerging technology in Ag

- 7) STAR Program- Friday, April, 22nd. Dr. Spindler is taking students to state program tours in Appalachian Area. They are doing a workshop at State Convention. Ferrum wants us to come back for another teacher tour. VSU is also very receptive with ideas. Virginia Tech seems to be grant oriented. Suggestion to offer students from other in making special initiatives to invite some of these kids to summer conference. VAAE did offer scholarships for VT students to attend NAAE; however, they were there less than 24 hours. Frank Saldana is going to speak with Ellen and follow up back up.

- 8) VAAE Summer Conference- NAAE offered good suggestions for teacher mentor programs with other states. Additionally, they have worked with legislators about getting Perkins wording changed. The Tentative Schedule was sent around. Please encourage people to get their Category 10 Pesticide License. You must have this license to spray anything on government property. The license will be up to the student to complete, if you choose to endorse your students.

- 9) Awards- Mr. Byrd received applications for all categories except Outstanding Post Secondary, and Ideas Unlimited.

Outstanding Service- Jimmy Heisghman

Outstanding Cooperation- J.Blake from Briggs & Straton

Teacher Mentor- Dianne Poole

Lifetime Achievement- Scott Massie

- 10) VACTE/ACTE- Brandon Monk- Meeting a few weeks ago. Brenda Long would like \$1000 from each division for policy efforts, contracted lawyers that they have. David does provide good work, not all items align with VAAE. Carl Perkins funding should be coming out very soon. Governor's new proposed revitalization to make the high curriculum more work based ready and/or post secondary. We pay a good money of our dues to them, since we are the highest percentage of members in

VACTE. This year, FBLA will be paying \$500, marketing \$1000, skills \$1000, TSA \$1000, Health and Medical?

FCCLA? Discussion if we provide money, would they provide more support? Most policy is decided by the executive director. Would they support us if we did not support them financially? Elizabeth Duncan moves that we donate \$750 towards VACTE and reevaluate this in September. Christy Kerr seconded the motion. Motion passes.

New Business

- 1) Constitution and responsibilities- to minimize time out for one person. Katie Reames made the following suggestions:
 - a) President Elect- comes from general population. (More political, face of the organization). Keep conference on Area rotations.
 - b) Area VP would be responsible for conference organization.
 - c) President attends- NAAE, NPS. Ag business. Fall/spring meeting
 - d) Website/PR
 - e) State Secretary attends Region VI meetings and awards judging. State Secretary will remain on a rotational schedule.
 - f) Duty Division
 - i) President- NAAE, Ag Business Dinner, NPS, Fall & Spring Meeting
 - ii) President-Elect- NAAE, Ag Business dinner, VACTE Seminar, Fall & Spring Meeting
 - iii) Past- President- Ag Ed Summit, Winter In-Service, Fall & Spring Meetings
 - iv) Secretary- Fall & Spring Meeting, Region VI meeting
 - v) VACTE Rep- VACTE meetings, VACTE Seminar, NPS
 - vi) Website/PR- Website and PR documents and social media
 - vii) College Relations- Areas

f) Discussion on: Does this get referred to constitution committee? It would not change, the president elect, nor location, it would not go into effect into the following year.

Elizabeth is on the constitution committee, Allison has agreed to help. Katie will serve in some fashion.

VAAE Calendar of Events

- 1) Winter In-service- November 18-19, 2016 at Riverheads High School
- 2) New Teacher Institute is not the same week at Ag Teachers Conference for provisional licensure. July 11-15 in Richmond. Curriculum Development and Instruction, open to all CTE teachers. See Carly for more information.

Professional Development Needs Assessment-

- 1) Last done 2 years ago, it would be good to send it out again and see if the Winter InService is helping. What are the needs of the teachers?
- 2) Brian Fisher sent out the survey in the past. Just updating the past survey. We would like it to go out by conference. Charley has volunteered to administer the survey.
- 3) Yearly evaluation survey- 3rd one, our effectiveness as an organization, VT, Team Ag Ed, VSU, Ferrum. Howard, Foundation, DOE, VAAE, VA FFA Association, Advisory Council/Board of Directors,
- 4) Information shared with all parties involved. No names or specific titles can be used. Then, they can use this information to move forward. Shared numerical data, but no comments. Individual knows the raw comments, but listserv will be edited version of comments.

- 5) We have no power to make changes, but only personal recommendations for improvement and the entire Ag Ed Network.
- 6) Suggestion to only share raw data with individuals affected.
- 7) Howard has contacted Dr. Fravel and plans to have the survey out by the end of the month.
- 8) Leave it open for 2 weeks. Conference call for the end of May with the money stuff, constitution,

Allison Sutphin moved to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Duncan seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Beery