



National Association of County Agricultural Agents

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President

2016 NACAA Southern Region Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016
Little Rock, Arkansas
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Presiding: Lenny Rogers, Director, North Carolina
Jerry Brown, Director, Kentucky

Recording Minutes: Andy Overbay, Vice Director, Virginia

Invocation: Lenny Rogers, Director, North Carolina

Minutes: Bill Burdine, Vice Director of Mississippi presented the minutes from the 2015 Southern Region Meeting in Sioux Falls, SD. Henry Dorough, AL motioned to approve and Brian Veer SC, seconded. Minutes were adopted.

Andy Overbay, Vice Director, VA presented the minutes from the 2016 Leadership Development Conference in Los Vegas, Nevada. No approval motion was needed.

State Roll Call: Jerry Brown called upon State Presidents for an attendance report.

State	Members	1 st Timers	Life Members	Administration	Guests
Alabama	24	5	4	1	8
Arkansas	81	10	6	8	10
Florida	55	3	0	2	12
Georgia	26	2	0	1	25
Kentucky	41	1	0	1	25
Louisiana	15	3	5	1	7
Mississippi	18	4	0	1	5
North Carolina	30	4	4	1	9
Oklahoma	12	3	1	0	5
South Carolina	5	0	2	1	0
Tennessee	30	3	3	2	9
Texas	22	3	2	0	10
Virginia	11	2	2	1	2

Mr. Charles Moody, AL was recognized as attending his 48th AM/PIC!

Nomination of NACAA Vice-Director: Alabama

Kent Stanford of Alabama nominated Mike Reeves, AL as Southern Region Vice-Director and Jimbo Burkhalter, MS seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

Paul Westfall (NC) reported that all the nominating committee members met and interviewed all the candidates for national officers and found them to be qualified for office. During his report Paul shared details of each of the candidates' backgrounds and thoughts on their ability to serve.

Selection of Teller for NACAA General Election during Delegate Session:

Lenny Rogers asked individuals to serve as election tellers. Tellers cannot be a voting delegate or be from a state with a candidate seeking office. The motion for Mark Keaton of AR to serve as teller made by Sherri Sanders (AR) and seconded by Brian Haller (AR). Motion passed.

NACAA Committee Appointments:

Lenny Rogers reported that all national committee chair positions are filled. He also encouraged members to consider serving on national committees as vacancies become open.

Important Deadlines:

Director Rogers reported:

Award applications are due March 15th, with the exception of DSA and AA due January 15. Dues deadline is January 31st and become delinquent on February 15th. Dues received after Feb 15 will be accepted at the discretion of the board. This will affect delegate allotments and various awards.

State officer and committee chair updates should be updates timely on NACAA website. This is done mostly by the State President but others can be appointed to serve in this capacity.

Voting delegates should be named 60 days in advance of AM-PIC if possible. Changes may be made up until the day before the Delegate Session.

State Meeting Dates/Locations:

Jerry Brown asked states for their state meeting dates and locations. They are:

State	Dates	City	Officers Rotate	Director to Attend
Alabama	May 30-June 6	Point Clear	At meeting	Bill Burdine

Arkansas	Late Spring	Fort Smith	Post AM-PIC	Jerry Brown
Florida	September 26	Daytona Beach	At meeting (9/27)	Jerry Brown
Georgia	Nov 4-9	Cordele	At meeting	Bill Burdine
Kentucky	June 25-28	Louisville	Post AM-PIC	Jerry Brown
Louisiana	First Week of June	TBA	Post meeting	Jerry Brown
Mississippi	TBA (Late Oct)	TBA	Post Meeting	Bill Burdine
North Carolina	June 20-22	Hickory	Post AM/PIC	Jerry Brown
Oklahoma	July 5-7	Claremore	Post meeting	Bill Burdine
South Carolina	First Week of June	Akin	Post AM-PIC	Jerry Brown
Tennessee	May 10-12	Chattanooga	July 1	Bill Burdine
Texas	July 16-19	Odessa	Post meeting	Bill Burdine
Virginia	First Friday in Dec	Appomattox	Aug 1	Andy Overbay

Outstanding Young Farmer Program Report:

Ray Hicks, GA, reported that NACAA is doing a great job promoting this important recognition program. Of the 18 national nominations, 10 were from NACAA members. NACAA offers a stipend for travel to OYF Convention to be split between the agents whose nominee reaches the top 10. Ray shared the future locations and encouraged members to participate.

Diversity:

Anthony Teller (TN) offered the region a report on the Diversity Committee. He shared the results of a diversity survey presented to the members. A snapshot of NACAA membership shows that 5% of the members are minorities and 27% are female. Anthony also shared that NACAA offers 1890/1994 Scholarships and this year, two were from the Southern Region. Finally Anthony shared that there was an upcoming future decision to make the Diversity Committee a permanent committee.

Life Member Report:

Russell Duncan, SC reported that there are 55 Life Members were registered at Little Rock. Eddie Holland has been selected 2017 Vice Chair of the Life Members. On a sad note, Russell shared that this past year, 53 Life Members passed away. Finally, Russell recognized Tom Benton, TX for his tremendous service to the Life Members.

Elections:

Mark Nelson introduced the slate of officers for election to 2016-17. They are:

President-Elect: Alan Galloway, Tennessee
Vice President: Richard Fechter, Kansas
Vice President: Todd Lorenz, Missouri
Treasurer: Wes Smith, Georgia
Secretary: Matt Herring, Missouri

Candidates briefly shared their vision for the future of NACAA.

Journal of Extension:

Keith Mickler (GA) reported that his tenure as NACAA Representative to JOE is ending December 31, 2016. Nominations for his replacement follow the 2016 AM/PIC. Keith stressed that it is imperative that his replacement be committed to attending ALL meetings. There are 6 meetings, two face-to-face and four electronic.

Scholarship:

Brian Haller (AR) shared information about scholarship applications, awards and fundraising. This year the committee awarded 13 individual and 3 group scholarships (6 from Southern Region). Total funding for scholarships was \$18,889 provided to members. Brian shared that again this year there would be a cash drawing at the Auction Tuesday Night and ticket purchased go towards the members' total donation to the scholarship fund. Members need to be "vested" by the end of the AM/PIC to be eligible for next year's scholarship awards. Brian completed his report by recognizing members who had reached monetary levels of support for the scholarship program.

NACAA AM-PIC Bid:

2018 Tennessee
David Yates and Jeff Via

David shared that all committee chairs are in place and 47% of the funding goals have been reached!

Dates to Remember:

Jerry Brown (KY) shared the following dates:

2017 JCEP Regional Leadership Workshop	February 8-9, 2017	Orlando, FL
2017 PILD Conference	April 2-5, 2017	Crystal City, VA

County Agent Magazine:

Bill Burdine (MS) shared the importance of the County Agent Magazine such as award information, AM-PIC information, committee openings, etc. Members can receive the magazine via hard copy or electronic copy and selection is made using the NACAA website under Member

Update. Bill stated that he puts new members in as e-copy recipients as a cost saving measure and if the member so chooses, they can elect to receive a hard copy. It is published quarterly and any member may submit articles for publication.

Journal of NACAA and Journal of Extension:

Bill Burdine (MS) encouraged agents to submit articles to Journal of NACAA (published twice per year) and Journal of Extension (published six times per year). It was shared that the Journal of NACAA has a 70% acceptance rate, much higher than the JOE.

Donor Sponsor:

Bill Burdine (MS) indicated we need donors and sponsors and he challenged members to use their contacts to gather donors for NACAA. Level of support depends on amount of sponsorship: \$2,000-\$5,000 = free AM-PIC registration; \$5,000-\$10,000 = registration + \$500; any sponsor providing over \$10,000 gets the member free registration + \$1,000.

Vice-Director Rotation:

2017	Louisiana
2018	Oklahoma
2019	Tennessee
2020	South Carolina
2021	Georgia

New Association:

Director Rogers shared that Puerto Rico has joined the Southern Region as a partner in NACAA! Lenny visited the U. S. Territory in December and displayed pictures of his journey which were well received. Eighteen members joined NACAA from the groups 60 or so agents.

NACAA AM-PIC Dates:

2017	Salt Lake City, UT	July 9-13
2018	Chattanooga, TN	July 29-Aug 2
2019	Fort Wayne, IN	Sept. 8-12
2020	VA Beach, VA	July 19-24

Other Business and Concerns

Lenny thanked the Southern Region States for their support during his tenure and Jerry Brown asked the region to join him in thanking Lenny for his leadership to the region and as his mentor as a director. With no further business, JJ Jones (OK) moved that we adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dr. Andy Overbay
Southern Region Vice-Director