

Idaho Vocational Ag Teachers Association
IVATA Mid-Winter Meeting January 5-6, 2007, Boise, ID

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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| * Brian Wolf- IVATA President | * Nate Low, WID Director |
| * Erica Whitmore, IVATA Secretary | * Steve Braun, NID Director |
| * Shawn Dygert, IVATA President-elect IVATA Legislative Liaison | *Larin Crossley, SEID Director |
| * Alan Heikkila, IVATA Treasurer | *Jack Blattner, BVD Director |
| * Allison Touchstone, IVATA past president, IDPTE AST Program Manager | * Ron Corbett, SUSRD Director |
| * Dr. John Mundt, U of I | * Sam Condie, EMVD Director |
| * Holly Church, CTEI Representative | * Stacy Winn, NMVD Director |
| | * Val Johnson, NUSRD Director |
| | * Fred Faulks, IVATA Food Producers Representative |
| * Janna Volkens, Secretary-elect | |

Absent:

Brian Wolf, IVATA President called the meeting to order at 1:07pm at the U of I Boise Center in Room 162.

Welcome and Introductions- Brian Wolf

- The tentative agenda was overviewed and approved by the committee
- Everyone was instructed to look through their packets for the minutes 2006 IVATA Mid-Winter minutes, 2006 Summer Conference Minutes, and other materials in the packet

Minutes:

- Steve Braun moved to except the agenda for the 2007 Mid-Winter Meeting, Sam Condie 2nd. Vote- passed.
- Steve Braun moved to except the minutes from the 2006 Mid-Winter Meeting as presented, Larin Crossley 2nd. Vote- passed
- Steve Braun moved to except the minutes from the IVATA Summer Conference, Nate Low 2nd. Vote- passed

NAAE Reports:

Brian Wolf discussed the NAAE conference that was held in Atlanta, GA in November 27 - December 1 of 2006.

- Brian Wolf, Nate Low, Justin Patton (his wife Brenda), Erica Whitmore, Sue Poland, Pat Dixon, and Robert Hale were all in attendance
- Brian reported on the NAAE membership dues, Lifetime dues are 12 times the active membership dues
- New president Harold Eckler is from Missouri
- We gave reports on the committees that each of us served on
- Brian presented Allison Touchstone with our Professional State Association Award

- Suggestions for NAAE Awards:
 - Outstanding Program: Fruitland, Troy, Meridian, Kuna
 - Outstanding Young Member: Erica Whitmore
 - Teacher Turn the Key: Devon Boyer, Lori Harrison, Holly Church, Amy Neal, Weston Kane, Jason Bair, Brandee Shoemaker-Lewis, Leah Bodily, Tyson Smith, Jesse Miller
 - Teacher/Mentor: Steve Wilder
 - Outstanding Post Secondary: TVCC
 - Lifetime Achievement: Gaylen Smyer, Jim Summers, Sue Poland, Duane Tesnohlidek, John Davis, Lou Riesenberg
 - Distinguished Service: Karen Launchbaugh, Lou Riesenberg

- Montana Silversmith is now offering NAAE merchandise, but you need to go through Jay Jackman before you can order anything. NAAE will do the ordering for you.
- Discussion about Legislature Issues and where is it going- Shawn Dygert reported
 - Looking for a new person
 - Perkins is good through 2012

Western Region Meeting:

- Cody, Wyoming April 25-28, 2007
- Wild Bill West Hotel
 - Tours, Host Dinner
 - Pitch Fork
 - Consideration: VerNon Roche has a really nice bus
 - Contact Person: Dennis Love 307-548-9978 or 307-548-2256, drlovenetmail@netscape.net

ACTE:

- No Keynote speaker at Summer Conference
- A week earlier Sun-Wed
- Shortened Sessions
- Box Luncheon in the Vendor area
- Mike will speak in the closing session
- One high School and One Post Secondary Student to say was PTE has done for them (Suggestions, let Allison know)

IVATA Membership Report: Alan Heikkila

- Dropped US Bank and is now with Citizens Community Bank in Pocatello
- Improving Money Manager and better rates and off setting some of

Treasurers Report: IVATA Account

- \$2350 Canyon Tour and \$1500 from the U of I, \$2932 Total Costs
- \$582 Profit from Summer Conference
- \$29.00 Herd Book Revenue from 2006 Summer Conference
- \$13, 271 New Balance as of 1/1/07

Membership Report:

- IVATA= 85 Associate and Life Members
- NAAE= 91 Members
- Ag Ed Magazines= 13 Members
- CTEI= 57 Members
- ACTE= 10 Members

Still picking up memberships from Teachers that got positions after summer conference

1. Question: Improvement or Changes on the IVATA Membership Form
 - a. Make a space for a check number, next to the amount
 - b. Have a space for the Credit Card number
 - c. Get a Credit Card machine and then cut checks on where they need to go
 - d. Update Life dues, have a space for paying it over 2 years

Food Producers of Idaho Report: Fred Faulks

Weekly during the legislation sessions, 36 commodity groups/farm related groups, 9 non-voting members, and 36 total members

- Meet on Wednesday's during legislation sessions
- Email out shortened minutes on what was discussed, the ones with an "x" are the ones the Food Producers track during the session
- January 2006, 91 people were invited to a banquet to thank them for their voting and assistance
- Across the state the issues vary, for example the Water Issue
- New legislators this coming year
- Ag All-Stars Banquet, January 11, 2007, \$100 a plate, in Boise
- Read a reading from Rick Waitley explaining food producers

Other Activities:

- Legislative Luncheon
- Sponsor the Ag Economics Awareness Tour
- Ag Pavilion (Blackfoot 2007)- always welcoming volunteers to work in the booth, 2006- 51 different displays
- Intern: Sistick Dewinkel

Director of Agriculture here in Idaho has been asked to resign, because of the new Governor taking office Celia Gould is the new Director.

- Send card of Thanks from the IVATA to Pat Takasugi for his 10 years of service

IVATA Legislative Report: Shawn Dygert

- Tom Luna taking office as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - For charter schools
 - Appointing new people
- New chairman for the House Legislation Committee
- Glenn Orthel and Sally Harris are working on an Industrial Math credit with Ag Classes. Already in place science credits with Ag classes
- Possible award candidate for Pat Takasugi
- Support Mike Rush- asking for \$15 million more dollars, 17% increase from last year
- Discuss with Food Producers in supporting AG Education at the legislative level
- NAAE: Legislative alerts that pertain to your state via email or in the newsletter, they would like to do it to your specific area
- Governor Butch Otter
 - Where does he stand on education and agriculture education?
 - Wife was a Kimberly FFA member

FFA Day on the Hill:

- Legislative Breakfast hasn't been real successful, because the legislatures have meetings at the same time.
- \$15 is the cost of the breakfast, really disappointed because cold cereal was served, need to have something else served or the turnout is going to be low

Bright Spots:

Rick Waitley- Allison will meet with him tomorrow (1-6-07)

- Positive with so many new people in the capitol
- Remind Advisors to send in students names and information

Break @ 3:05pm

1. Dr. Riesenber Report:

- Dr. Swan has been working with the student teachers
- CDE rules book have been sent out
- Recruitment letter being sent out for potential students who might be interested in Agriculture Education, scholarships are shown on the U of I website
- 2 student teachers the spring of 2007 Nick Usabel (Kuna) and Tom Barrett (Gar-Pal)

2. Jodie Mink: In-Service Update

- July 9-13 for In-service Days
- GIS Workshop and coordinate with Agri-Knowledge
- Ag Mechanics- affective teaching methods
 - New CDE section for the state
- October In-Service Topics- Needed
 - CAERT Curriculum Ideas
 - State Division Perspective: Training
 - Briggs & Stratton Training by Jay Blank (come from Wisconsin)

Have another possible in-service sometime during the year and host it at the University of Idaho, since we use a lot of their facilities and model after their programs.

3. CDEs:

- Food Science Event is going to be Tuesday Afternoon. Forestry checkers go out an hour early, need to be there by 10am. Natural Resources on Thursday afternoon
- Increase registration for Leadership Conference at the U of I, as of now it is \$7.50
 1. Sam moved to implement a \$10.00 registration fee, Stacy 2nd, Discussion followed.
 - Dr. Riesenbergr moved to amend the Main Motion, by striking out \$10 and inserting \$8.50. Died because lack of a second Voted on the Main Motion, passed
 2. Discussion on offering Dual Credit through the U of I in different Agriculture areas, what are your thoughts: Discussion Followed
 - If a stipend would be offered
 - Credit for HS teacher for continued education
 - Cost for credits per student
 - Courses that could be offered and matching them up with our Agriculture courses
 - How to fit each course with each school, single program verses multiple teacher programs

PTE summer Conference: Planning

DATE: 2007 Conference Dates: June 17-21, 2007

Location: Lewiston, LCSC

Theme: Back to the Future, 50th Summer Conference

SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 6-17-07

1. Monday: 6-18-07

- Program Time
- PTE Opening Session
- PTE Perkins IV Overview
- Program Time
- PTE Social and Dinner 6-7pm @ Elk's Club

2. Tuesday 6-19-07

- Program Time- Perkins IV Work
- PTE Vendors 8am-5pm
- Sponsored Lunch 11:45-1pm
- U of I Campus @ 1:00pm for con-current sessions for 1 ½ hours (Allison, Dr. Riesenberg, Steve Braun)
 - Soils Workshop (Dr. Tripeppi)
 - Animal Science (Dairy, Nutrition)
 - Economics
 - Plant Science
 - Metal Identification (possibly take a set of metals home with you)

BBQ/Dinner- Sponsored

- 10 Year Club
- Best of Herdbook

3. Wednesday 6-20-07

- CTEI Sponsored Breakfast
- IVATA Program Time
- New teacher lunch
- IVATA Program Time
- PTE Closing session, Mike Rush (keynote speaker)

4. Thursday: 6-21-07

- IVATA Breakfast Awards and Business Session

Allison went over Summer Conference:

- Agenda is pretty much set in stone
- \$1700 Budget

Workshop Suggestions:

- Lincoln Welding Curriculum Demo- Computerized Welders (NTLB) @ LC w/ T&I
- CDE Training (Forestry, Ag Mech, Food Science)
- Access Database W.S.- Blackstock
- Financial Stuff- Debt, Retirement, etc.....
- Perkins IV- Allison
- 10-N Concept (Due Feb. 2008)
- Hydroponics/Aquaculture- JR Morrow
- Ben Simko- Idaho Dept. of Ag presentation of plant species (SESSION)
- Hands-on science lab (University of Idaho)

Tour Suggestions: Wednesday Morning

- Blunt CCI- Ammunition Plant- Steve Braun- 11
- Duckworth Boats- Jack McHargue- 10
- Continental Grain- Shipping Yard- 5
- Port of Lewiston- 12
- Potlatch- Lumber grading, greenhouse, paper manufacturing- 13
- Brocke Seed Plant- Kendrick- 3
- Twin City Foods- Lewiston- 1
- Screw manufacturing plant- Sweet (Lapwai)- 2

Ron moved that Steve Braun and the North Idaho District be in charge of the Tours at summer conference, Alan 2nd. Voted, passed

Suggestions when planning the tours:

- Hands on tours are what we are interested in
- Distance factors

Lisa Shivley and Sara Malaise:

- Presented a list of the Honorary and Distinguished members to be awarded
- Recommendation to keep the registration fees to \$14 for the state leadership conference
- Idaho FFA Association Posters- thoughts???
- Delegate issues at state conference in Twin Falls
 - Models of Innovation
 - STAR Greenhand recognition
 - CDE's

Recessed @ 6:00pm until 8:00am 1-6-07

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Summer Conference: cont.

Workshop Suggestions: continued

University of Idaho Campus: TUESDAY

- CDE Training (Forestry, Ag Mech, Food Science)
- Perkins IV- Allison **2 hour block**
- 10-N Concept (Due Feb. 2008)- Allison **2 hour block**
- Hands-on science lab (University of Idaho)

Wednesday afternoon, rotating with the U of I Workshops

- Access Database W.S.- Blackstock
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In-Service Topic:

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1. Honorary FFA Degree Candidates:

- Paul Murbrook
- Don Nesbitt
- Robert Callison: NID, Kendrick
- Rodger Hampton: NUSR, Rexburg
- Kyle & Nicki Hayes: NUSR, Rexburg
- Rick Brown: BVD, Notus
- Lynn John Stewart: SEI
- Melissa Ackerland
- Tom & Kathy Mitchell
- Marci Holcomb
- Hank Hafliger: SMVD, Filer
- Elaine Galloway: NID, Kendrick
- Ron Wilcox: NUSR, Rexburg
- Art Butler: NMVD, Bliss
- Larry & Margaret Roberts: BVD
- Roger Findley: WID, TVCC Inst.
- Jennifer Ackerland

Teachers:

- JR Morrow
- Dawn Holmes
- Jim Roland

Politicians:

Senator: Tim Corder

Representative: Mark Snodgrass

State Official: Laura Johnson

Ron Corbett moved to except all the names submitted for the Honorary FFA Degree. Jack Blattner 2nd, Discussion followed, Vote- passed

2. Distinguished Service:

- ICB: Inter- Mountain Community Bank, WID
- Idaho Farm Bureau: Ada and Bannock, SUSR
- Buhl Valley Co-op, SMVD
- Primeland Co-op, NID
- Randy Adams- Adams Manufacturing
- Randy Humpheries- ISU
- United Dairyman of Idaho
- Tamura Farms- Homedale

Steve Braun Moved to except the names submitted for the Distinguished Service Award. Larin Crossley 2nd, Discussion followed, Vote- passed

3. Honorary American FFA Degree Candidate:

Allison is going to talk to Mike Honeycutt about amending the 80% FFA membership.

- Teacher:
 - Troy Wright- #2 choice
 - Vernon Roche- #1 choice
- VIP Citation:
 - Lou Riesenber
- Other:
 - Terry Crawford
 - Mike Rush

Nate Low moved to except the nominations for Honorary American FFA Degree, 2nd Stacey Winn, Discussion, and Vote- passed.

FFA Relations: Shawn Dygert

Recommendations:

- Each region would be able to send 4 or 6 participants for the Soils CDE, because not all districts or regions fill their spots.
- Lunch time
- Consistency
- Add a 5th pit, so you don't have same schools in a group

AST Program Manager Report: Allison Touchstone

1. Program Reports:

Went over Agricultural Science & Technology Approved Program and Courses/Sections Offered:

- a. Discussion followed on the forms
- b. Avoiding being glorified Science teachers

2. Idaho FFA Membership:

3,021 members

- Discussion on the new membership software (People soft)
 - o Discouraged and confusing

3. National Officer Sifting Process:

- Changed point system and who judged the 3 candidates (Kara Jackson, Tyler Zolinger, Sara Malaise)
- Kara Jackson- 2007 National Officer Candidate

4. State Officer Sifting Process: Sandy Stevenson

- Lori Moore is looking at taking over the process and will be working with Sandy at State Leadership conference this year

5. Event Superintendents @ State Convention:

- Dr. Ben Swan will take over the Prepared Public Speaking CDE
- All other superintendents will stay the same

6. CAERT Curriculum:

- Dan will not be attending this year, we feel comfortable enough
- Dr. Riesenbergh made a comment on the standards are not fully aligned, looking into the break down part and hoping to not have to pay more.
- Allison is working with Glenn, Dan, and Lou
- New Libraries will also come out this year at summer conference

7. Scope & Sequences and Program of Activities:

- Need to be turned into Allison
- For the most part they are in, but people need to get on the ball or communicate with Allison
- 21 missing on Membership
- 15 missing on Scope of Sequence

8. Perkins Update:

- Performance measures (ISAT)
- On-site Evaluations are more extensive, every 5 years
- Accountability is going to be different, because of the No Child Left Behind
- Professional Development needs to be more than a day (in-service days), long term professional development (WLC, Summer Conference, National FFA Convention for teacher fees, etc)
- Online is long term, but is in the works, but a user-friendly application will be in Excel format
- Any Perkins questions need to be emailed to perkins@pte.idaho.gov
- January 22nd meeting with the state board
- Holding programs accountable for how they are going to obtain funds through Perkins

One time Grants:

- 17 grants submitted (about 1/3 of what is requested)
- There might be some more money available
- Middle School Programs and new programs for start up costs are the high priorities, quality initiative, qualified program
- The more programs that apply, the more money that is allocated (State \$)

Summer Conference Registration:

- Online Registration is \$70.00
- Have a better registration, people that are working the table need to be more informed

Foundation Materials: Rick Waitley (gave Allison the paperwork)

Questions for Rick: Composed a list of questions that Allison has documented and will go over with Rick 1-6-07

- Where are we at on the other half of the board
- \$ in the endowment
- State Officer Travel Budgets, additional sponsorship to help them out

Conference call for the district directors to visit with Rick, Allison will set it up with him.

Idaho FFA Association Budget for 2006-2007:

Discussion Followed on the budget

- Increase in National Candidate budget
- Making adjustments here and there to the budget categories
- Each officer said they would put \$100 in for the Alaska trip
- State Leadership Conference was budgeted off of 05-06, because last year be a special year (75th anniversary)
- \$10,000 coordinator's wages (for each program coordinator at PTE)
- What does the state officer money go for, is it enough, should we increase it, add a \$1 on to dues, or charge each chapter for a visit, etc.....
- Re-label the State Officer Budget to State Officer Travel, because they are reimbursed for Mid-Winter and a few other conferences.

PRIORITIES:

- To put Shawn Dygert in charge of the budget for the State Officers issue to the FFA Public Relations Committee for the 2007 Summer Conference
- PRIORITY to have a budget of State Leadership Conference (Twin Falls and Moscow), Summer Conference, and Miscellaneous costs of the year
- Sam Condie will take care of the dinner at State Leadership Conference for the IVATA teachers and supporters.

Audit & Budget Committee Report:

1) Budget for the dinner

2) We will purchase the breakfast at State Leadership Conference for the student teachers, needs to be approved by the A&B Committee:

*Steve moved to sponsor the breakfast for the student teachers at state leadership conference, 2nd Nate, Vote- passed

3) Do we want to increase our membership dues like NAAE? Discussion followed

Thank you's that need to be sent: Shawn Dygert will take care of

- Fred Faulks

Sam moved to pay \$100 for his dinner plate at the Ag All-Stars Banquet for 2007, Nate 2nd, Vote- passed

- Pat Takasugi
- Dr. Hammel
- Dr. Foltz
- Dr. Riesenber

It was moved by Larin Crossley and seconded by Steve Braun to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 12:28pm at the University of Idaho, Boise Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Erica D. Whitmore
IVATA Secretary