

SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

In-Person, November 11, 2022, 10am

Calhoun County

David DeWitt, Ryan Bean, Terasa Lott, Justin Ballew, Charly Greenthaler, Jonathan Croft, Nicole Correa, TJ Savereno, Adam Gore, Rob Last, Bryan Smith, Chase Baillie

10am – Professional Development Tour

- Cameron Cotton & Seed Gin

SCACAA Board Meeting – Calhoun County Library

- **Call to Order** – David DeWitt, 11:39am
- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
 - The 2022-23 membership drive is now underway with 49 current registrations – 11 first timers, 38 returning members, 1 from SC State, and 4 specialists. Next push will happen after Thanksgiving, encouraging all to visit our booth at the upcoming Extension Conference.
- **Treasure's Report** – Justin Ballew
 - Checking 31,156.15
 - Edward Jones 13,094.12
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Stephanie Turner – No report
 - **Ag Issues**, Nicole Correa – No report
 - **Early Career Development**, Sam Quinney – No report
 - **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, David Dewitt – Currently looking for a new chair of this committee.
 - **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev**, Brian Beer – No report
 - **Agronomy & Pest Management**, William Hardee – No report
 - **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – No report
 - **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Jordan Franklin – No report
 - **Natural Resources & Aquaculture**, TJ Savereno – Still waiting on two FNR agent positions to be filled, they have yet to be posted.
 - **Sustainable Agriculture**, Adam Gore – Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education grant opportunity, ag professionals who regularly work with farmers and ranchers on farm production and marketing problems are eligible for an up to \$30,000 grant, proposals are due Dec. 2nd, more information and online submission link can be found here - <https://southern.sare.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/on-farm-research-grants/>
 - **4-H & Youth**, Patricia Whitener – The 4-H team continues to grow with new agents hired in Marion and Laurens counties. Darlington and York counties

have completed interviews, while Charleston and Lexington counties are currently in the interview phase. Patricia has also been working with Ryan Bean and other SCAE4-HA members, Mallory Maher and Meghan Barkley, to develop clear guidelines for the joint conference as a part of the MOU sub-committee. More information on this was given during new business.

- **Communications**, Sarah Scott – She will be sending out the first reminder to apply for awards at the beginning of December
 - **Professional Excellence**, Rob Last – No report
 - **Public Relations**, Charly Greenthaler – No report
 - **Recognition & Awards**, Jeff Fellers – AA and DSA verification was sent out this week to check that the correct name was on the correct list with years of service. Those corrections are due back to Jeff by Friday November 11. Next week he will send out the voting link to begin voting on AA and DSA, allowing 2 weeks for voting. After the membership votes, Jeff will then establish a committee to select the AA/DSA recipients. The committee will be comprised of previous AA/DSA winners.
 - **Scholarship**, Samantha Porzelt - No report
 - **Search for Excellence**, Terasa Lott – Award guidelines are on the NACAA website. There are 8 categories, cash awards, national winner presents program at AM/PIC, and team entries are permitted.
 - **AM/PIC**, Ryan Bean – Report given during new business.
 - **Policy & Resolutions**, Zack Snipes – No report
 - **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – Reported that there was positive feedback from correspondence via email and mail with life members. There are currently 58 life members.
 - **Nominating**, Zack Snipes – No report
 - **State Meeting Fundraising**, Terasa Lott – A new fundraising letter was drafted to be sent out with sponsorship letter. Terasa has list of past sponsor contacts and wants to determine who is going to contact who. This was done during new business.
- **New Business**
 - **Specialist Award** – Ryan is working to incentivize specialists to attend the annual meeting by inviting them to come talk on projects and/or lead field tours. He is also working to create an award, Outstanding Specialist Award. Ryan read the award description and suggestions/edits were made. Those eligible for the award must be researchers or extension specialists with statewide duties.
 - Ryan made a motion to create an “Outstanding Specialist Award”, 2nded by TJ, Unanimous yes by all.
 - **AM/PIC** – Will be held on May 10th – 12th in Rock Hill, SC. The Cambria Rock Hill will be the hotel host. Events include professional development on first day, banquet at Winthrop, Thursday tours, awards lunch together, and possible more professional development on Friday.

- **Fundraising Letter** – List of past sponsors was divided up between committee members based on relationship with sponsor. Terasa will send out updated list of sponsors, those responsible for contacting them and the new fundraising letter.
 - **New Website/Blog** – New website updates are coming and the SCACAA website may be converted to a blog format. More details to come.
 - **MOU for SCACAA & SCAE4-HA Sub-Committee** – Ryan and Patricia are working with 4-H Association to develop an MOU to define the working guidelines for SCACAA and SCAE4-HA joint conference. Award sponsorships will be the responsibility of each association. 4-H will host the silent auction and proceeds will benefit 4-H directly. Registration funds will be kept with the association and any dual funds will be split evenly. Ryan read the MOU and feedback was provided from committee members. Ryan will send final MOU in email follow up.
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- **Adjourn** - David moved to adjourn, 2nded by Justin, 12:59pm