

# SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

In-Person, March 2, 2023, 10am

Lexington County

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Justin Ballew, Brian Beer, Nicole Correa, David DeWitt, Charly Greenthaler, Adam Gore, Rob Last, Terasa Lott, Sarah Scott, Bryan Smith, Amber Starnes, and Stephanie Turner.

SCACAA Board Meeting – Lexington County Extension Office

- **Call to Order** – David DeWitt, 10:07 am
- **Secretary’s Report** – Charly Greenthaler
  - Motion to approve minutes from the November meeting was made by Bryan Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Gore, motion carried.
- **Treasure’s Report** – Justin Ballew
  - Checking 31,526.26
  - Edward Jones 13,198.03
  - Sponsorship for Annual Meeting 3,300
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Stephanie Turner – There are several upcoming professional development opportunities from NACAA, more information can be found on their website - <https://www.nacaa.com/webinars>
  - **Ag Issues**, Nicole Correa – There is a current a bill to watch regarding DPR & emergency declarations. Also, there is an upcoming opportunity to go to the state house to help promote Ag through Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers & Ranchers group.
  - **Early Career Development**, Sam Quinney – No report
  - **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, David Dewitt – No report
  - **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 – Two forestry positions have been filled with start dates in March and multiple water agent positions are being/will soon be advertised. Also, an upcoming in-service training opportunity “NRCS/FSA Loan & Cost-Share Programs” will be offered at Sandhill REC on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Sustainable Agriculture**, Adam Gore – The Carolina Farms Stewards Sustainable Agriculture Conference will be held on November 11-13, 2023. Applications for presenters will be posted this spring. Also, a call for SARE’s

Research & Education Grants pre-proposals will occur in March and will be due in June.

- **4-H & Youth**, Patricia Whitener – No report
- **Communications**, Sarah Scott – There are currently not many entries for the communication awards, another reminder will be sent out before the due date. Also, the southern region communication chairs met to discuss the current award categories and the need to potentially add/revise current categories on the national level.
- **Professional Excellence**, Rob Last – There are no poster entries to date and another email reminder will be sent to encourage entries.
- **Public Relations**, Charly Greenthaler – Sent Agricultural Appreciation & Awareness Award reminder to encourage entries, there are currently no entries.
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jeff Fellers – Certificate of Merit, Friends of Extension, Media Award, and Outstanding Specialist award applications have been sent out through the Ag agents list serve. Due date is March 15, 2023.
- **Scholarship**, Samantha Porzelt - No report
- **Search for Excellence**, Terasa Lott – 8 categories for submission, currently only one application. Will send reminder email to encourage more entries.
- **AM/PIC**, Ryan Bean – Save the date and hotel registration information has been sent to association members. Other details regarding the annual meeting are being finalized and registration information will be sent out in March. Meeting details include banquet and awards will take place on night of Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Winthrop University. Two concurrent tour options will be held Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in Chester & York counties. Other activities on Thursday include lunch in McConnells, SC and an evening social event in Charlotte, NC. The SCACAA business meeting will be held on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Policy & Resolutions**, Zack Snipes – A policy committee has been formed including executive board members who will look over current policies regarding leadership and their responsibilities.
- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – There are currently 57 life members. All are very excited about the recent communication with the association and have been sent a save the date for the upcoming AM/PIC meeting.
- **Nominating**, Zack Snipes – Positions that need to be filled for 2023-2025 include district 1 director, district 2 director, at large district director, Vice President, Treasurer, and several committee chairs. A nominating committee has been formed to nominate candidates for open positions and a Qualtrics survey will be sent out to recruit committee chairs. This will allow opportunity for newer agents to participate and more inclusion in the selection process. Once surveys are completed, selections will be made by the nominating committee. If a slot is left vacant, then a person will be appointed by the committee.

- **State Meeting Fundraising**, Terasa Lott – A big group effort was made to reach out to potential sponsors for the Annual Meeting. We currently have raised \$5,500 outside of extension funds and are expected to end with more than what we received for last year’s meeting.
- **New Business**
  - **Bylaw/Policy Committee** – Update can be found under Policy & Resolutions Committee report.
  - **Blog Page/Website** – Our current SCACAA webpage will be taken down from Clemson’s servers on July 31<sup>st</sup>. CAFLS communications team is suggesting that we move our webpage to a blog page. Bryan & Terasa are going to look more into this option and help decide on the future of our webpage before it is taken down in July.
  - **Admin Conference Sponsorship** – The SC Association of Extension Administration Professionals will have their annual meeting April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Columbia. Last year, SCACAA sponsored their social event. Terasa made a motion to support this organization again and offer a maximum of \$600 towards their social. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan and the motion was carried.
  - **Update from Nationals** – Brian Beer reported that our 2023 membership dues are in, and we are in good standing with nationals. We are currently in the middle of award submittals, which are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged members who have been here less than 10 years and are interested in attending the national meeting to apply for the Dan Kluchinski Memorial Scholarship Award. More information can be found here - <https://www.nacaa.com/dan-kluchinski-memorial-scholarship-award>. This year’s national meeting will be held in Iowa and is looking to be a good one. Also, Southern Region Director, Melody Rose, will hopefully be attending our annual meeting in Rock Hill.
- **Adjourn** – Adam Gore made a motion to adjourn, Rob Last 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion was carried, 10:59 am