

# SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

10:00 AM, Holiday Inn,  
Beaufort, SC

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Janet Steele, Charly Greenthaler, Rob Last, Stephanie Turner, Will Culler, Adam Gore, Chris Talley, Brian Beer, Bryan Smith, Terasa Lott, Mallory Maher, Eric Eliassen, Samantha Porzelt, TJ Savaerno, Jaime Pohlman, David DeWitt, Justin Ballew, Nicole Correa, Susan Lunt, Charley Maxwell, Sarah Scott, Ryan Bean, Jonathan Croft, Meghan Barkley

SCACAA Board Meeting – Holiday Inn, 2225 Boundary St. Beaufort, SC

- **Call to Order** – Ryan Bean, meeting called to order at 10:05 am
- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
  - Motion to approve minutes from the February board meeting was made by Charley Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TJ, motion carried.
- **Treasure's Report** – Stephanie Turner
  - Checking: 8,317.47
  - Edward Jones: 13,922.36
  - Foundation: 23,899.47
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Meghan Barkley – No report
  - **Ag Issues**, Charley Maxwell – See attachment for full report
    - Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act, H3951 was signed
    - Farmer Protection Act, H. 5169 has passed the House and is in the Senate
    - Make the Commissioner of Agriculture an Appointed Position, S. 97 Joint Resolution
    - Prohibition of the Interference or Interaction with Farm Animals Being Transported by a Motor Vehicle H. 4871 Passed
    - There are well over 100 bills in this current legislative session that impact agriculture and natural resources. Anyone interested should search through [scstatehouse.gov](http://scstatehouse.gov) for more information.
  - **Early Career Development**, Mallory Maher – 3 webinars were hosted throughout the year, attendance was not ideal, will schedule a few more webinars for this year, possible in person meeting at the TEACH center.
  - **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Jaime Polhman – No report
  - **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev**, Will Culler – Gave update on a few programs that the Agribusiness team has going on including Ag + Art Tour,

Tax School and New & Beginning Farmers Program.

- **Agronomy & Pest Management**, William Hardee – No Report
- **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – No Report
- **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Justin Ballew – 4 new fruit and veggie agents have recently been hired.
- **Natural Resources & Aquaculture**, TJ Savereno –
  - Kershaw forestry position is currently advertised
  - Bill has passed to allow ariel shooting of hogs on land 500 acres or more.
- **Sustainable Agriculture**, Adam Gore – 2 grants open for SARE – preposals are due June 7<sup>th</sup>, educational grant due August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **4-H & Youth**, Eric Eliassen –
  - Agent Updates - Currently still no agents in Allendale, Kershaw and Lee; Greenwood, Aiken, Edgefield recently closed; Newberry closed; recent hire in Oconee; Alana transitioned to Assistant Program Leader
  - Statewide Programs - 4-H Engineering challenge was recently held with a great turnout. Also, WHEP Program was held at Sandhill Rec with close to 100 participants from all over the state.
- **Communications**, Sarah Scott – Southern region award submissions 373 total, SC had 39 ( down a good bit, had 53 last year), 5 regional finalists, 1 national finalist.
- **Professional Excellence**, Rob Last – Waiting to hear back for regional and national finalists.
- **Public Relations**, Charly Greenthaler – We finally have an award winner, is the first since 2018!
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jeff Fellers – No report
- **Scholarship**, Samantha Porzelt – No applicants this year, this could be a good webinar topic.
- **Search for Excellence**, Chris Talley – 3 applicants, 2 in ag & nr, 1 4-h
- **AM/PIC**, Terasa Lott – Went over logistics for our meeting and last minute details including the conference guide and speaker sessions.
- **Policy & Resolutions**, David Dewitt – No report
- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – 54 life members, 2 have passed away since the 2023 NACAA Meeting (Mr. Roger Chastain & Mr. Joe Cely).
- **Nominating**, David Dewitt – Discussed proposed slate for new incoming chairs and board members.
- **State Meeting Fundraising**, Chris Talley – \$5,500 in so far, \$7,500 promised

- **Old Business:**
  - **Budget Update** – Stephanie requests that we seek some sort of legal or accounting advice for our nonprofit status, she needs help. She does not have a lot of info that is asked for on the form. Nationals may have some of the information.
  - **Will made motion that we talk to Beth Crocker about helping us with this, Bryan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.**
  
- **New Business:**
  - **Travel Reimbursement for Award Winners –**
    - Travel reimbursement discussion for amount we will cover for award winners, \$900 was proposed,
    - **Motion made from David to reimburse \$900 to award winners, Terasa 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.**
  
  - **Travel Reimbursement for Voting Delegates -**
    - Discussion about reimbursement for voting delegates. We will have 5 Voting Delegates and they will receive a full reimbursement, an estimate of ~\$2,500.
  
  - **PILD Conference Report** – See attachment for full report
  
  - **4-H Scholarship Discussion** – Ashley Burns sent a request letter seeking \$1,000 in sponsorship money, allowing one 4-Her to attend either national conference or congress in DC or Atlanta. In the past we have given \$500. Meghan was able to give more information on this request explaining that this would be an educational scholarship and goes toward their trip to the national conference. They award up to 10 state winners. Money obtained from the silent auction is also used for these scholarships.
    - **David made motion to send \$500, Bryan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.**
  
  - **National Finalists Discussion -** Discussion on if national finalists should still receive award money even if they can not make the national meeting.
    - **Terasa made motion to give national finalists award money since the conflict is work related, David 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote held with a count of 7 yays, 4 nays, motion passed.**
  
  - **NACAA Policy Update Concerning Dues, Brian Beer, – 2025 any dues sent Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – march 15<sup>th</sup> will be charged a \$10 late fee/member, dues due on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, delinquent on 15<sup>th</sup>. This is to help with timely submission of dues. New hires can be added until March 15<sup>th</sup>, the fee will be waived.**
  
- **Next meeting – TBD**
  - **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Talley, Jamie Polhman 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.