

SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025, 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Terasa Lott, Mallory Maher, Charley Maxwell, Chris Talley, Justin Ballew, Janet Steele, Stephanie Turner, Nicole Correa, Chris LeMaster, Eric Eliassen, Brad Fowler, Sarah Scott, Rob Last, TJ Savereno, Bethany Funkhouser, Jeff Fellers, William Hardee, Jaime Pohlman, Ryan Bean, Charly Greenthaler, Will Culler

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- **Call to Order** – Terasa Lott, meeting called to order at 10:00 am
- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
 - **Motion to approve minutes from the March board meeting was made by Stephanie Turner, 2nd by Janet Steele, all in favor, motion passed.**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Stephanie Turner
 - Checking : \$34,292.89
 - Foundation:\$12,564.04
 - Investment: \$14,581.50
 - Awards this year: \$1800 (4 award winners not attending)
 - AM/PIC expenses so far: \$2595 (awards and booklets without venue/catering/etc.)
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Meghan Barkley – no report
 - **Ag Issues**, Charley Maxwell – The national Ag Issues committee meeting was last week and topics for next year's webinars/trainings were discussed. Topics included solar panels and how to reach/educate homestead populations
 - **Early Career Development**, Mallory Maher – no report
 - **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Jaime Pohlman – no report
 - **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev**, Will Culler – no report
 - **Agronomy & Pest Management**, William Hardee –
 - **Team Updates** - New agronomy agent hire, Shelby Hammond, will cover Kershaw, Chesterfield, & Lancaster Counties
 - **Other Updates** - Paraquat training has moved from the National Pesticide Safety Education Center to Syngenta
 - **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – no report
 - **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Brad Fowler –

- **Team Updates** - New agent hired in York County
- **Other Updates** - National hort and turf committee meeting is 5/21 and is open to anyone
- **Natural Resources & Aquaculture**, TJ Savereno – no report
- **Sustainable Agriculture**, Chris LeMaster –
 - The NACAA Sustainable Agriculture Committee met on 5/21 (during SCACAA AMPIC) to discuss the merger of the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Committees and develop a plan for activities for 2025 – 2026
 - South Carolina Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SC SARE) held its annual open forum and advisory meeting in February. Several training priorities were identified and will be organized this year. These include but are not limited to a specialty crops webinar series, Silvopasture Field Day, Increasing Climate Resiliency on Farms, Financial Feasibility of Implementing Soil Health Practices, and Cooperatives for Equipment Sharing
 - The Climate-Smart Grown in SC statewide project, a \$70M award to Clemson from the USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities initiative, was terminated in April 2025 and all enrolled farmers and landowners were notified. CU awaits guidance on submitting a new proposal under the Advancing Markets for Producers program (AMP) which may allow some Climate-Smart project nationwide to continue with strict modifications
- **4-H & Youth**, Eric Eliassen – There are currently many vacant positions including Sumter, Chester, Dorchester, Berkley, Charleston, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Allendale Counties
- **Communications**, Sarah Scott – 39 state applications this year, 3 regional finalists, and two national finalists; Sarah will be taking over the Southern Regional Chair after this year's national meeting
- **Professional Excellence**, Rob Last – 10 entries in extension education, 1 in applied research (national finalist)
- **Public Relations**, Charly Greenthaler – 1 Ag awareness submission this year, state winner
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jeff Fellers – 3 DSA, 3 AA, 3 friend of Extension, 1 Outstanding Specialist, no media award, 4 certificate of merits (can award 5)
- **Scholarship**, Katie Collins – no report
- **Search for Excellence**, Justin Ballew – SC has a national winner, Mallory & her team will be recognized in MT!
- **AM/PIC**, Chris Talley – Cody Simpson inquired if he could attend – we agreed that he can attend, but have no time to talk on agenda; Final details for the annual meeting were discussed including registration, agenda details, and awards presentation

- **Policy & Resolutions**, Ryan Bean – no report
- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – no report
- **Nominating**, Ryan Bean – Final nominating slate was proposed and approved -
 - Vice President – Mallory Maher
 - District 1 Director – Susan Lunt
 - District 2 Director – William Hardee
 - At Large Director – Nicole Correa
 - 4-H & Youth – Eric Eliassen
 - Ag Economics & Community Development– Charley Maxwell
 - Ag Issues & Public Relations – David DeWitt
 - Agronomy & Pest Management – Kyle Smith
 - Animal Science – Amber Starnes
 - Communications – Brad Fowler
 - Early Career Development – Ryan Bean
 - Hort & Turfgrass – Glen Payne
 - Leadership & Administrative Skills – Meghan Barkley
 - Life Member – Bryan Smith
 - Recognition & Awards – Jonathan Croft
 - Teaching & Educational Technologies – Anaston Porter
- **Motion to approve the nominations as proposed was made by Charley Maxwell, 2nd by Justin Ballew, no discussion, all approve, motion carries.**
- **State Meeting Fundraising**, Justin Ballew – \$5,200 in hand, another \$2000 committed

- **Old Business:**

- **Annual Treasurer's Audit** – This was completed April 22nd in Greenwood Office, and everything was found in order.
- **Non-Profit Status** – Stephanie reported that with guidance from Steven Richards, we are currently in process of filing articles of incorporation to become a 501(c)(6).

- **New Business:**

- **Travel Reimbursement for NACAA –**
 - Those currently traveling to the National Meeting who will receive reimbursement – 5 Voting Delegates are going (travel is paid in full) and 3 AA's, 3 DSA's, 2 National Finalists & 1 National Winners (who we are voting on)
 - Last year we voted on \$900 to be reimbursed to award winners
 - Discussion was had on reimbursement amount, which account the money should come from and the easiest way for winners to be reimbursed. It was decided that **Award winners will be cut a check to be deposited into their 12 account.**
 - **Motion to approve \$900 for award winners was made by Justin Ballew, 2nd**

by Janet Steele, no discussion, all approved, motion carries.

- **Junior Beef Round-Up Sponsorship –**
 - We received a thank you note for sponsoring in the past along with a request to sponsor the 2025 event with a \$500 scholarship sponsorship
 - Discussion on what type of events/organizations we should support and where to draw the line, as well as establishing an allotment of funds to be set aside for sponsorships in next year's budget
 - **Motion to give \$500 was made by Justin Ballew, no 2nd, motion failed.**
- **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:09