SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2026, 10:00 AM
Lexington Extension Office
605 West Main St.
Lexington, SC 29072

Charly Greenthaler, Rob Last, Eric Eliassen, Terasa Lott, Susan Lunt, Chris Talley, Mallory Maher, Justin Ballew, Kyle Smith, Jonathan Croft, Ryan Bean, Brad Fowler, Charley Maxwell, Bethany Funkhouser, Katie Collins, Nicole Correa, Stephanie Turner, Chris LeMaster, Anaston Porter, Meghan Barkley

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- **Call to Order** – Chris Talley, meeting called to order at 10:04am

- **Secretary's Report** – Charly Greenthaler
  - **Motion to approve minutes from the November board meeting was made by Justin Ballew, 2nd by Mallory Maher, all in favor, motion passed.**
  - Membership drive was successful! We ended with 125 members, 115 returning and 10 first timers. We missed the mark to continue sending 3 AA's and DSA's, so next year we will go back down to 2.
  - Dues have been sent and received by nationals, so all should have access to the national website now. Also, the updated leadership spreadsheet was sent to nationals back in Dec. so your position should be reflected on the website.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Stephanie Turner
  - Checking: $20,816.88
    - Our membership check of $6,250 to NACAA has been cashed. **I have not received membership drive funds yet.**
  - Foundation: $5,988.87
    - We were asked to submit a budget for our Foundation account. Estimated as best as I could give the historical info was highly varied for past three years.
    - For our Foundation acct only for 2027: Estimated 11,880 in expenditures and 3,900 in revenue, leaving a 379.90 balance.
  - Investment: $14,969.13

- **Committee Reports**
  - **4-H & Youth,** Eric Eliassen **–** Bamberg/Barnwell/Allendale counties in interview phase; Berkley County just started; Chester has completed

interviews; Charleston approved but not posted; Pinckney Leadership Coordinator position posted; Equine specialist position is now vacant

- **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev,** Charley Maxwell –Part 1 of Farm Succession Planning webinar from the National Ag Econ Committee will be today and will also be recorded; Part 2 details will be available soon
- **Ag Issues & Public Relations**, David DeWitt – No report
- **Agronomy & Pest Management**, Kyle Smith – State cotton meeting was held yesterday, and tomorrow is the state peanut meeting. Corn & soybean boards have sponsored several producer meetings for spring, details are being finalized now
- **Animal Science**, Amber Starnes – No report,
  - Savannah Valley position has been accepted but won't start for a while; Saluda position was readvertised (updates from Jonathan)
- **AM/PIC**, Justin Ballew – Referred to Old Business
- **Communications**, Brad Fowler – Awards webinar hosted last week; email has been sent encouraging everyone to submit their communication awards and to submit them early to help ensure that they are in the proper category
- **Early Career Development**, Ryan Bean – In communication with Tiffany Smathers about the onboarding program and updates being made to it
- **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, Glen Payne – No report
- **Leadership & Admin Skills**, Meghan Barkley – JCEP has an Excellence in Extension Engagement Award. Applications are due May 31st. Can apply as team or individual. $750 award for winner and must present at ELC (registration waived) https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zk1d8KNRgK0Gh4w2lYUosAUYdAcKETsV/view
- **Life Member**, Bryan Smith – No report
- **Nominating**, Terasa Lott – This year we included leadership interest on the membership drive. 36 members expressed interest and a survey was sent to gauge which position(s) were of interest – 9 have responded so far. Responses will help shape the upcoming proposed nomination slate
- **Policy & Resolutions**, Terasa Lott – She has been working on the policy manual so that it will reflect national bylaws and new committee changes. A draft of all changes was sent to the executive board. Items that need to be updated and/or changed –
  - Outstanding Specialist award was never added to the policy manual; This will be updated and added in.
  - Outstanding Pesticide Coordinator is an award that hasn't been awarded in many years. Last known award was 2005. Discussion - do we want to take that out of our policy? **Motion to take this award out of the policy manual was made by Justin Ballew, 2nd by Jonathan Croft, all in favor, motion passed.**
  - **Executive board will review the policy changes prior to**

March meeting.
    - **Terasa will not be able to make annual meeting. Discussion on how to handle past president, Ryan will do it.**
- **Research & Education Posters**, Rob Last – Applications are now open; email sent encouraging everyone to get posters submitted asap to ensure enough time for review. Deadline is March 15th
- **Recognition & Awards**, Jonathan Croft – Everything for AA & DSA was submitted on time – winners are committed to go to Nationals. Email requesting Outstanding Specialist and other award submissions will be sent out soon
- **Scholarship**, Katie Collins – Questions have come up about clarifying scholarship process; she is going to come up with list of questions to clarify with nationals; Answers will be shared with membership (video, faq, etc)
- **Search for Excellence**, Mallory Maher – Awards webinar was well attended! Waiting to send out SFE award info until hears from nationals
- **State Meeting Fundraising**, Mallory Maher – She has sent out emails to all possible sponsors; Cattlemen's is out this year; Sunbelt is in; New potential sponsor in Dominion. Letter has been sent to Dr. Dobbins to ensure they will help cover cost for banquet
- **Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources**, Chris LeMaster – 2026 Southern Pasture and Forage Crop Improvement Conference annual meeting in Aiken, SC, March 30 through April 1.
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, Anaston Porter – No report

- **Old Business:**

    - **2026 SCACAA/4H AM/PIC –**
        - Assuming no news from field ops is good news so pressing forward with 3-day event – May 13th – 15th
        - Planning team has been meeting to solidify tours, hotel, etc.
        - In communication with 4-H on their role in helping cover some costs - auction, décor, etc.
        - Laura Jordan with foundation will be here that Wednesday to speak – she will answer questions and bust myths that people have surrounding the foundation
        - **Discussion on what we should charge for annual meeting** – It was agreed that we will charge the same as last year, ~ $200 for members
        - A Save the Date will be sent out soon

    - **Foundation Funds/Contributions**
        - **Discussion on ways to thank existing donors and encourage new ones** –
            - Allow early registration for annual meeting – first pick of tours
            - Dr. Burns offered a fishing trip on Lake Hartwell

        - List donors in awards banquet booklet
    - **If you have other ideas, please send them to Mallory or Justin**

- **New Business:**

    - **Non-Profit Status –**
        - Stephanie does not feel equipped to proceed
        - **Discussion on why we should proceed**– As it stands now, if anyone donates to us and they want it to be tax exempt, it would not be. This would also help us plan for what would happen to our funds if we were to dissolve
        - **Terasa volunteered to help complete the form that Steve Richards advised us to submit**
        - **Charly Greenthaler will be listed as the contact person on the form**
        - **Mallory and Chris are willing to meet with Kantorovich if necessary**

    - **Request for Admin's Meeting –**
        - Admin's meeting is coming up in Greenville, April 22
        - In the past we have given them $500 to help cover meeting costs
        - **Mallory made a motion to give $500 to the admin's association, 2nd by Justin, all in favor, motion passed.**

- **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am