SCACAA Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026, 10:00 AM
Lexington Extension Office
605 West Main St.
Lexington, SC 29072

Charly Greenthaler, Charley Maxwell, Eric Eliassen, Jonathan Croft, Kyle Smith, Justin Ballew, Chris LeMaster, Glen Payne, Chris Talley, Bethany Funkhouser, Nicole Correa, Ryan Bean, Rob Last, Mallory Maher, David DeWitt, Susan Lunt, William Hardee

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- **Call to Order** – *Chris Talley*, meeting called to order at 10:02 am

- **Secretary's Report** – *Charly Greenthaler*
  - **Motion to approve minutes from the January board meeting was made by Mallory Maher, 2nd by Ryan Bean, all in favor, motion passed.**

- **Treasurer's Report** – *Stephanie Turner*
  - Checking: $32,418.27
  - Foundation: $6,608.12
  - Investment: $15,044.93

- **Committee Reports**
  - **4-H & Youth,** *Eric Eliassen* **–**
    - **Agent Updates -** Bamberg/Barnwell/Allendale – hired; Charleston – approved, not posted; Chester – hired and officially started; Equine position– posted; Newly vacated counties - Greenwood & Fairfield, positions posted for both; Pinckney assistant in interview phase
    - **Program Updates -** Engineering Challenge had over 400 participants, Spring Diary Show was a success with 479 head of cattle and 141 exhibitors from 11 states
  - **Agricultural Economics & Community Dev,** *Charley Maxwell* – No report
  - **Ag Issues & Public Relations**, *David DeWitt* – No report
  - **Agronomy & Pest Management**, *Kyle Smith* – Position for Darlington, Dillon, Florence, and Marlboro counties closes April 6th, hoping to get it filled by May 15th
  - **Animal Science**, *Amber Starnes* – No report
    - Agent Updates from Chris LeMaster - Hampton county livestock agent hired; Saluda position is still open

- **AM/PIC**, *Justin Ballew* – Referred to New Business
- **Communications**, *Brad Fowler* – Award submissions are in and are currently being judged - we had a good number of entries; Submission deadline was extended due to website issues
- **Early Career Development**, *Ryan Bean* – Working on some things for onboarding with Tiffany Smathers including a possible module on SCACAA
- **Horticulture & Turfgrass**, *Glen Payne* – Carmen Ketron is filling the Horry/Georgetown Urban Hort position, now her position will be posted (Darlington & Florence); NACAA Horticulture & Turfgrass Committee Workshop will be on May 1st
- **Leadership & Admin Skills**, *Meghan Barkley* – No report
- **Life Member**, *Bryan Smith* – We currently have 53 life members
- **Nominating**, *Terasa Lott* – Discussion on upcoming open positions along with possible candidates. The official proposed slate will be voted on at the next board meeting.
- **Policy & Resolutions**, *Terasa Lott* – A review of the policy manual was made and changes/edits to reflect NACAA wording and committee structures were proposed to the executive board. It was also proposed to take out the Outstanding Pesticide Coordinator award and add in Outstanding Specialist award.
    - **Justin Ballew made motion to accept policy changes as drafted up by Terasa; 2nd by Susan Lunt; all in favor; motion approved.**
    - A discrepancy with the Constitution and Bylaws was found regarding Life Member Director in Section 3. It is stated that this position should be held by a retired member. Discussion on who the board feels should hold this position.
    - **Susan Lunt proposed wording change to the constitution that Life Member chair has option to serve as Life Member Director, or they can appoint a life member of their choosing to serve in that position.** This proposed change will be sent to the entire membership to be voted on at the upcoming AM/PIC business meeting.
- **Research & Education Posters**, *Rob Last* – 14 poster submissions - 3 applied research & 11 in education; Posters will be displayed at the annual meeting
- **Recognition & Awards**, *Jonathan Croft* – AA & DSA are through nationals and into the system; Other awards – Friend of Extension (1), Media (1), Outstanding Specialist (0) so far, April 1st deadline; Executive board will vote on winners if needed; He will send another reminder email to encourage more submissions
- **Scholarship**, *Katie Collins* – No report
- **Search for Excellence**, *Mallory Maher* – 5 submissions for SOE, all have been judged and posted
- **State Meeting Fundraising**, *Mallory Maher* – Referred to Old Business

- **Sustainable Agriculture & Natural Resources**, *Chris LeMaster* – USDA's Advancing Markets for Producers (AMP), formerly Climate Smart, is being reinstated
- **Teaching & Educational Technologies**, *Anaston Porter* –
  - **Universal Design for Learning and Teaching Self-Directed Course** (Canvas Course for Faculty and Staff Open Anytime) – hosted by Clemson's OTEI. Learn about the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) approach and access practical teaching advice ready for implementation. https://www.clemson.edu/otei/events-and-programs/
  - **American Association for Agricultural Education – National Conference** Registration Deadline (April 30th, 2026). The conference will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida, from May 18-21, 2026. https://aaea.wildapricot.org/page-18483
  - **Workday Fast Facts Sheet** – The University has provided a Workday fast facts sheet for employees. I have found this helpful to review in approaching the upcoming new system. https://www.clemson.edu/workday/fast-facts/?utm_campaign=our-clemson&utm_medium=email&utm_source=emma&utm_term=2026
  - **NACAA Committee Workshop** – Will be on May 15th at 1pm. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89546714365?pwd=BDEp2tT1bVyqylisW5XsK2Vr3T42g2.1

- **Old Business:**

  - **Non-Profit Status –** Paperwork was signed and sent off in the end of February; Currently waiting to hear a response with next steps that need to be taken.

  - **Foundation Funds/Contributions –** Our donor list increased a little after our last donor request/push.

  - **Annual Treasurer's Audit –** Justin, Mallory, Chris and Stephanie completed the annual audit in February. Books looked good!

- **New Business:**

  - **SCACAA/4H AM/PIC –**
    - All details are coming together nicely!
    - Expenses are projected at $16,000
    - Activities for the hospitality room? **Let Justin know any ideas**
    - Fundraising – so far $3,400 committed
    - Email was sent to DED's and PTL's to encourage registration

among program teams and districts.

- **Retirement Recognition –**
  - Discussion on how to recognize this year's retiree, TJ Savereno, at the Awards Banquet. It was agreed that we would present TJ with a certificate and will sign him up for a life membership during the next membership drive.

- **2027 AM/PIC Location –**
  - Mallory asked for the board's opinion on where to host next year's AM/PIC
  - Discussion on if we'd like to go to Clemson or Greenville Greenville was last hosted in 2013, Clemson was 2017
  - Majority agreed on Greenville!

- **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am