

KACAA

Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents

Spring 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

- The spring meeting of KACAA was called to order by president, Dennis Patton at 10:10 am on Friday, March 29, 2019 in Holton, Kansas.
- Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wilson reported that the Fall 2018 annual meeting minutes had been emailed to members Chris Petty moved to approve the minutes. Chuck Otte seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- A thank you letter was received from the Indiana Extension Educators Association thanking the association for our donation of \$5000.00 to support the NACAA 2019 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference.
- The following officer reports were presented
President/At Large Director, Dennis Patton- Thanked Connie for coming to meeting. Thanked the administration for all they have done. Thanked David and Kara for spring meeting and tours.

Sec/Treasurer/President Elect/SW Director, Jeff Wilson- Treasurers report given motion made to accept report by Chris Petty. Seconded by Chuck Otte.

Vice President/NW Director, Chris Long- Reported on Life insurance program offered by KACAA. Please update or join or program.

NE Director, Kara Mayer-Nothing to report

SE Director, Brian Rees- Reported New Agent Wendy Powell

Past President, Krista Harding- Nothing to report

KACAA Professional Improvement Account Chairman, Chuck Otte-

Standing Committee Reports:

- National Meeting
Chuck talked about educational foundation bringing in \$27,000 in scholarships last year. Jim L. talked about past opportunities.
- Policy-
- Extension Programs

Search for Excellence in Consumer or Commercial Horticulture: Abbie Powell, Marais des Cygnes District.

Search for Excellence in Farm & Ranch Financial Management: Rachael Boyle, Phillips-Rooks District.

Search for Excellence in Livestock Production: Chris Petty, Southwind District.

- 4-H
The 4-H and Youth Committee discussed 4-H Policy J2.2.
- Communications
This year we had 38 entries for communication awards. This is much higher than in the past, so thank you everyone who entered. Our judge was Kathy Menzie and she stated that she is amazed on our vast knowledge and what we do as extension agents. We will continue in the future with the March 15 deadline to coincide with NACAA deadlines. The following are the 2019 award winners: Audio Recording- Jeanne S Falk-Jones, Computer Generated Graphics Presentation- Sandra Wick, Promotional Piece- Rachael Boyle, Personal Column- Ariel Whitely Noll, Feature Story- Sandra Wick, Newsletter by Individual- Shad Marston, Newsletter by a Team- Ariel Whitely Noll, Fact Sheet- Ariel Whitely Noll, Video Recording- Cassie Homan, Publication- John Forshee, Tyler Husa and Brett Melton, Web Site- Ariel Whitely Noll.
- Professional Excellence
This year's DSA is Keith Van Skike and AA is Chris Long.
- Scholarships
No Meeting (Cody)
- Ask Administration, Friends of County Agent, PRIDE
No Meeting
- Smixer
In attendance was Chris Long, Brice Gibson and Tyler Husa. Smixer will happen! Beer flavors were discussed.
- Administrative Skills Development
No Report
- Early Career Development
Specialty/Directory to all PFT recommended. Resources for County Agents update has not been updated since 2008. Survey for new agents.
- Teaching & Education
- Life Members
Jim Lindquest and Rick Miller attended spring workshop.

Professional Improvement Committee Reports

- Agronomy & Crop Pest Committee
James Coovey was appointed to Chairman of this committee. Sandra, Stacy and Brian McCormick are meeting in April to work with OEIE. One goal is to try and make the crop production reporting and evaluations more user friendly and applicable to the agents and specialist. If committee members have any suggestions/inputs to the chairs and Brian, please contact us.

The committee would like to try and have the crop condition conference calls during the growing season again. S. Campbell will contact S. Duncan to ask him if he would like to take the lead on this again. The committee continues to be concerned with filling vacant specialist positions such as Dave Mengel and Kurtis Thompson, etc. We hope that trend can change in the near future. New agents have talked to Brian about using canvas in which agents and specialist can post program fliers, presentations, etc., for agents and specialist to share and use.

- Search for Excellence Committee

The KACAA Search for Excellence Committee met at 10 am at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex as part of the Spring Meeting. Members Present were Leroy Russell, David Hallauer and Jessica Barnett. There were three award applicants in three Search for Excellence award areas for 2018. They were confirmed as the State Winners. Search for Excellence in Consumer or Commercial Horticulture-Abbie Powell, Marais des Cygnes District, Search for Excellence in Farm & Ranch Financial Management- Rachael Boyle, Phillips-Rooks District, Search for Excellence in Livestock Production- Chris Petty, Southwind District. The 'short form' application was discussed. It was not completed for the 2018 awards cycle. Brief discussion centered on discontinuation of this idea. A new chair is being actively recruited for the 2019 awards cycle.

- 4-H Committee Meeting

4-H KACAA Committee meeting came to order at the KACAA spring meeting hosted in Holton, Ks. on March 28th at 10am. Committee members in attendance were Wendy Hughes, Greg McClure, Bill Haney, Jeff Wilson, Carla Nemecek, Kara Mayer Johns Beckman and Lindsay Shorter. Main discussion of the committee was around the Kansas 4-H Policy rule J2.2. The committee has already sent a letter to the Kansas 4-H office in 2018 in support of changing this rule. The state 4-H office has asked committee members to reach out to other states with similar rules and ask questions. States suggested include Texas and Oklahoma. To date there has been no change to rule J2.2 from the state 4-H office, advised by the 4-H committee of KACAA in 2018.

- Animal Science & Industry

Jared Petersille- Reported on survey

- Agriculture Economics

Dwayne Craghead- Reported on mental health

- Horticulture and Turf grass

Ariel Whitely-Noll- Horticulture membership in KACAA. Tour options @ spring meeting. Master Gardener. Ward Opharn retirement. Letter to administration on Wards position.

- Natural Resources

2023 Master Gardener workshop in Johnson County, Pond meetings, wildlife

Old Business:

New Business:

- 2019-20 Dues Structure

Membership dues will be raised \$25 for the 2019/20 year. Current dues were \$85 and \$50 they will now be \$110 and \$75. Carla Nemecek moved and seconded with motion passing.

Carla asked about other association dues.

Friend of Extension Award was discussed.

Chuck moved to support Richard as he presides over the AM/PIC in Indiana with \$5000 motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion and Action from Committees

4-H- Write follow up letter in regard to J2.2. Greg talked about process. Carla to write letter. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

Anastasia Johnson talked about Nebraska flooding the cleanup and rebuilding of fences, etc.

Adjournment:

Dates to Remember

October 22-24, 2019- Extension Annual Conference

AM/PIC's

September 8-12, 2019- Ft. Wayne, IN

July 19-24, 2020, Virginia Beach, VA

July 4-8, 2021, Philadelphia, PA

July 17-22, 2022, West Palm Beach, FL