

**KACAA Fall Business Meeting  
K-State Research & Extension Annual Conference  
September 25, 2006**

President Richard Fechter opened the meeting and the minutes of the April 21, 2006 Spring Workshop were addressed for any comment. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Motion by Mark Ploger; seconded by Bill Woods, motion approved.

**Communications:** None were given.

**Special guests:**

Zelia Wiley, who is Assistant Dean for Diversity in the College of Agriculture. She deals with 80% Academic programs, 10% Research and 10% Extension. She wants to make us aware of her program and offer any assistance she can in that area.

Daryl Buchholz and Fred Cholick were in attendance and wanted to congratulate the planning committee for working on the Annual Conference. Daryl discussed the need for emphasis on Professional Improvement for Agents. Bob Neier asked again about the former policy for Extension Specialist to attend some Agent Orientations. Todd Whitney mentioned the possibility to link counties that are in a district together. Carl Garten asked about the future plans for Poly Com. Fred Cholick mentioned that it was still a viable means of communication and we will continue to try to use it. Daryl mentioned that the Joint Economic Development Committee of the Legislature is asking for input in KSRE work in community development. Agents are asked to send in short outcome statements to Daryl before October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Officer Reports:**

**Chuck Otte**, NACAA President and Professional Improvement Chairman, reported on plans for the National Meeting in Michigan and plans to develop a SARE Fellows Program and reminded the Association about making applications for award programs in the various topic areas of Communication, Program, etc. Chuck gave an update on the Professional Improvement Account. Total investments are \$44,000 from the 1983 National Meeting that was hosted in Kansas. 2005-2006 total receipts \$1,247.62; Expenses \$100. Unencumbered balance of \$3,848.37; Reserve for AMPIC 2007, \$1,500 with an Ending operating balance of \$5,348.37.

**Keith VanSlike**, NW Director, Sec/Treasurer and President Elect, reported that no new staff in the NW since last spring. The positions in Graham, Logan and Ellis County Horticulture agent are open. Keith gave a KACAA Treasurer's report. Actual 05-06 income was \$12,448.74; actual expenses were \$12,678.68 with a loss of \$229.94. Proposed budget for 06-07 shows a hopeful increase in hat sales, membership & Smixer income to have an income of \$15,070 and expenses of \$14,595. Current available funds from savings and checking as of 9-24-06 were \$57.84. There are approximately \$900 still outstanding bills to be paid

**Andrea Burns**, Vice President and SW Director reported new members Bill Haney. Reports vacancy in Meade County. She mentioned the voluntary life insurance policy for the members and spouses. Andrea sent out a notice to all about the information.

**Mike Vogt**, NE Area Director reported staff positions are pretty stable and Doniphan County will hire an Ag Agent soon.

**Bob Neier**, at large Director, reported Rhonda Jantz as new Hort/Livestock Agent for Sedgwick Co. Bob also promoted the hats, visors for agents to get.

**Bill Wood**, Past President and KEAA Task Force reported the KEAA 4-H Task Force Committee is made up of representatives from The FACS, 4-H, and Ag Agent Associations, 4-H Advisory, 4-H Livestock Advisory, and the Ag Agent 4-H Committee. There are 14 members that are agents.

The Committee met three times by conference call, and twice in face-to-face meetings, from November 2005 to Discovery Days, 2006. They met with and kept Pat McNally, Fred Cholick, and Daryl Buchholz informed of our work. Also informed the area directors of the work.

Developed a list of eight issues that we felt could use some improving in order to “Make the Best Better” in our Kansas 4-H program. Shared this list at the Spring FACS, 4-H and Ag Agent association meetings, and gave the membership a chance to rank the issues. The top three issues were a consensus and include: Communication on Events/Projects, Curriculum, and Records.

**Richard Fechter**, SE Area Director expressed thanks for the opportunity to be on the KACAA Executive Committee. Richard mentioned 66 members attended the Spring Workshop. Richard has put together some historical data about the Association. Richard also mentioned to the members to go to NACAA.com and update their own database.

### **Standing Committees:**

#### **Member Resources:**

**National Meeting Committee:** Bill Wood reported that the 2007 National AMPIC would be July 15-19 in Grand Rapids Michigan. Chuck Otte will preside as president at the meeting. Kansas and Nebraska will sponsor the Wednesday morning breakfast and is asking Chis Cakes to cook for it.

**Policy Committee:** Bill Wood reported that several past Presidents attended. There were no applications for scholarships from our Professional Improvement Account this year. Chuck Otte shared the treasurer’s report for the Professional Improvement Account. He asked if we would like to start taking a small percentage of our interest each year and reinvest it in the \$44,000 base amounts. There was some discussion, but no action taken. Chuck was asked how KACAA could help him at the AMPIC in Michigan. He reported that his wife was working with other spouses on a reception for the Sunday President’s Spouses reception, and he thought it was going okay. He said we would need to help with his reception after the Thursday night banquet, but he intended to keep it simple and low-key. Sandra Wick asked about getting more Sunflower badges for all the Kansas folks to wear at the meeting. Bill Wood agreed to work on this project. Bill reported that Kansas and Nebraska had each pledged \$2000 to put on the Wednesday breakfast, and use Chris Cakes. Michigan is estimating 1500 for breakfast, which will cost way more than \$4000. We served 1088 on Wisconsin, so 1250 might be a more accurate estimate. It was moved and seconded that we budget another \$500 toward the breakfast and ask Nebraska to match it. Motion carried. Bill mentioned someone had asked him about changing our by-laws to allow specialists to be able to serve as directors and officers. Discussion followed with a consensus to ask the entire membership for a straw vote during the business meeting. (A majority of the members voted to have the policy committee explore changing the by-laws to allow the specialists to have all the privileges of county agents. No official action taken on this.)

### **Program Recognition:**

**Extension programs**—no report.

**4-H & Youth**—Jim Mengarelli reported they discussed age appropriateness. State 4-H office presented info regarding age to participate in State 4-H activities. Discussion of age/stages. KSF wants consistency among all 4-H activities/events. Discussed District Horse Show proposal. What is the purpose of a District Horse Show? Would numbers increase at KSF if no qualifying event? Dist. Horse Show numbers have decreased. Hutch or Wichita are not centrally located. Added expense. Suggestion to have Dist. Event whether or not qualifying event. Communication has been a problem. History was to have 2 Dist. Judges statewide. Continue with Dist. Horse show. Open to suggestions of new event, as a “second chance”. Reported new chair elect is Carla Nemecek; Vice Chair is Delta George. Committee members: Jim Mengarelli, Shannon Blocker, Paige Alexander, Kim Cerney, Rod Wallace, Greg McClure, Keith Martin, Krista Harding.

**Professional Excellence**—Keith VanSike reported past winners this year were Dave Hallauer for AA and Ron Graber for DSA. Keith reviewed the qualifications for selection and made members aware of the application form.

**Communications**—Frannie Miller/Mark Schuler reports recommending turning in award applications by March 1<sup>st</sup> and redoing a couple of categories at National categories. Award: Richard Fechter, state award for Home Page and Regional Finalist for Ind. Newsletter; Dana Belshe, Publication, Regional Finalist; Carla Nemecek, Published Photo, Regional Finalist; Todd Whitney, State winner in Feature story, Regional Finalist for Personal Column and Video; Frannie Miller, Regional Finalist in Computer Generated; and Sandra Wick, State Winner in Video Graphics. Mark Schuler is North Central Regional Vice-Chairman for Communications Award.

**Scholarships**--\$750—Frannie Miller, recipient, \$1,000—Todd Whitney, recipient. John Stannard reminded the group of the auction and the donations to be for auction at Smixer.

### **Public Relations:**

#### **Ask the Administrator, Friends of Co. Agent and Pride:**

Richard Fechter mentioned that awards would be given to George Teagarden (outside Extension) and Doug Jardine (inside Extension). No group award was given this year.

#### **Smixer:**

Kurt Werth reports they are continually in a deficit, about \$1,000. Some options: Smixer tickets \$20 for members \$30 for non-members; Sponsors—minimum of \$250 from each area; Ticket suggested to max at \$16 due per diem (as per Board of Directors). Will present a motion to go to \$20 members and \$30 non-member tickets. Future sponsoring continues at \$250 minimum per Smixer committee, get list from agronomy specialist etc, for chemical dealers, etc. May back off of ticket prices if sponsors increase. Be at Smixer at 5:00 pm. Request that Smixer be moved from Monday night but not to interfere with 4-H Clover Night.

### **Career Development:**

#### **Administrative Skills Development:**

Rick Miller, Glen Brunkow, and Mark Ploger in attendance. Discussion on training offered for budget, personnel, and organization. Area directors provide some training. Jim Lindquist has done a good job of providing and supporting training opportunities. We could ask Area Directors for support or tell the Associations how we can assist in Adm. Skills development.

#### **Early Career Development:**

Committee members present were Scott Chapman, Rachel Boyl Brian Rees and Cade Rensink. Cade Rensink reported the group had been working on gathering feedback from agents across the state on the new agent-training program. He handed out the summarized responses (available by request) he solicited via email earlier this fall. Each of the members present read through the report. Scott Chapman noted that there was a common message that the mentor agent sessions needed to have some guidance and that there should be a checklist to work through while training a new agent. Cade pointed out that there is a simple checklist available on the KSRE website, but it is not very specific. Rachel Boyle pointed out that during her training she was “bounced around” and had not built a relationship with any one agent during that time. After further discussion of the feedback, Brian Rees suggested that the committee send the responses and a summary of the committee’s thoughts on to the Extension Operations office and let them take the next step. He encouraged the group to keep in contact with Extension Operations and that the committee should also encourage an “advisory committee” for the new agent training program.

#### **Teaching and Educational Technologies:**

DeWayne Craighead reported David Kehler passed information to PDIS Specialist. David needs someone to represent agents to participate in PDIS committee meetings, especially someone close to Manhattan. DeWayne Craighead and David Kehler present for committee.

## **Professional Improvement Committee Reports:**

### **Agriculture Economics:**

Carl Garten reported new chairperson would be selected. Current program under review for new chairperson.

### **Agromony:**

Scott Chapman reported Sandra Wick's Crop Production Program a National Winner. Need support for a variety of programs. Crop Rotation options to lengthen rotations with more diversity. Irrigated Pasture; Ron Hale and Troy Dumler. Grazing, integrated systems—how is this being addressed for Extension. No-till Wheat issues—fertilization, disease. Added opportunities for more extensive education in addition to continuing updates for all agents. Do we need to revisit CCA for agents with an agronomy “focus” area? Continue to express to specialists the desire for agents to be notified when they are visiting counties/districts.

### **Animal Science:**

Those present were Leanne Stevenson, John Stannard, Paige Alexander, Glenn Brunkow, Bill Woods, Ron Seyfert, Cade Rensink, Pat Murphy, David Kehler and Clint Milliman. Discussion was held on the following topics:

- 1) Continued Goat Interest
  - Cade is talking with Jana on having more “hands-on” sessions with producers
  - Southeast Animal Science Specialist: nutrition for goats at Eastern Agents Animal Science update
  - Several workshops coming up – Salina, Tulsa
  - Judges training in San Angelo, TX about Nov 14 for testing and certification
- 2) Professional Improvement Sessions for Spring Meeting – leftover from spring recommendations
  - Goat nutrition
  - 4-H Meat Goat project
  - Bird Flu
  - PQA Educator's training
  - Expanded species quality assurance training
  - Electronic Identification update
  - By product rations for all species
- 3) Animal eid: Updates coming to agents on timely basis. Need letter to all agents from Daryl / Pat about giving out premise ids, kids' names, PQA numbers, etc.
- 4) Extension Horse Specialist: requested that a letter of encouragement to obtain an Extension Horse Specialist. Possibly close and redirect to reopen in another area. We identified needs: Extension focus, train agents, update agents, resources for general management, and nutrition. We do not have a need for a reproduction physiologist.

### **Horticulture:**

Larry Crouse reported Jr. Master Gardener newsletter has been discontinued until further notice due to grant restrictions. State Hort Judging contest will be chaired by Dr. Rhonda Janke. We discussed the possibility of Enhancing Master Gardener training with Distance learning. There is a Hort. Industries Survey to document value of Horticulture Industry in Kansas coming in the spring. We need as much cooperation from all levels of Hort related business throughout the state to insure accurate on this survey.

### **Natural Resources:**

No report but committee is reviewing their agenda.

## **Old Business:**

President Richard asked for any old or unfinished business. None was given.

## **New Business:**

### **Award Presentations:**

Gene Algrim has encouraged crop exhibits at the State Fair. Entry deadline for State Fair may be extended a little later. Entries are slightly up in open class. Encourage social security numbers on Market Wheat entries. Top crops exhibits award given to Lee Ann Stevenson.

### **Forage Programming Survey:**

Carl Garten & Jana Beckman handed out survey. Carl was concerned that the "list serve" will no longer send attachments. Garten was selected as chairperson of the Forage committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Carla Nemecek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and budget for 06-07. Bill Wood seconded the motion, passed.

### **Discussion from committee reports:**

Andrea Burns made a motion to have communication awards due earlier by March 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Chairperson. Motion seconded and passed.

### **Smixer Discussion:**

Kurt Werth made motion to charge \$20 for KACAA members and \$30 for non-members to be handled through the registration. Mark Ploger seconded the motion. There was some brief discussion. Motion was passed.

### **2001 AM/PIC:**

Richard Fechter brought up the fact that Missouri wants to host the 2011 AM/PIC. The Association will meet by the first of the year to decide what their options would be for timing, location, etc. Carl Garten made a motion that if Kansas is asked to co-host this meeting then we should go ahead with it. Andrea Burns seconded and motion carried.

### **Election of Officers and Passing of the Gavel:**

Carla Nemecek nominated Mike Vogt for vice president. Bill seconded and moved the association cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Vogt. Motion passed. Other Officers for 2007: President, Keith VanSike; Sec/Treas/Pres elect, Andrea Burns; NE Director & VP Mike Vogt; SE Director, Carla Nemecek; At Large Director, Bob Neier; Past President, Richard Fechter. Richard Fechter passed the gavel to incoming President, Keith VanSike.

### **Other Business:**

Animal Science committee would send a letter regarding the need for Horse specialist position to the AS&I Department.

### **Announcements:**

President Keith made a few final announcements and thanked Richard Fechter for his good, thorough work at the KACAA helm. The meeting was adjourned.

Keith P. VanSike  
Secretary Treasurer  
KACAA