

NYSACAA Board Minutes

Ithaca College
October 17, 2002

Motions in bold

Attendance: Larry Hulle, Steve Hadcock, John Ameroso, Beth Spaugh, Anita Deming, and Paul Westfall

Minutes: of August 2002 in Syracuse accepted on motion by Paul and a second by Steve Passed.

Committee reports:

Audit Committee Report – by Steve Hadcock -

- We reviewed the 2001 accounts and the checking and savings accounts matched the bank statements, as well as the spreadsheets. **Paul moved to accept the auditor's report and John seconded. Passed.**
- Additional discussion about fund accounts - Meschew fund has not been used for several years. We proposed to dedicate the funds to help defray the costs for people working at 2005 AM/PIC. **Steve Hadcock moved that the current funds and any new funds from Meschew be used to defray the costs of NYSACAA members going to the 2005 AM/PIC. Anita seconded. Passed.** We will put it in a long-term bond until then.

Treasurer's report: by Beth Spaugh

- **Paul moved that we transfer funds from checking to savings. Seconded by Anita. Passed**
- CD renewals - Can we combine the two renewals. **Larry moved and Steve seconded to combine the two spring CDs and leave the Meschew to renew in the fall each as 1-year accounts. Passed.** This way we can have 2.5 % interest instead of 2.25%.
- Beth said that we had some expenses in 2001 for 2005 bid. Do we want money to be reimbursed from the National 2005 account or do we want to make as part of our inkind contribution? Larry recommended that we make a list of inkind contributions to track how much has been donated. **Beth moved that we do not ask for reimbursement but that the expenses from all states be tracked separately. Anita seconded. Passed.**
- Steve said that in the past when we met with the dean and director, we had paid for that from NYSACAA funds. Do we want to modify the policy and or bylaws to pay for meals and expenses or not? Discussion that the expenses are very small. We will handle this on a meeting by meeting basis.

New Business:

- Set the meeting dates for next year:
 - December 17, 2002 - Broome County CCE, Binghamton, NY,
 - March 13, 2003 - Albany, NY Regional Extension Office,

- May 5-9, 2003 - Ithaca, NY - Meeting with the Dean in Roberts Hall (No we won't meet all week, we gave Ed Harwood this week to pick a date that the Dean can make and we will meet the night before in Tompkins County CCE Office)
- September 5, 2003 - Syracuse, NY Onondaga CCE office.
- We are looking at options to increase attendance at the Annual meeting - A survey will go out to the membership prior to the November 2002 Ag In-Service to determine where and when to hold it. The ACCEE is scheduled for October 15 to 17. Discussion on annual meeting: When to do it? Where to do it? ACCEE or separate. At Production Ag week? Make one day at ACCEE so people could do it as one day? Do a questionnaire? Totally separate two day meeting with tour, at ACCEE, at Production Ag week? Awards at spaghetti dinner? Anita will mock up a questionnaire and send to Larry.

Adjourn at 8: 30 AM

Questionnaire for NYSACAA members

Your Board of Directors are interested in learning a little more about your interests in your association. If you would take a moment to respond to this questionnaire, it would help us tremendously.

Thank you
Larry Hulle

Annual Meeting: We are interested in making it easy for you to attend the Annual Meeting if you wish. Please rank the following options for the Annual Meeting and Award Banquet.

I like having the Annual Meeting with the ACCEE conference so that we can interact with agents on a system wide basis.

I would like more agriculture related courses or tours.

I am satisfied with the curriculum at the ACCEE conference.

I like having the Annual Meeting at the ACCEE conference but prefer to have the Annual Meeting and the Award Banquet on the same day so that I could come in for just that event if needed.

I would prefer having our Annual Meeting and Award Banquet at a separate two-day event with our own tours and not participating in the ACCEE at all.

Please circle the months that you would come to a two-day special event (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, or December)

I would like to have geographic variety in hosting of the Annual Meeting rotated by region.

I would like the conference centrally located in the Ithaca area.

I would prefer having our Annual Meeting and Award Banquet as a separate event alternated every other year with the ACCEE Conference.

Please circle the months that you would come to a two-day special event (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, or December)

I would like to have geographic variety in hosting of the Annual Meeting rotated by region.

I would like the conference centrally located in the Ithaca area.

I would like to find a time slot at Production Ag Week for the Annual Meeting

2 hours before the conference

2 hours during the day

2 hours one evening

2 hours after the conference

I would like to combine the Award dinner with the Spaghetti Dinner at Production Ag Week even if took a little longer.

Costs are a major issue for me. Please consider the following options for reducing the cost

- Combine with another event
- Have at a camp ground instead of motel/hotel.
- Skip the banquet
- Skip the tours
- Other?

I have very little interest in going to the Annual Meeting. Why?

- The board is doing a great job and I support them.
- I do not have the funds to attend
- I do not have the time to attend.
- I value what you are doing, but do not have the interest to get involved.
- Other?

Would you please let us know which of the **NYSACAA activities** you appreciate?
(Check all that apply)

- Interactions and discussion with CCE Administration
- Interactions and discussion with Legislature
- Camaraderie with fellow agents
- I like providing awards for exceptional agents through the NY system and the National system.
- Annual Meeting
- Award Banquet
- National Meetings AM / PIC
- Input into Production Ag week activities
- Input into ACCEE activities
- Newsletter
- Visibility as an organization to represent my career
- Networking at the local level
- The web site
- Scholarship Program
- Award programs
- The County Agent Publication
- Connection to other states
- Other?

Is there anything else you would to tell your board of directors? Do have any ideas for getting more members? Are you dissatisfied with your association in any way?