

**NYSACAA Board Meeting  
September 6, 2002  
CCE – Onondaga County**

**Present:** John Ameroso, Karen Baase, Anita Deming, Steve Hadcock, Ed Harwood, Larry Hulle, Walt Nelson, Beth Spaugh, Bruce Tillapaugh, and Paul Westfall.

President Paul Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM. The board reviewed the minutes from both March 8, 2002 and May 29, 2002. There was one correction to the “recovered” minutes from March 8, 2002; change the word “tress” on page 1, bullet #3, to “stress.” Beth Spaugh moved that the minutes from March 8, 2002 be accepted as amended and those from May 29, 2002 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Larry Hulle. Approved.

Beth Spaugh presented the treasurer’s report. We discussed item #3 from page 1: “How do we handle “First Timer” awards?” – how to identify and when to pay? Paul W. will clarify those issues and get back to us. On the last page of the report, Beth presented a draft 2003 budget. In that discussion, we raised questions relating to ACCEE “seed” money from the “silent auction,” ACCEE conference income and expenses, leftover money from previous ACCEE conferences, the number of dues-paying members – which currently stands at 78 “continuing” and 6 “new members.”

Because of the impending retirement of several CCE educators, Steve Hadcock recommended the Board increase “Retiree Recognition” by \$195 on the expense side of the 2003 Budget thus equalizing both income and expenses at \$8,290. Walt N. moved we accept the 2003 Budget as amended. Seconded by Larry H. Approved.

During the ACCEE conference, the board will meet at the Holiday Inn in downtown Ithaca at 7 AM on Oct. 17, 2002 to plan NYSACAA’s annual meeting, which will be later that same day.

Under “Membership” (#5) in the Treasurer’s Report, Paul W. will continue to send the monthly list of “who’s new to the CCE system” to the board. Beth S. suggested that Karen send a brief summary of the minutes to the membership. Steve H. suggested that Beth work with Ed Harwood and Dave Galton to promote the Spaghetti Dinner to all ag extension educators and faculty with extension appointments and the Pro-Dairy staff.

Walt Nelson moved that the Treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Seconded by Anita D. Approved.

The Audit Committee will meet in early October so they can present their report at the Annual Meeting.

**ACCEE:** Steve H., our ACCEE liaison, reported that a name change is planned for ACCEE. The deadline for the ACCEE conference has passed, but registrations will still be accepted. The board discussed the shortage of ag-related workshops at the conference, but recognized that we share the responsibility for submitting workshop suggestions. Paul W. is arranging for NY’s Pride Award winner, Melinda Martin, to speak at NYSACAA’s Annual Meeting at the ACCEE conference in order to promote NACAA.

**Extension Administration:** Ed Harwood asked for our suggestions as he organizes new faculty orientation planned for March 2003. He will be guiding new faculty entomologists and plant pathologists on a tour with 5 or 6 stops within the state. Showcasing CCE’s role in community food security might be one way to involve them with local programming efforts, since their research may have direct application to the programs highlighted and at the same time, their federal grant money might be beneficial to local programs. Ed said he’s open to other approaches.

Farm Business Management, Pro-Dairy, and Crop and Soil Science are collaborating in the plans for the November Inservice. During the General Session, Quirine Ketterings will report on her recent trip to Europe and how environmental management has been raised to the “next level” and its implications for the U.S. Ed is organizing the second session of the Inservice.

Bruce T. raised questions on DEC’s new pesticide certification fee structure; educators are questioning its cost even though CCE field crop educators are expected to conduct the trainings. Ed H. stated that according to the law, pesticide certification is a requirement of the person in those positions even if you don’t purchase the products. Two reasons for making sure that one’s pesticide certification is up to date is for risk management purposes and that we all need to “walk the talk” of CCE. Ed H. will contact Pest Management Education Program (PMEP) for clarification on these issues.

The Inservice on April 1, 2, and 3, 2003 is being organized around three different themes: technical, educational, and leadership. Ed H. hopes to hold the training at the Statler on campus. He’s is open to our suggestions on speakers and program topics.

Ed H. also reported that’s he’s arranged for NYSACAA’s Spaghetti Dinner in November. It will be at the Ramada Inn and will cost \$10/person. He’ll promote the dinner in the November Inservice notices going out.

Ed asked that ag extension educators be on board to promote the Farm Bill and its provisions, especially the crop reporting part of the program and that we recognize its tie to on-farm record keeping. He noted that the environmental provisions of the bill e.g. EQIP won’t begin until after January 1, 2003.

Reporting on the AM/PIC in Savannah, Walt N. described the change made in granting Life Member status for those that resign from their Extension position before retiring. In our discussion, we wondered if this change would require a bylaw change or if it was just a policy change and if a membership vote would be required at the upcoming annual meeting. Paul W. will contact Mickey Cummings, NACAA Secretary, or another board member to clarify the decision.

**District Reports: Western District** – Bruce T. reported on the first meeting of the newly merged district held July 12, 2002 in York, NY. Twenty-three educators attended. Martha Wright is their new president and Bruce T. will continue as their representative to the NYSACAA board. Joan Petzen made the arrangements for the district meeting and kicked off the fundraising for the 2005 AM/PIC in Buffalo, raising \$63. A sheriff deputy from Livingston Co. and NYS Police made presentations on Farm Security Issues. Nelson Bills spoke on farmland protection and economic development issues and contrasted the two. Nathan Herendeen has agreed to chair the Tours in 2005 AM/PIC in Buffalo.

**Central District** – No meetings have been organized yet. Walt N. suggested that this group discuss its role in 2005 AM/PIC and review the mechanics of a national meeting of this size.

**Northern District** – They last met on August 2, 2002 at Cranberry Lake. Thirteen attended. In the past, the Northern NY Ag Development project helped tie the group together, but now it’s turned into a political football. Clinton, Essex, Clinton and St. Lawrence are collaborating on a leadership enhancement program. They continue to work with “Adirondack Harvest,” a website listing farms in the area. Frank Flavin in St. Lawrence Co. accessed grant money that they are using for a number of regional distance learning projects. They continue their collaboration on the 4 county newsletter.

### **Old Business**

**501 ( c ) 3 Status** – The paperwork was filed in May 2002.

**2005 AM/PIC** – Paul W. reported that Joan Petzen still needs to fill 10 committee chair positions. She recently filled the Registration and Electronic Chairs. Paul W. will contact Joan to clarify the committee

positions left and what's expected of each. This information will then be sent out throughout our system in an effort to recruit people for these spots. A Fundraising Chair is still needed. This person would have to work with Steve H., the Treasurer, and Tom Gallagher. Names discussed as Fundraising Chair included Dave Bradstreet and Andy Dufresne. Paul will contact both to see if they're interested.

There was \$1,139 left over from last year's ACCEE conference. This was allocated to the 2005 AM/PIC in Buffalo.

**By-Law Change** – There is a concern that we will have to clarify, by way of a by-law change, membership designations: active, affiliate, associate, and reserved members including a discussion on dues-paying members specifically for professional and para-professional positions. We also need to clarify officer rotations in our bylaws.

Other by-law changes needed include the Life Membership issue (mentioned on page 2) and NYS adopting a committee structure that's similar to the national association's structure. Paul W., Beth S., and Steve H. will discuss the membership issue further: Paul will investigate the Life Member issue.

**Slate of Officers to be Voted on In October** – NYSACCA's Secretary position comes from the Northern NY District and will be Anita Deming. Northern NY also needs to nominate a director from its district. Beth Spaugh will continue as Treasurer. John Ameroso will continue on the board, but needs to be reaffirmed. Walt Nelson is in the first year of his first term. Bruce Tillapaugh is in the first year of his second term.

#### **New Business**

**Awards** – In-House and Out of House awards could be given at either the Annual Meeting in October or the Spaghetti Dinner in November. That decision will be made depending on the availability of candidates nominated. Larry H. nominated Rick Zimmerman, Deputy Commissioner of New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, for the Out of House award. Seconded by Anita D. Approved. Beth S. nominated Russ Hahn as recipient of the In-House award. Seconded by John A.. Approved.

**Spaghetti Dinner** – In 2001, the association netted \$4/person at the Spaghetti Dinner. Larry H. moved that the association charge \$15/person in 2002 for the Spaghetti dinner. Seconded by Steve H. Approved. Our actual cost will be \$10/person, thus giving us a margin of \$5/person. Steve H. moved that, given the change in the proceeds anticipated from the Spaghetti dinner, we change 2003's Spaghetti dinner income in the 2003 Budget from \$850 to \$1,050. Seconded by Larry H. Approved.

By consensus, we decided that NYSACCA's policy will be to pay only for the award winner's dinner and not for other family members in attendance.

Vice President Larry Hulle will be the coordinator of the Spaghetti dinner and will collect the money at the door. Ed Harwood has already made most of the dinner arrangements for us.

#### **Other Business**

**Clippings** – Paul W. has not been able to put a *Clippings* issue together. John A. said that maybe his wife might consider helping to gather items for *Clippings*. We hope to have an answer from her by October 2002.

At 3 PM, Beth S. moved that we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Karen B.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Baase