

**Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2010**

**Call to Order**

The March 4, 2010 meeting of the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators was called to order at 9:00am by Delegate Council President, Jaime Chenevey at the American Dairy Association Building. The invocation was given by Mike Derringer. Members present included Suzie Davis, Kellie Warner, Jaime Chenevey, Kim Weiss, Marie Carity, Michelle Brunson, Robin Curley, Michael Gower, L.H. Newcomb, Eric Van Fleet, Ike Kershaw, Harold Benson, Tom Holton, Scott Sharp, Mike Derringer, Valerie Graham, Stephanie Conway, Lucy Bambauer, Lindsay Bowen, Jack Mescher, and Anna Creswell. Guest, Harold Niehaus, was also in attendance.

**Strategic Planning**

Jaime Chenevey thanked everyone for attending the special meeting of OAAE. She introduced the modified agenda, which would include a period of strategic planning discussions, followed by the standard Delegate Council agenda.

The strategic planning meeting began with discussion about the organization's mission and vision. The proposed statements were:

**Mission:** Positively impact, promote, and develop professional interests of Agricultural Educators for the benefit of our students.

**Vision:** To be recognized by students, Agricultural Educators, and stakeholders as proactive leaders in Agricultural Education.

After discussion on each, Lucy Bambauer moved to adopt the proposed mission statement. Michael Gower seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scott Sharp moved to adopt the proposed vision statement. Robin Curley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Attendees reviewed the proposed organizational goals and action ideas that were presented to the group. The goals included:

1. Provide quality professional development and networking opportunities
2. Promote quality programs
3. Increase and maintain strong membership
4. Advocate for appropriate resources
5. Engage and communicate with stakeholders
6. Partner in Ag Ed Development
7. Recruit students to be Agricultural Educators

The group decided to focus on quality, rather than quantity, in beginning to address the proposed goals. Therefore, those in attendance broke into sub-committees to evaluate, discuss, and make plans for goals number one, three, and four.

Following a period of discussion, each committee reported back to the group about goals that they set.

The meeting recessed for a 30 minute lunch break.

The meeting reconvened and the committees met once again to outline specific actions that they will take to accomplish the goals that are set. (See attached documents for a description of each committee's goals and plans for action.)

To finalize the strategic planning portion of the meeting, Jaime Chenevey asked for discussion and input on 5 key issues facing the Delegate Council. The issues and discussion were as follows:

1. Key Ideas and Mission (discussed at beginning of meeting)
2. Structure of Delegate Council – Suggestions are needed for how to change the structure of Delegate Council to ensure that the group functions with more purpose, follow-thru, and efficiency. Ideas offered included:
  - Provide advocacy training for all Delegate Council members
  - Have an assignment at each meeting for every District Chair. Ask Chairs to go back to their districts following the meeting to gather input/information about the given topic. Then, report back to the group with ideas. The officer team will generate a plan for the May meeting.
  - Create ways for OAAE to take more ownership of district meetings.
  - Structure committees each year in a manner that reflects the needs and goals of the organization.
  - Hold a structured planning meeting or “officer retreat” for the Executive Committee prior to the start of the year.
  - Encourage all districts to send a representative to every meeting. If the District Chair can not attend, encourage them to send a replacement.
3. Communication – To be discussed further at Ohio Ag Ed Leaders meeting on March 17, 2010.
4. Executive Secretary Position and Job Description – Members are asked to offer input and suggestions.
5. Officer Duties and Job Descriptions – After a review of the current job officer job descriptions, it was discovered that many of the duties of the officer team have actually been passed over to the Executive Secretary. The responsibilities of the officers, as well as the Executive Secretary, need to be discussed, clarified, and set in place to be followed. In addition, ideas are needed for how to recruit officer candidates. One suggestion given was to reduce or eliminate the OAAE dues for officers.

Jaime Chenevey called to order the regular meeting of the OAAE Delegate Council.

### **Officer Reports**

Michelle Brunson presented the treasurer's report. The current balance of the U.S. Bank Account as of December 31, 2010 was \$30,195.61. There are 3 CDs at U.S. Bank with available balances of \$10,449.79, \$3,098.99, and \$5,162.58. Jaime Chenevey asked for corrections and none were presented. The report was approved as presented.

Kellie Warner passed out minutes from the October 8, 2009 OAAE Delegate Council meeting. Corrections were suggested, including attendance records, presiding officer, and meeting location. The corrections were noted. The minutes were approved with noted corrections.

### **Updates**

Ike Kershaw reported on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education. The Ag Ed staff is currently in a period of transition, with two position openings. Interviews have been held for one position with several great candidates. The second position will be posted and hired as soon as possible.

### **District Reports**

There were no reports from the districts.

### **Taxonomy/Individual Reports**

Anna Creswell reported that the Natural Resources taxonomy is currently planning for the summer professional development conference. The Environmental Science CDE is running as a State CDE/elimination contest for the National CDE this year.

Robin Curley reported on behalf of the Animal Care taxonomy. Robin reported that the animal care CDEs will be held in April, and that online registration is on March 22. She also reminded those in attendance to report back to their districts that animal care CDEs include individual lab practicums. As a result, those who choose to participate should be prepared for a longer event than most other CDEs.

Jack Mescher reported on behalf of the Agrimechanics taxonomy. He reported that teachers have been working with ODE toward a standardized test for all students, which will be administered by ODE.

Scott Sharp reported on behalf of the FFA Camp Board. FFA Camp Muskingum is purchasing a lodge across the lake from camp, which will provide excellent opportunities for small group visits, retreats, etc.

### **Old Business**

Marie Carity and Michelle Brunson provided a report on the OAAE Summer Meeting, which will be held on June 22-24 in Sidney, OH. All OAAE members are encouraged to attend since Ohio is the host state this year. The conference registration is \$100 and the hotel is \$62/night. The conference provides a great opportunity for networking with

educators from throughout the region. Door prizes are NEEDED for this event! All District chairs are asked to gather 10 donations and bring them to the May Delegate Council meeting. Donations may be large or small, and contacting the Chamber of Commerce may help.

### **New Business**

The Membership Committee requested that every District Chair have non-formal contact with their members prior to the next meeting. Consider holding sub-district gatherings, or ask sub-district chairs to hold social times, to get together and chat about their suggestions/concerns for OAAE. District Chairs should report back to the group at the next Delegate Council meeting in May. The Membership Committee also reminded District Chairs that if they can not attend a Delegate Council meeting, they are asked to send a replacement from the district.

Kellie Warner reported that District 9 moved to have professional development opportunities available for teachers to learn about online record books. The group decided to add the professional development to the OAAE day (Tues.) at HOT Conference.

Scott Sharp and Suzie Davis will be attending the National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. on March 8-10. Those in attendance suggested that they present the following messages during their legislative visits: support for funding/Fifth Quarter, support for Perkins funding and continuation of considering Ag Educators to be Highly Qualified under the No Child Left Behind laws.

Applicants are needed for the following NAAE Awards:

- Outstanding Young Teacher
- Teachers Turn the Key
- Ideas Unlimited
- Outstanding Secondary/Middle School Program
- Outstanding Post-secondary/Adult Program
- Outstanding Teacher
- Teacher Mentor Award

Applications are due to the OAAE office by April 15. Contact Valerie Graham or any OAAE officer if you have questions.

Scott Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting. Lindsay Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Warner  
OAAE Secretary