



MAAE General Board Meeting

April 29, 2024, 4 PM

Location: Agroliquid, St. Johns, Michigan

Minutes MAAE April 29, 2024, at Agroliquid, St. Johns, Michigan

Members in attendance: Jessica Couch, Brian Matchett, Connor Hubbard, Jenny Troyer, Amanda Sturm, Kevin Nugent, Josephine Forbush, Burt Henry, Melanie Block

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Couch at Agroliquid in St. Johns, Michigan at 4:10 PM. Consent Agenda was approved by Connor Hubbard and seconded by Amanda Sturm.

Secretary's Report: Jenny Troyer stated that the minutes from the last full board meeting were emailed to all of the board members. Brian Matchett accepted the minutes as submitted. Kevin Nugent seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Nugent reported that we have \$32,194.39 in the checking account and \$13,891.55 in the savings account.

Membership Report: Kevin reported that there are currently 90 paid members in MAAE. He was hoping to hit 100 members before the end of the year.

NAAE - Update: Jessica did not have an NAAE update other than that the Region IV NAAE conference was coming up on June 25-27, 2024 in Westfield, Indiana.

Regional Reports

Region 1: Jenny reported that Michelle Guthrie will be returning to teaching and will be at Delton Kellogg, Cindy Walker is retiring. They had interviews at Allegan but a formal offer has not been made.

Region 2: Jennifer Wheeler was unable to attend the meeting but reported that they were finishing up Region 2 Camp. Dave Melloris is retiring from Saline.

Region 3: Vicki sent Burt a report for Region III. Regional officer interviews were held on Wednesday. They had 19 candidates. Regional Camp will be May 14-15, most chapters have banquets in the coming weeks.

Region IV: Josephine reported that camp was last Monday and Tuesday Only had one or two chapters not present. They are working on filling the Mason present, Julianna is back from Maternity leave. Pete is the only retirement at this time.

Region 5: Amanda reported that there was one student teacher with Rebel at Fremont. They had 26

candidates for regional office and livestock judging for Region 5 is upcoming in May.

Region 6: Connor reported that the regional camp is upcoming on Monday, May 13. Benzie may be opening.

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Special Reports

MDE/CTE: Mark was unable to attend, but he emailed a report. Openings and New Positions in AFNRE – All of this is subject to change. There may be others as at least a couple more are working toward a new program. The following schools are trying to start a program: St Johns, Delton Kellogg, Shepard, Ishpeming, and Rudyard. The following schools are currently open and others will continue to be added to the list: Mason, Shepard, St Johns, Coleman, Shelby, Whittemore Prescott, Saline, Allegan, and Capac – I believe this is filled waiting on board approval.

We had 6 successful interns this year and a total of 9 who are placed for next year. (3 in the full-year internship for the 5-year program and 6 for spring internships in the 4-year program.)

MSU is working toward posting Buddy McKendree's position. We are looking at posting in the fall with the start of January or August.

The New and Early Career Teacher Workshop is set for August 13th at Agro Liquid as a part of Agro Expo. The Challenge 24 workshop for high school students who are considering becoming AFNRE teachers is set for June 20 and 21st.

Summer PDI for teachers is set for June 17th to 19th in Gaylord.

Our AFNRE MA program continues to help teachers earn their MA Degree. You can look at the projects that have been completed by teachers on this website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/csus/graduate/programs/afnre/afnre-student-projects>

Dean Millenbah has resigned effective June 30, 2024.

MSU Post-Secondary- They are currently working on filling Buddy's position.

MHTA: No report

FFA Alumni: Burt reported that the next Annual FFA Alumni meeting is August 14, 2024 at Agro Expo. Burt delivered a \$60,000 check to the foundation last week. He has raffle tickets along with decals for the new drawing date. Sponsors are on board.

If you have Alumni awards, please get those sent in. Burt will hand out a QuickBooks invoice instead of the National FFA Alumni's page. Burt has sent out the questionnaire to leadership so the regional VP's positions can be more effective.

FFA Foundation: Brian did not have much to report due to the April meeting being scheduled for the next day. Alex is helping coordinate the scavenger hunt at summer PDI. Accounting is up to sponsor-wise, individual,

and corporate sponsorships. The portfolio is at \$7.8 million. The Foundation is currently working on the financial policy that has not been on the books but due to the separation from MSU It will be addressed

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FFA Board of Directors: No report

0-9: No Report

10-20-30: No Report

Committee Reports:

Advocacy in Agricultural Education Committee:

Josephine reported that they met a couple of months ago and created a hot sheet on Ag Education. They are seeking information to assist in creating the sheet. Josephine hopes that they will be able to roll this out at Summer PDI. Jessica had a suggestion emailed to her to share with the board. The suggestion asked if the board would be able to find out if there is a place where we can be invited to help promote the Ag Ed at Michigan State University at the collegiate level. Connor suggested that we talk to the dean before she leaves on June 30, 2024. Burt will reach out to Kelly. Amanda suggested that we do a general email to the MSU President, to keep emails constantly pursuing the topic.

Financial Review Committee: Kevin plans on reviewing the books during summer PDI>

Member Experience Committee: The committee met in December. Kera is currently working on a new brochure. Jenny was checking with Megan on how to set up an apparel order for MAAE clothing.

Professional Development Committee: Brian will send out another email to remind everyone of the deadline and dates of Summer PDI.

Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition Committee:

Connor reported that we do fun years of service awards at Summer PDI - 1 year, etc. prize/award. Jenny needs to get membership numbers to Connor. Poker Run/Scavenger Hunt - Alex is taking charge of it. It was suggested that we start student teacher baskets - an updated MAAE brochure, contract negotiation tips, and questions to ask during interviews. Mark could potentially take them when he does the site visits.

Old Business

Legislative Event at the Capitol during State FFA Convention. Burt stated that the price keeps increasing. It used to be something MAAE covered in its entirety. However, the event was over \$1,500 this year. Alumni and MAAE each paid \$750. The alumni voted and approved no more than \$500 for this event. Connor suggested that we match what the alumni are doing. Brian Mattchett moved to up the amount that MAAE covers to be up to \$500 for the 2025 legislation event at the state capitol plus the cost of the banners. Josephine seconded it. Motion passed.

New Business

Intern Scholarships- Burt would like to know if we want to continue to do this. If so he will get the application

out right away to Mark. The consensus was yes.

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Brian Presented the constitutional changes. Please see the attached handout.

Open positions on the board are:

Vice President

Region 1

Region 5

Region 6: Melissa Smith with an ending term of 2026.

Brian stated that Aaron Saari mentioned that he might be interested in the VP. It was also suggested to talk to Katie Wager.

Currently, Summer PDI registrations do not look great. As of today, only 18 teachers have signed up. Brian will send out another reminder again this week. However, the hotel has 26 rooms reserved though. Brian will send out who reserved their rooms.

Planning is coming along well, Burt has the charter bus signed and Kevin has sent a check. He will double-check with the company to ensure that everything is in place.

The next general board meeting will be on Zoom on June 3, 2024, at 3:30 PM. We are starting Monday morning very early. Melanie has all the sessions lined up for teachers to teach teachers.

Region IV conference will be held on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024 near Indianapolis, IN. Kevin will register. and reserve rooms. Please let him know if you are interested in going.

Award applications: Review applications and get the votes to Burt and he will send the rankings to Jessica. Please send feedback forms. Jessica will contact those who have turned in applications with the results. Jessica will fill out the form for Nationals of the winners and

Brian Matchett moved to adjourn the meeting. Josephine Forbush seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Troyer