



## MAAE General Board Meeting

June 3, 2024  
Location: Zoom

### Minutes MAAE June 3, 2024

In attendance:

Jessica Couch, Brian Matchett, Connor Hubbard, Jenny Troyer, Kevin Nugent, Josephine Forbush, Burt Henry, Melanie Block, Vicki Yackle, Jennifer Wheeler, Chase Bos, Katie Wager, Mark Forbush, Brian Matchett, Melisas Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Couch at 3:34 PM. Consent Agenda was approved by Connor Hubbard and seconded by Katie Wager.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kevin Nugent reported that we have \$34,315.62 in the checking account and \$13,892.01 in the savings account. Katie Wager Moved to accept the Treasures' report. Connor Hubbard seconded the motion re[pt acce[ted

**Membership Report:** Kevin reported that there are currently 99 paid members and 22 student 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. There was an email today from NAAE for the workshop proposals due today for the National Conference today in Texas.

**Policy update:** Connor no update

### **Regional Reports**

**Region 1:** Katie Wager reported that Region 1 had a great camp. There are no teacher changes at this time. They have not hired for Allegan yet. They are on their third round of interviews. Jessica asked if she was planning on staying on as the Region 1 Representative. Katie accepted it.

**Region 2:** Jennifer Wheeler reported that Ashley Vitrori is taking the Blissfield job. Saline has not been announced yet.

**Region 3:** Vicki Yakley reported that Zoey is a student teaching in Chesaning with Liz.

**Region 4:** Josephine Forbush reported that she will have more to present at the conference.

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**Region 5:** No report.

**Region 6:** Connor Hubbard reported that Region 6 had a great camp.

## **Special Reports**

**MDE/CTE:** Mark Forbus reported that he will give an update at PDI

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

**MHTA:** Chase Bos stated that winter PDI will be in Lansing this year

**FFA Alumni:** The Annual Alumni meeting will be on August 14 at Agroliquid. Burt has the Intern scholarship paperwork completed. Burt asked if MAAE would like to do something in Sandy's Baurer's name for her memorial. Kevin felt it would be appropriate to make a donation in her name. Amanda Sturm moved to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in the standard amount of \$75 to the American Cancer Society. Katie Wager seconded. Motion approved. Kevin Nugent will send the donation.

**FFA Foundation:** Alex is helping out with the summer conference with helping doing the scavenger hunt. The next meeting is scheduled in Early August. Miller Poultry is coming on board as a sponsor.

**FFA Board of Directors:** Chase Bos reported that the last meeting was in April. Chase mentioned that he is done in 2025 not 2024

**0-9:** No Report

**10-20-30:** No Report

## **Committee Reports:**

**Advocacy in Agricultural Education Committee:** No Report

**Financial Review Committee:** Kevin will work on getting an auditing committee to complete an audit at PDI.

**Member Experience Committee:** No Report

**Professional Development Committee:** Brian Matchett stated that we currently have 56 registered for PDI. One session has been changed due to a cancellation, however our tours are looking good. Treetops is ready for us. Melanie Block wondered if we should replace the Farm Bureau or just go to one session. Jessica stated that one session could be perfect, Brian will change it in the agenda. Melanie was going to see if Bill Earl will come and help with the Environmental Science update. Brian Matchett will be bringing projectors and screens.

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**Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition Committee:** Connor Hubbard is working on years of service awards. Connor and Vicki will work on printing those awards. Kevin will work on getting them a list of years of service.

## **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Brian Matchett explained the constitutional changes. Brian will bring copies. The purpose of revisiting the constitution was to bring it up to date. He hoped that the membership would accept changes as written. If all the changes are adopted it allows us to get the social media position voted and on board. He wondered if we should send out an email indicating that we proposed a social media director and if the constitutional amendment is adopted we can go right into voting. Jenny will send out an email indicating that this position is being proposed within the constitution.

Jessica mentioned that MAAE will need to fill the Vice President position. Katie Wager is interested. Jen Woods has expressed some interest along with Aaron Saarii. Vicki Yackle is interested in the VP or Social Media Director position. Chase Bos is interested in running for VP.

NAAE Region IV conference. Amanda is going as our Idea's Unlimited candidate. Kevin has enough rooms for everyone. Jessica is unsure if she is able to go. Connor, Brian, Jessica and Amanda are signed up for the conference.

A date for the next meeting will be set after the new board is elected.

Katie Wager moved to adjourn the meeting. Melissa seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Troyer