

Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors Meeting
March 21, 2024

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board of directors meeting virtually on Zoom on March 21, 2024. Board members in attendance included: Eric Tilleman (MT), President; Bill Newsom (TN), President-Elect; Deanna Schnuck (MO), Past President; Kyle Stapleton (ID), Region I Vice President; Cameron Dale (OK), Region II Vice President; Paul Aarsvold (MN), Region III Vice President; Jeff Voris (MO), Region IV Vice President; Nelson McCracken (GA), Region V Vice President; Aaron Geiman (MD), Region VI Vice President; and Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Chief Executive Officer.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order** – President Eric Tilleman called the board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Eric welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Review and Adjust Agenda** – Cameron Dale moved, Aaron Geiman seconded, to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Paul Aarsvold moved, Kyle Stapleton seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 10-11 in person meeting. The motion carried.
4. **NAAE Membership Report** – Alissa Smith provided an update on membership as of March 15, 2024 and unprocessed rosters.
5. **NAAE CEO Report** – Alissa Smith shared an update concerning staff and internal operations including an update on the impact of NAAE programs and the progress of the Teach Ag documentary.
6. **NAAE Awards Revision 2025 Update** – Bill Newsom and Alissa Smith updated the board on the planning meetings and feedback from the surveys regarding the awards update. The new awards will be provided to the committee by April 12th and come to the board for approval so that we can release them in June 2025.
7. **NAAE Website Update** – Alissa reported that the new website would be ready to go live in April as long as there are not any more issues with the platform. Alissa showed the Board a look at all of the pages and how the website will look and navigate once it is online.

8. New Business –

- a. **Advanced CTE** - Eric Tilleman and Jeff Voris gave an update on Advanced CTE and the new career clusters. Eric reported that he and Alissa Smith will attend the spring meeting in April to represent NAAE.
 - b. **Council Ag Ed Rep Policy** – Jeff Voris reported that ACTE is still trying to find a replacement for Dr. Bobby Torres for the Ag Ed Representative to ACTE. Due to the rotation policy that was set in effect, it is causing issues finding someone in the rotation to volunteer. The Board discussed the possibility of bringing the rotation policy to The Council to discuss. Paul Aarsvold moved, Cameron Dale seconded, to bring the rotational policy up for discussion at The Council meeting. Motion carried.
 - c. **Ag Ed Magazine MOU** – Nelson McCracken moved, Jeff Voris seconded, for NAAE to create a MOU with the Ag Ed Magazine organization regarding policies and procedures related to hosting the magazine on the NAAE website. Kyle Stapleton moved, Paul Aarsvold seconded, to table the motion until after the Ag Ed Magazine Inc. updates their policy and procedures. Motion passed. Eric Tilleman, President, created a committee to work on the MOU of Aaron Geiman, Kyle Stapleton, Cameron Dale, Nelson McCracken and Eric Tilleman as Chair.
9. **Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted at this NAAE Board of Directors meeting, Bill Newsom moved, Nelson McCracken seconded to adjourn; the motion carried. President Eric Tilleman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.