

**Minutes
NAAE Board of Directors
Meeting
March 16, 2023**

The NAAE Board of Directors conducted a board of directors meeting virtually on March 16, 2023. Board members in attendance included: Deanna Schnuck (MO), President; Eric Tilleman (MT), President-Elect; Kyle Stapleton (ID), Region I Vice President; Cameron Dale (OK), Region II Vice President; Shari Graffunder (WI), Region III Vice President; Jeff Voris (MO), Region IV Vice President; Bill Newsom (TN), Region V Vice President; Aaron Geiman (MD), Region VI Vice President; Stan Scurlock (FL), Past President; and Alissa Smith (KY), NAAE Chief Executive Officer. Marc Betia from Idaho was presented during the meeting for the National FFA Board of Directors report.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

1. **Call to Order** – President Deanna Schnuck called the board meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Deanna welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Shari Graffunder moved, Cameron Dale seconded, to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.
3. **Approve NAAE Board Meeting Minutes** – Aaron Geiman moved, Shari Graffunder seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 11-12, 2023 NAAE Board of Directors Meeting. Motion carried.
4. **NAAE Membership Report** – Alissa Smith provided an update on membership as of March 15, 2023 and shared that at this time we are trending to have a small increase in overall membership.
5. **NAAE Representatives to Ag Ed Related Board Update:**
 - a. **National FFA Board of Directors Report** – Deanna Schnuck introduced Marc Betia, NAAE Representative to the FFA Board of Directors, and gave Marc and opportunity to speak about his experiences so far on the Board representing NAAE.
6. **CEO Report** – Alissa Smith provided a program and staff update to the Board and also shared information regarding the National FFA Foundation funding.
7. **NAAE Regional Communications** – Alissa Smith shared that the first regional communications were sent on March 3, 2023. The communications were sent to all the regions from each Regional Vice President. Alissa also shared we had a 45% open rate which is very high. Plans for next month's communications were discussed as well.

8. NAAE Regional Conference Committee Discussion Points – Alissa Smith discussed the need for Regional VP's to work with their committee chairs to get 1-2 discussion points for regional conferences. The due date to have those to Alissa is May 1, 2023. Deanna also reminded everyone to get their dates for summer virtual meetings so we can promote those meetings.

9. **Adjournment** – With no further business to be transacted at this Aaron Geiman moved, Bill Newsom seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Eastern time.