LCAAA Board of Directors Meeting

December 13, 2004

LSU Union International Room

Allen Hogan, President convened the meeting at am. Terrence Marshall moved to accept the minutes as mailed by Ed Twidwell. Merle Sistrunk seconded the motion and it passed without opposition. Jerry Whatley presented the status of the Annual Reports from the last 3-4 years. After discussion, Keith Normand moved, seconded by Richard Letlow, to combine the reports. Motion passed. Keith Normand gave the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Meeting financial report. He then discussed the LCAAA accounts (Reports are attached). R.L. Frazier moved, seconded by Eddie White to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed. Eddie Eskew reported on the AA and DSA awards. He said that participation in initial voting was good but voting for the final choice was poor. This year Ed Twidwell and Alfred Guidry were DSA winners and Jimmy Flanagan and Denyse Cummins were AA winners. Eddie said that the winners had been contacted and are completing the required form to send in to NACAA. Eddie asked the Board to consider revising the number of award winners selected to match the number recognized by the national association. He said that right now we are selecting more than national recognizes.

Allen asked James DeVillier, Vice Director, Southern Region to give a report on national activities. James commended President Hogan on getting in committee members to NACAA. James stated that application for membership on national committees would be available soon and encouraged applications from our association. He said that there will be 9 positions open for the Southern Region. He also encouraged members to complete a survey by past NACAA president Steve Monk regarding the National AM/PIC. James said that planning for the NACAA AM/PIC was in progress. There is a link on the national website ecounty agents that he encouraged agents to check out. James said that the national board is continuing to investigate restructuring the national association and would be discussing results in the future.

President Hogan asked R.L. Frazier to give a report on the LCAAA endowed scholarship. R.L. said that the scholarship had been awarded by the College of Ag. He said that he plans to continue communicating with Arlette Rodrigue to find out the schedule of selecting the recipients and improve notification of the scholarship winner to LCAAA. Richard Letlow then reported on the new LCAAA Scholarship and presented the criteria for the scholarship. He stated that the first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2005 and paid in January of 2006.

Allen asked Bill Branch to give an update on the Ag Center Faculty council. Bill said that voting was very poor in electing representatives to the Faculty Council. He encouraged members to be willing to run and to vote when Faculty Council members are elected. President Hogan recognized Ronnie Bardwell and asked him to report on the 4-H Short course luncheon. Ronnie said that he had great support from committee members in preparing and conducting the luncheon. Participation was excellent. Ronnie said that he would have Senior Agent responsibility at Short course this year and would need someone to take the lunch responsibility. Kenny Sharpe volunteered to take chair of the committee and James DeVillier said he would help Kenny. Keith Normand brought up the need to budget more money for this activity. Keith Norman moved, seconded by Annie Coco to increase the amount budgeted from $600 to $700. The motion carried.

Kenny Sharpe reported that 56 members had paid through Annual Conference registration and he asked Board members to assist with collection of dues.

The President then asked for other committee reports. Shaney Hill gave a report on the 4-H Awards. She said that the 4-H Awards were opened to multi parish teams now as well as co-workers. This brought up discussion as to what kind of awards should be given if a large team from several parishes won the award. Eddie White moved that we give certificates to the winners and place a plaque at Camp Grant Walker with the winners' names on it. Merle Sistrunk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Allen asked Annie to speak about the National Awards programs. Annie asked all agents to apply for awards offered as they had excellent chances and participation in the awards contests mean a lot to sponsors. Annie said that the rules and deadlines are on the national web site. Allen added that committees and responsibilities of committee chairs are also on the web site.

President Hogan stated that the Southern Regional workshop would be held in Nashville, Tennessee from February 17-20, 2005. The normal protocol is for our President and President Elect to attend. Allen said that he and Keith Normand, Treasurer would both be out of the country at this time. Allen asked the Board to send Secretary Jerry Whatley in his place and the Board approved this request by general consent. Allen reminded the members that the association sponsors the President Elect attendance at the PILD Conference held annually in Washington, D.C. Allen then asked for input from the Board as to a date for the spring board meeting and whether it could be held through video conference. The consensus was that April would be a good time and video conference would be preferred.

Jerry Whatley reported that the AM/PIC would be held at the Holiday Inn in Sulphur, La. He stated that Robert Turley, the Annual Meeting Chair had made contacts with the hotel and plans to contact sponsors and develop the program were under way.

With no further business for the Board President Hogan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,
Jerry Whatley
Secretary
LCAAA

LCAAA Business Meeting

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President Allen Hogan opened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Allen asked Jerry Whatley to lead in prayer and then introduced Dr. Paul Coreil, Vice Chancellor and Director for remarks. Dr. Coreil told agents that if they had not paid their fee to the LDAF for their pesticide certification to not pay it. He stated that he had made arrangements with Commissioner Odom so that we no longer have to pay the fee. He then updated us on the Ag Center budget situation. He stated that merit raises given have been paid for by savings from unfilled positions. Presently there are about 40 unfilled positions in the Extension Service. These positions are covering the merit raises and unfunded mandated budget increases. At the beginning of the 2004-05 budget we had a $1.4 million dollar deficit. This year we will find out what size organization the people of Louisiana want to support. Dr/ Cpreil said that he, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Boethel had been meeting with legislative and commodity leaders to inform them of our budget situation and the potential affect on positions and viability of the Ag Center. He said that they are looking at several possible funding sources. Some of the problems filling positions is that people will ask for positions in their parish to be filled but have no ideas on how to fund the position. Another problem is that the Board of Regents consider the Ag Center as 100% funded when compared to our contemporaries. He stated that he would keep us informed as things progressed.

President Hogan then called for minutes to be read. Eddie Eskew moved, seconded by Howard Cormier to accept the minutes as mailed. The motion carried. Jerry Whatley presented a recommendation from the Board to combine the last few years Annual Meeting Reports into one. Henry Harrison recommended that we consider keeping the Annual Report electronically. Henry made this as an amendment to the Board's motion to print hard copies of a consolidated report for the years 1999-2004 for Board members, Committee Chairs and officers and the motion as amended passed by general consent.

The President asked Keith Normand, Treasurer to give a financial statement. Keith gave a report on the current balance of the various accounts of the association(attached). Richard Letlow moved, seconded by Bill Davis to accept the report as read. Motion carried. Eddie Eskew said that DSa and AA winners had been notified and were getting forms filled out to send in to NACAA. He reminded members that they are required to attend the National Meeting to be recognized as a state winner. Eddie also stated that we need to review how many winners we select and make it conform with the number that are allowed by the national organization. Allen reminded members that the state meeting would be held beginning June 6, 2004 in Sulphur and the national meeting would be in Buffalo, New York. James DeVillier, Vice Director for the Southern Region gave a report on activities of the NACAA(attached). James also said that reorganization of the national regions may be brought up for action at the Buffalo meeting.

The President asked for discussion of any old business. R.L. Frazier reported on the LCAAA Endowed scholarship. He said this was the first year that the College of Agriculture had handled selection of the recipient and that he would be working with them to improve communication with us.

Richard Letlow reviewed the new LCAAA 4-H Scholarship requirements. He said the first selection would be in the fall of 2005 and the scholarship would actually be paid in the spring of 2006. Bill Branch then reported on the Ag Center Faculty Council. He said that the Faculty Council was getting established and served as a voice for the faculty to address issues with the administration. He also said that voter participation by faculty was poor and encouraged members to participate. Ronnie Bardwell stated that the 4-H Luncheon at Short course this past year was a success. Kenny Sharpe and James DeVillier will head this committee for 2005. Jerry Whatley presented the Board's motion to increase funding for this activity from $600 to $700. Bill Davis moved to approve the Board's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously. Allen said that participants in the luncheon were informed that this activity was funded by the LCAAA.

Kenny Sharpe, Membership chair said that 54 had indicated that they would pay dues with the Annual Conference registration. He said that 16 of those had not paid. Eddie Eskew said that last year we had 127 paid members with 124 paid by the national deadline. He encouraged everyone to turn in their dues to him or any Board member. Shaney Hill reported on the 4-H agents Award sponsored by LCAAA. Recipients were:

Individual: Krishanda Mayers East Carroll

Team: Willie Core, Abby Gautreaux, Taharga Hart, and Katherine Cox. Team : Carol Remy, Jason Holmes and Katherine Butts. She said that we ended up with 16 people to recognize. The Board of Directors recommended that we give certificates to all the winners and to place a plaque at Camp Grant Walker with the winners names on it. The motion passed as presented. Annie Coco reported that there were several categories of awards available at the national level and that she knew that the quality of work being done by many of our members would certainly be competitive and she encouraged members to apply for the NACAA awards.

President Hogan then announced that the LCAAA would be represented at the Southern Regional workshop by Kenny Sharpe and Jerry Whatley and at the PILD by Kenny Sharpe and R.L. Frazier. Allen asked Jerry Whatley to update the members on the plans for the LCAAA AM/PIC. Jerry said that arrangements have been made to hold the meeting in Sulphur, La. at the Holiday Inn from June6-8, 2005. Committees have been formed (Tour, Program, Finance, and Door Prize) and have begun to work. Jerry told the members that a letter would be sent to potential sponsors soon and that the members may be asked to follow up the letter with a personal contact. Allen Hogan said that we are having the meeting at this time because the national meeting is early and this time frame worked well last year. Keith Normand encouraged members to register early for the convention as it really helps the Annual Meeting committee plan better.

Henry Harrison informed the members that the Chancellor would be sending an announcement that a field agent would be selected to participate in the Ag Leadership program. Henry encouraged agents to participate in this program when it became available. Allen reminded members that the NACAA AM/PIC was an excellent opportunity for professional improvement and encouraged them to participate. Bill Branch passed out a report of the producer program from last year's AM/PIC(attached).

The last business before adjourning at 2:25 was the recognition of the return of Larry Brock, a long time member and leader of LCAAA by President Hogan.

Respectfully,
Jerry Whatley, Secretary

LCAAA Winter Board Meeting

December 13, 2004
LSU Student Union, International Room
8:45 a.m.

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Allen Hogan

2. **Minutes and Annual Report** - Jerry Whatley

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Keith Normand

4. **NACAA Vice Director's Report** – James Devillier

5. **Old Business**
   a) **Report on LCAAA Endowed Scholarship** – R. L. Frazier
   b) **Progress Report on New LCAAA Scholarship** – Richard Letlow
   c) **AgCenter Faculty Council Update** – Bill Branch
   d) **4 –H U Luncheon Committee** –Ronnie Bardwell

6. **New Business**
   a) **Membership and Dues** – Keith Normand
      ***Final push to meet deadline** – Kenneth Sharpe
   b) **2005 DSA and AA Awards** – Eddie Eskew
   c) **Other Appropriate Committee Reports**
   d) **Spring Board Meeting** – When, Where and How

7. **Southern Regional Workshop and PILD Meeting**

8. **LCAAA 2005 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference** – Jerry Whatley
   a) **When**
   b) **Where**
   c) **Costs**
   d) **Tours and Program Topics**

9. **Additional and Miscellaneous Business**

10. **Adjourn**

LCAAA Winter Membership Meeting

December 13, 2004
LSU Student Union, International Room
1:15 p.m.

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Allen Hogan

2. **Minutes** – Jerry Whatley

3. **Director's Remarks** – Dr. Paul Coreil

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Keith Normand

5. **2005 DSA and AA Award Report** – Eddie Eskew

6. **NACAA Vice Director's Report** – James Devillier

7. **Old Business**
   a) **Report on LCAAA Endowed Scholarship** – R. L. Frazier
   b) **Progress Report on New LCAAA Scholarship** – Richard Letlow
   c) **AgCenter Faculty Council Update** – Bill Branch
   d) **4-H U Luncheon Report** – Ronnie Bardwell

8. **New Business**
   a) **Membership and Dues** – Keith Normand
      *** Final push to meet deadline** – Kenneth Sharpe
   b) **4-H Excellence Award** – Shaney Hill
   c) **Call to Participate in NACAA Educational Programs** – Ann Coco
   d) **Other Appropriate Committee Reports**

9. **Southern Region Leadership Workshop and PILD Conference**

10. **LCAAA 2005 AM/PIC** – Jerry Whatley
    a) **When**
    b) **Where**
    c) **Costs**
    d) **Tours and Programs**

11. **Additional and Miscellaneous Business**

12. **Adjourn**