

LCAAA Summer Board Meeting Agenda
Oak Grove, La
June 4, 2007
9:00 am

1. Call to Order – R.L. Frazier
2. Minutes – Brian Chandler
3. Treasurer’s Report – Keith Normand
4. Scholarship Report and Auction – Stan Dutile
5. Recognition and Awards – Eddie Eskew
6. PILD Report – Ed Twidwell
7. Comments from Southern Regional Director – James Devillier
8. 2007 LCAAA Annual Meeting – Myrl Sistrunk
9. 2007 NACAA AM/PIC – R.L. Frazier
10. New Business
11. Other Business
12. Adjourn

Present: Brian Chandler, Barry Crain, Kenneth Sharpe, Bill Branch, Allen Hogan, Rusty Batty, James Devillier, Terry Washington, Ed Twidwell, Miles Brashier, Eddie Eskew, Dwight Landreneau, John Chaney, Keith Normand, Glen Daniels, RL Frazier, Myrl Sistrunk, Stuart Gauthier, Stan Dutile, and Matt Martin.

Call to Order: Frazier opened the meeting by welcoming the board members to north Louisiana.

Minutes: Chandler stated that the minutes had been emailed to board members. Hogan moved and Sharpe seconded to approve the minutes as emailed.

Treasurer’s report: Normand passed out copies of the report showing the following:

Account Balances 6/1/07

#1 Savings	\$ 4,574.10
Checking	5,549.88
New Scholarship Savings	762.76
Benevolent Savings	438.59

Money Market	66,832.55
Total	\$78,157.88

Cash Flow Report 6/1/06 – 5/31/07

Inflows

Annual Meeting Income	\$ 3,297.51
Auction Income	1,279.00
Dues Income	7,550.00
Gift	50.00
Interest	2,929.72
Other	500.00
Total	\$15,606.23

Outflows

4-H U Luncheon	\$ 561.30
Awards	526.29
Dues-NACAA	6,300.00
Member Expense	385.00
Officer Expense	1,875.00
Police Jury Assn	250.00
Postage	25.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Total	\$10,922.59
Overall Total	\$ 4,683.64

A question was raised about our fiscal year. It is July 1 to June 30.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

Scholarship Report and Auction: Dutile went over the auction forms he had received and passed out blank ones. He reported that he had received no applications from members for the work study tour. He received six applications for the 4-H scholarship. Anna Normand, Keith's daughter, won. He does not know if the College of Agriculture scholarship has been awarded. The deadline is January or February. Eskew stated that students need to apply in September and be accepted to LSU to qualify for the scholarship. Dutile volunteered to send an email statewide in August to remind agents and students.

Recognition and Awards: Eskew thanked Normand for getting the plaques again. He passed out the guidelines for the awards as a reminder. (These are available on the LCAAA website.)

PILD: Twidwell reported that it was a good event for visiting with our legislators. They used the AgCenter lobbyist to set up the meetings. Unfortunately, they met only with the aides. They emphasized the need to stay with base funding for the universities and not change to competitive funding. He mentioned a program called 'Create 21' which is a move to put several agencies together.

JCEP: Twidwell reported that there will only be two regional meetings instead of four. The southeast and northeast will be meeting together possibly in Orlando. In response to a question, Devillier indicated that the reason for the joint regional meetings was so the national association presidents won't have to travel as much and can save money. The northeast region is not in favor of this. Devillier indicated that Orlando will not be cheap. He suggested that the association may need to increase the allocation for JCEP because Orlando is expensive.

Southern Regional Director Comments: Devillier passed out copies of his report (see attachment at the end). He asked for comments for the national board. He reported that the Galaxy meeting in September 2008 may affect attendance at the NACAA AM/PIC meeting in August 2008 in North Carolina. Some state administrators are pushing the Galaxy meeting. He reported that there are 1258 registered for Grand Rapids in July. He encouraged LCAAA members to attend the national meetings. Eskew stated that the national meetings are extremely good professional improvement conferences.

2007 LCAAA Annual Meeting: Sistrunk reported registration figures of 49 agents plus a few walk-ins, 38 for the board supper, 65 for the tour and supper, 75 for the banquet including a couple sponsors, and 50 for the memorial breakfast. He reported that they have had good support from sponsors and Keith Collins has done a good job as financial committee chair.

2007 NACAA AM/PIC: Frazier encouraged members to attend. Twidwell needs a list of those who will attend so he can notify Coreil. Eskew said you can charge the registration fee to regular travel (policy) and with approval of your regional director you can charge more. Frazier had talked to Coreil and Landreneau about support for members making presentations or posters at the national meeting. He said Coreil agreed if the agent is the lead author. We will hear from Coreil on Wednesday. Devillier indicated that other states have presenter funding set by their director. Hogan indicated that Coreil has given support to presenter in the past. Voting delegates will be Rome, Reed, Twidwell and Sistrunk. Dutile asked about funding for the national meeting. LCAAA gives \$125 to voting delegates, \$150 to officers and \$100 to DSA and AA winners. The director gives \$500 for voting delegates.

NEW BUSINESS

Associate Director Dwight Landreneau: Landreneau indicated he will be attending the NACAA meeting. He said the director feels these are good professional improvement opportunities and they will support presenters and lead author of posters.

The 'Centennial Celebration of 4-H in Louisiana' will be next year. He asked if LCAAA can support the celebration. The committee is wanting some mention of 4-H almost every day. Starting in December, they are looking for any event or meeting to have 4-H involved. They are establishing a 4-H Hall of Fame and hope to have 100 people in it. The hope to have at least one person from each parish listed. The regional directors will be hosting regional a activity. Myles Brashier is the LCAAA representative on the Centennial Committee.

Landreneau then discussed Ag Magic and Ag Expo. The director has been approached by the LA State Fair to take over the Ag Awareness events at the Fair. Terry Crawford will be leading this effort. He indicated that Ag Magic at LSU needs help and asked if LCAAA would consider adopting it as a service project by being presenters on extension time and expense money. He said it would be a good opportunity to promote agriculture and ag careers. They have asked the committee to announce dates a year in advance so agents will have the dates. Frazier volunteered to chair this committee. Twidwell asked for ideas to help make agronomy and other commodities more interesting like the animal commodities with live animals. Landreneau suggested to display the commodity from the raw form to the finished product. The LCAAA committee will look into ways to lend support any way possible.

Chaney is looking for older stories, pictures and people in 4-H and Camp Grant Walker for the 4-H Museum.

Support for Rock Eagle: Frazier passed out copies of the letter from Terril Faul requesting \$4000 from LCAAA to help Louisiana host the 2008 Southern Region Volunteer Conference to be held in Rock Eagle Georgia. Sharpe stated that we can not afford this because we only made \$1300 this year. The question was raised about the 4-H Foundation supporting this. Dutile suggested that we take this under advisement and request more information be presented at the next board meeting. Norman indicated that Faul could not make the April or this board meeting and suggested that we look into using the CD money.

NC 'State Night In': Frazier indicated that we are not in support of this. He had talked to Mark Tucker in NC and told him we are not is support of it. He had asked for a letter from NC requesting some other support and had not heard from him. He will wait until after the NACAA meeting in Michigan before contacting him again. NC will have the 'state night in' regardless of the lack of support from us, Arkansas and Texas. Sharpe moved that we will support the NC meeting with an amount based on their request. Branch seconded it and the motion passed.

Other: Sharpe asked for the nomination reports from each region.

The meeting adjourned.



**National Association of County
Agricultural Agents
Chuck Otte, President**

**J.E. Devillier
NACAA Director Southern Region**

Report to LCAAA Membership Wednesday June 6, 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to make brief remarks concerning NACAA and national activities for the past 10 months.

The 2006 AM/PIC was an outstanding event organized and hosted by the Kentucky and Ohio associations. Thank you to those of you from LCAAA who attended the meeting and professional improvement conference. I truly enjoyed it as it is one of the best AM/PIC of my career. By my count there were 12 LCAAA active members, 2 retirees and our Vice-Chancellor and LCES Director in attendance. Congratulations to DSA winners R.L. Frazier and Dr. Carlos Smith, AA winners Dr. Ron Strahan and Dr. Boris Castro, Search for Excellence in Crop Production State Winners Glen Daniels and Dr. Bill Branch, presenters of papers Dr. Ed Twidwell, Agronomy; Kenny Sharpe, Animal Science and Dr. James E. Devillier, Animal Science. Congratulations also to those members who will be recognized at this meeting in Grand Rapids next month.

Phil Durst and the Michigan association have wrapped up their preparation for the 2007 meeting in Grand Rapids. As of May 15, we have 986 registered conference participants. So I urge each of you to register for the 2007 AM/PIC and plan to be in Michigan July 15-19.

2007 Southern Region Attendance Goals

State	AL	AR	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	OK	SC	TN	TX	VA
2005 Membership	109	107	171	210	117	119	120	262	72	75	174	292	120
2007 - 35% Goal	38	37	60	74	41	42	42	92	25	26	61	102	42
2006 Attendance	8	20	33	37	96	12	15	67	11	11	24	20	21
Percent Attendance 2006	7	19	19	18	82	12	13	26	15	15	14	7	18

I hope each of you have taken the time to read Alan's last Southern Region newsletter. He's done a great job in keeping current news before our membership and when you see him or just when you have the time to e-mail him, show him your appreciation and let him know that you enjoy the newsletters.

The Futuring Committee set some goals and recommendations for moving the NACAA and state associations forward. As part of the effort to implement some of these changes and recommendations, a board committee (me included) will have some recommendations and strategies for implementing these goals to present to the full board in July. Your NACAA Board continues to look at benefits for the membership and you can be assured that we continue to work for your interests and that of the organization. You may view the report on the website at www.nacaa.com.

You were well represented by Miles Brashier and Ed Twidwell at the JCEP 2007 Southern Regional Leadership Workshop and by Ed at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, PILD 2007 in January and April of this year. Both conferences were excellent.

Officer, delegate and member activities to remember at the AM/PIC:

State Officers workshop - Sunday, July 15, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Opening Session - Sunday, July 15, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Voting Delegates Breakfast, Monday, July 16, 6:45am to 7:45am

Committee Workshops for all members - Monday, July 16, 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Southern Region Meeting - Monday, July 15, 3:00pm to 5:15pm

Delegate Session - Tuesday, July 17, 8:30am to 11:30 am

Scholarship Auction Tuesday, July 17, 7:30pm

These are just a few of the many activities at the AM/PIC. Don't miss the educational luncheon seminars, poster session and other professional improvement opportunities!

Following is the list of NACAA officer nominees of which we know are running for national office. Pending the report of the nominating committee and the addition of other nominees, the voting delegates will be selecting 2008 officers during the delegate session.

President: N. Fred Miller (NC)

President Elect: Rick Gibson(AZ)

Vice President: Phil Pratt (OK)

Past President: Chuck Otte (KS)

Treasurer: Paul Wigley (GA)

Secretary: Leon J. Church (TX)

In addition, at the southern region meeting, members will vote on a new vice-director from South Carolina and confirm Dirk Webb (OK) as junior director.

Voting Delegate Session---This years voting delegate session may not be as exciting as last years with nominations coming from the floor (though that can always happen). The following two

issues will be discussed and voted upon by the delegates. State presidents and voting delegates will receive more information on these issues and any others prior to the AM/PIC.

Revising / clarification of the bylaws concerning election of an officer or director. The current bylaws state in Article VI, Section 1, **“An NACAA member to be eligible for election as Officer or Director must have attended at least three previous meetings of NACAA”**. Since the policy committee has had to clarify the intent of “meeting” to mean an AM/PIC. The delegates will decide upon changing the bylaws to replace “meeting” with Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference AM/PIC to prevent any future confusion.

Another issue is the possible creation of a new committee. You may recall at the request of the Aquaculture/Sea Grant Committee it was folded into (or combined with) the Natural Resources Committee. It has been proposed to create a Sustainable Agriculture committee.

You can be proud of your record of contributions and participation in the NACAA scholarship program. As of November 2005, **Louisiana** agents have contributed **\$6,364.58** and received **\$4,585.00**. The scholarships are an excellent benefit provided to members and NACAA encourages you to consider applying for these funds to support your scholarly and professional improvement activities. As you can see by these figures, LCAAA members have paid in more than they’ve received in scholarships. Go to Alan’s newsletter for a great description of how to qualify and participate in the NACAA scholarship program.

In an effort to benefit the Scholarship Program, the National Scholarship Committee began selling NACAA Case knives at the AM/PIC in Orlando (2004). These fine pocket knives have the NACAA logo on the blade and can be ordered from Scott Hawbaker at the National office for \$50.00. The supply is limited so get yours today.

The old scholarship database is being converted into a more user friendly database that has web access potential. This is a very tedious process because the conversion has to be done one line at a time by hand. Once this conversion is complete, hopefully before the 2007 AM/PIC, the new conversion will be sent to all states for review. All scholarship donations and awards since November 2005 have already been placed into the new database.

Donor and Sponsor funds are very important and the lifeblood of NACAA and the AM/PIC. Because of the loss of some sponsors, some of the educational workshops have suffered and some of the award programs have been lost. Please encourage everyone to make donors and sponsorships a priority. NACAA offers a member incentive program for getting donor/sponsor funds. If you get a donor or sponsor to contribute \$2,000 to \$4,999 your AM/PIC registration will be reimbursed. If you get \$5,000 to \$9,999 your registration for AM/PIC is reimbursed and you get \$500 toward travel expenses and if you get \$10,000 and above you get your registration for AM/PIC reimbursed and \$1,000 toward travel expenses. Be sure to contact our Executive Director, Scott Hawbaker, prior to making an official request to a potential sponsor/donor.

2007 NACAA Officers & Directors

President	Chuck Otte, Kansas
President-Elect	Fred Miller, North Carolina
Vice-President	Rick Gibson, Arizona
Secretary	Leon Church, Texas
Treasurer	Paul Wigley, Georgia
Past President	Mickey Cummings, Georgia
Southern Region Director	Henry Dorough, Alabama
Southern Region Director	James Devillier, Louisiana
North East Director	Dave Myers, Maryland
North Central Director	Stan Moore, Michigan
Western Region Director	Michele Hebert, Alaska

Southern Region Vice-Director and Director Rotation

<u>State</u>	<u>Vice-Director</u>	<u>Director</u>
Alabama	2004-05	2006-07 Henry Dorough
Louisiana	2005-06	2007-08 James Devillier
Oklahoma	2006-07	2008-09 Dirk Webb
Tennessee	2007-08	2009-10 Alan Galloway
South Carolina	2008-09	2010-11
Georgia	2009-10	2011-12
Arkansas	2010-11	2012-13
Florida	2011-12	2013-14
Texas	2012-13	2014-15
North Carolina	2013-14	2015-16
Kentucky	2014-15	2016-17
Mississippi	2015-16	2017-18
Virginia	2016-17	2018-19

NACAA Annual Meeting Dates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2007	Grand Rapids, Michigan	July 15-19
2008	Greensboro, North Carolina	July 13-17
2009	Portland, Oregon	Sept 20-24
2010	Tulsa, Oklahoma	July 11-15