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2025 OAEA Annual Meeting

at the Spring Professional Improvement Conference
5:30 PM, April 24, 2025

- I. Welcome – Logan Bennett started meeting at 5:25 pm
- II. Approval of minutes from OAEA December Business Meeting, December 2, 2024 – presented by Logan Bennett, motion made to accept by Brooke Edmunds, seconded by Christie Tanner
- III. Membership report presented by Will Price – 20 (OAEA only) and 39 (OAEA & NACAA), we need 2 more NACAA members to get another NACAA voting delegate
- IV. Financial report presented by Melissa Fery. Membership did not have any concerns.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Manning Becker awards timeline and composition of award committee – Jenifer Cruickshank reported results of Qualtrics survey, the majority of the membership wanted to change the submission deadline to February. However, after a discussion of the membership and Sam, this proposed submission deadline change will not mesh well with when interest in the account is available to spend. Gordon Jones made a motion to keep the submission deadline as is in November to spend funds in the next full calendar year and to not make any changes at this time. Seconded by Shannon Cappellazzi. Jennifer reported that the composition is fine at this time, but may need adjusted in the future as the number of tenure track faculty in extension decreases.
- VI. New Business
 - a. NACAA Western Region Vice-Director – Aaron Esser was in attendance and gave a national update from NACAA earlier in the day.
 - b. National and Regional Meetings
 - i. Past Meeting Reports:
 1. JCEP Extension Leadership Conference, February 19 - 20, 2025; Savannah, GA – no one attended
 2. JCEP Public Issues Leadership Development Conference ([PILD](#)) –

April 7 - 8, 2025; Arlington, VA

- Logan Bennett attended and gave a brief report

VII. Other Business

a. NACAA/OAEA Committee Chair Updates (descriptions of chair duties can be found in the NACAA's Committee Handbook).

- i. Leadership and Administrative Skills – Gordon Jones agreed to take Ruijun Quin's place
- ii. Agricultural Issues – Will Price – no updates at this time
- iii. Early Career Development – Shelby Filley – no updates at this time
- iv. Teaching and Educational Technologies – Scott Duggan – reported there will be a NACAA webinar on using AI on May 7th
 - i. Ag Economics and Community Development – Jacob Powell – no updates
 - ii. Agronomy and Pest Management – Darrin Walenta - absent
 - iii. Animal Science – Sergio Arispe – mentioned there will be a livestock pre-conference tour at the national AMPIC in Montana this year
 - iv. Horticulture and Turfgrass – Erica Chernoh – no updates
 - ~~v. Natural Resources/Aquaculture – Derek Godwin - committee merged with Sustainable Ag and Derek is no longer interested in continuing.~~
 - ~~vi. Sustainable Agriculture – Andony Melathopoulos - committee merged with Natural Resources~~
 - vii. Sustainable Ag & Nature Resources (beginning July 2025) – Andony is assigned as the new committee chair and was absent from the meeting
 - viii. 4-H & Youth – Amy Derby – no updates
 - ix. Communications – Larry Lutchter – absent, but sent an email update that Jacob Powell was the state winner for a communication award in the "computer generated presentation" and "newsletter" categories. Audrey Comerford was the state winner for a communication award in the "publication" category. He is willing to serve for another year as the chairperson of the communication award committee, but is willing to pass it on to another interested member.
 - ~~x. Professional Excellence – Cassie Bouska – changed to "Research and Education Posters" committee~~
 - xi. Research & Education Posters – Cassie Bouska – no updates
 - ~~xii. Public Relations and Agricultural Awareness – **Need Replacement** - committee was terminated~~
 - xiii. Recognition and Awards – Brooke Edmunds
 - xiv. Scholarship – Dustin Johnson – Still Need Replacement**
 - xv. Search for Excellence – Melissa Fery – there is one application
 - xvi. Life Membership – Gene Pirelli – absent and no updates

b. OAEA Committee Reports

- i. NACAA Journal – Jenifer Cruickshank – no updates, but encouraged members to consider serving as journal reviewers as the number of articles being submitted continues to increase.
- ii. OAEA Website – Cassie Bouska – no updates
- iii. Manning-Becker Fund and Award – Sam Angima – no updates, but in the future may look for testimonials from members who have used the funds for professional development.

- VIII. OAEA Meeting at Extension Annual Conference – OSU Extension Annual Conference has changed from December to September 29th from 1 to 2 pm on campus in Corvallis, OR. There was a discussion on when leadership should change. It was decided that we would still meet, but the leadership positions would not change till the next calendar year as the Bylaws state that each office will serve for a full calendar year.
- IX. Secretary Election – Cody Copp has had to step down from his position as secretary on the OAEA Board. Russel Smith-Ollivierre was nominated, accepted the position, and voted into office.
- X. Adjourned by Logan at 6:10 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- [NACAA](#) AMPIC – June 29 - July 2, 2025; Billings, MT
- Chad Reid Western Region NACAA PIC – September 22-24, 2025; Ritzville, WA
- JCEP Extension Leadership Conference, February 4-5, 2026; Savannah, GA
- JCEP Public Issues Leadership Development Conference ([PILD](#)) – April 20-21, 2026; in Bethesda, MD
- NACAA AMPIC – July 8-12, 2026; Denver, CO

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