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2025 OAEA Annual Fall Meeting

3:10 PM, September 29, 2025

- I. Welcome – Logan Bennett started the meeting at 3:16 pm.
- II. Announcements
 - 1.) Update from Chris Branan- Chris mentioned the availability of media training workshops for new and experienced faculty. He provided a brief overview of the new publishing process for OSU Extension, emphasizing the use of an online form for all educational content. Chris also discussed the use of artificial intelligence to assist in creating impact stories from published research, citing a recent example involving Scott Lucas.
 - 2.) Agristress Hotline – Logan provided an update on the Agristress Hotline, a valuable resource for farmers facing stress and mental health challenges. He also mentioned the high suicide rates among farmers and emphasized the importance of the hotline (833-897-2474), which is free, confidential, and available 24/7.
 - 3.) AA & DSA Awards Winners for 2025: Sergio Arispe and Christy Tanner were recognized as the AA and DSA award winners for 2025, respectively.
 - 4.) Recognition of Service: Shelby Filley - Logan presented Shelby with a small token of appreciation for her service.
- III. Introductions from the Board
 - i. President: Logan Bennett
 - ii. Incoming President: Will Price
 - iii. Vice President: Audrey Commerford
 - iv. Secretary: Russell Smith-Ollivierre

- v. Treasurer: Melissa Fery
- vi. Past President: Jacob Powell

IV. Approval of minutes from OAEA Spring Business Meeting, April 24, 2025 – Logan Bennett presented, motion made to accept by Chrissy Lucas, seconded by Jacob Powell.

V. Membership report – 17 (OAEA only) and 40 (OAEA & NACAA). We need 2 more NACAA members to get another NACAA voting delegate

VI. Financial report – Melissa Fery

VII. Old Business -N/A

VIII. New Business

- 1) Oregon potentially hosting the Chad Reid Western Regional NACAA PIC next year – Jenifer Cruickshank suggested hosting the conference in Oregon. The logistics and financial aspects of hosting the conference, including potential donations and expenses, were discussed.
- 2) Elections (Installations in December)- Logan announced that the official elections will be held online on December 8 at 1:00 PM.
- 3) Budgetary Meeting and Awards in December - The budgetary meeting and the AA & DSA Awards will also be held online on December 8. Brooke Edmunds explained the process for nominating candidates for the AA & DSA Awards.
- 4) Communications Awards – Audrey Comerford highlighted the benefits of entering the communications awards and encouraged individuals to consider nominating colleagues and submitting their own work.
- 5) ~~Hosting the Chad Reid Western Regional NACAA PIC next year~~

IX. Other Business

- a. NACAA/OAEA Committee Chair Updates (descriptions of chair duties can be found in the NACAA's Committee Handbook).
 - i. Early Career Development – Shelby Filley
A Chair Member is needed; a replacement is still being sought.
 - ii. Communications – Larry Lutcher
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 - iii. Recognition and Awards – Brooke Edmunds-
No further updates.
- iv. Scholarship

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v. Life Membership – Gene Pirelli

Melissa Fery provided an update in Gene's absence. Gene remains interested in serving as Chair and looks forward to continuing to track retirees and their post-retirement.

b. OAEA Committee Reports

- i. Search for Excellence- Melissa Fery encouraged individuals to apply for the award, with the deadline set for March 15th.
- ii. Manning-Becker Fund and Award – Sam Angima reported on the status of the Manning-Becker endowment, with a total principal of \$177,000 and a spendable amount of \$9,000.

X. Adjourn by Logan at 4:02pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- 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

Glossary:

- ❖ NACAA: *National Association of County Agricultural Agents*
- ❖ OAEA: *Oregon Agricultural Extension Association*
- ❖ AM/PIC: *Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference*
- ❖ JCEP: *Joint Council of Extension Professionals*
- ❖ PILD: *Public Issues Leadership Development*
- ❖ AA & DSA Awards: *Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award*

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How to support the Manning Becker Fund via payroll deduction

The link to the payroll deduction authorization site with the OSU Foundation:

https://www.osufoundation.org/s/359/foundation/index.aspx?sid=359&gid=34&pgid=5538&cid=9417&post_id=0

Under Gift Information, where they ask what program you would like your tax-deductible gift to support, type “Manning Becker Fund 6220-175110”.

For more general information about donations with the OSU Foundation, including alternatives to payroll deduction, see

<https://www.osufoundation.org/s/359/foundation/index.aspx?sid=359&gid=34&pgid=4353>