

IACCAI Conference Minutes

October 13, 2017

President, Bill Waggoner called the meeting to order.

Reports

- IAVAT - Reported about possibility of allowing middle schools to compete in contest. Looking for new host school for FFA contest for the next 5 years. EZ records is being phased out. Gave an update on AgEd 365 lobbying effort.
- FFA - Had been spending the past three weeks doing chapter visits. National convention was in a month.
- ISBE - State budget line item is at \$5 million for FY 18
Grants for middle and secondary schools
Growing Ag Science Teachers
Budget hearings are scheduled for FY 19
- FCAE - Ag Education report and Community College report
Just got the first state payment for FY 17 at the end of September
There is lots of investment in ag teacher retention
IL Farm Bureau is giving 4, \$10,000 grants
12 college age students went on the ag teacher tour in northern IL. Planning is under way for next September's tour in central IL.
Grain Bridge and Ag Yield were discussed as possible good web based programs for use in schools.
There were 75 openings for teaching, 74 were filled in some fashion.
60 hours of college + 2000 hour experience are required to teach ag with the current shortage of teachers.
There are 41 new ag teacher expected to graduate in spring 2018.
- IICAE - AgEd 365 fliers were distributed. This is to help fund lobbyist.

Articulation reports – corrections and comments were given for each area.

Committee reports

- PAS - Test banks were just about ready to send out.
- Advocacy - Changed the awards for service and several others
- Articulation - Gary will work out issues with IAI.
- In service - Working on ideas for next year's conference based on discussion for this year.
- Division Chairs – No changes. Would like to see in-services videotaped.

It was moved/seconded (Angus/Orrick) to accept the committee reports. Motion passed.

It was moved/seconded (Angus/Hienzman) to appoint Ryan Orrick to the FFA Board for a 3 year term.

Motion Passed

It was moved/seconded (Shupe/Wildman) that IACCAI should pay the IAVAT dues for our board seat.

Motion passed

It was moved/seconded (Waggoner/Shupe) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Dates discussed for next years meeting... October 11th and 12th, 2018 at Lakeland College

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Fandel