

## **SAAS Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 03, 2015**

Call to Order by President Alan Grant at 7.35 a.m. Meeting was held in the Chastian C room.

Roll Call was done by sign-in sheet and personal introduction of each attendee.

In attendance were:

Executive Committee: Alan Grant, Larry R. Arrington, Mark Legendre, and M. Wayne Ebelhar

Ag Communications: Craig Gautreau and Ricky Telg

Ag Education: Kirk Swortzel and J.C. Bunch

Agronomy: Mark Reiter and Dexter Watts

Animal Science: Tim Murphy

Plant Pathology: Nicole Ward Gauthier and Rebecca Melanson

Research Center: Donnie Davis and Barry Sims

A quorum was established.

Motion made and accepted to add Member at Large nomination and election.

Mark Legendre gave a positive report on the current conference. Participation seems to be up overall.

Various positive comments were made on the concurrent sessions both were well attended and interesting presentations. Rural Sociology and Ag Communications were thanked for organizing the concurrent sessions.

Discussion on next year's General Session focused on Changing Demographics/Meeting the Challenge in 2050. Several individuals agreed to help organize.

A brief discussion on current conference and on next year's location in San Antonio, TX at the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk on February 06 - 09, 2016. All were in favor of both. Future sites discussed were Pensacola, New Orleans and Nashville. Pensacola does not have enough meeting space in one location and New Orleans is too expensive due to the Mardi Gras season. Mark Legendre agreed to look at Nashville.

Plant Pathology reminded the Board they will not be meeting with SAAS next year which is normal for about every third for fourth year.

M. Wayne Ebelhar was nominated and elected by unanimous decision as Member at Large.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 am.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre  
Secretary/Treasurer