

SAAS
Board of Directors Minutes
Sunday, February 03, 2008

Call to Order by President Milo Shult in the Adam's Mark Hotel, Majestic Boardroom, at 2:30 pm on February 03, 2008. Milo Shult welcomed everyone. He made sure everyone had an agenda. No additions were added.

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

Executive Committee: Milo Shult, Mark Legendre, Jimmie G. Clark
and Randol Waters (Member at Large)

Ag Communications: Tracey Rutherford and Virginia Morgan

Ag Economics: C.W. "Bill" Herndon, Jr. and H. L. Goodwin

Ag Education: Antoine Alston, Dennis Duncan, and Craig Edwards

Agronomy: Kip Balkcom and Nathan Slaton

Animal Science: Chad Chase

Biochemistry: S K Ballal and Jeff Doles

Horticultural Science: David Reed and Penelope Perkins-Veazie

Plant Pathology: Chris Clark and Bob Kemerait

Research Center: Ray Cartee

Rural Sociology: Gene Theodori and Enefiok Ekanem

A quorum was established.

Minutes from the Mobile 2007 Board Meetings and General Business Meeting were approved without changes.

Nomination report from Milo Shult was given. Dr. Johnny Wynne, North Carolina State University, was nominated and elected as President Elect.

No resolution committee report given.

A positive report was given by Mark Legendre on the current conference and hotel accommodations. No major issues or problems noted.

A financial report was given by Mark Legendre showing a loss of \$7,411 during last year. A discussion and motion was made to raise the SAAS registration from \$40 to \$60. The motion to raise the registration to \$60 was due to the minimum amount currently charging, the fact that it has been a long time since the last raise, and to prevent raising it each year. It was approved with Horticultural objection.

Election of Member at Large to the Executive Committee resulted in the nomination and election of H. L Goodwin, Ag Economics, University of Arkansas.

New business: There was a discussion about having a multi-discipline session(s) with crosscutting issues at SAAS in place of the General Session, as well as SAAS emphasizing the selected issue in each association's breakouts. One topic suggested was alternative fuels and its impact. Several different formats and options were discussed on possible ways to handle it. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that this was a great idea that needs to be explored further. It was decided that everyone go back to their group, discuss different possibilities, and be prepared to discuss this further at the Tuesday morning board meeting.

Milo Shult reminded everyone of the SAAS Opening Session and General Business Meeting with keynote speaker Dr. Gale Buchanan, USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in Dallas Ballroom A3, Adam's Mark Conference Center, followed by a "Super Bowl Party" sponsored by Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. Jackson, Mississippi and Affiliates with the social to begin at 5:00 pm in Dallas Ballroom B/C, Adam's Mark Conference Center.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer