

SAAS Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 04, 2014

Call to Order by Mark Cockern at 7.35 a.m. Meeting was held in the Sheraton's Chef's Table.

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

In attendance were:

Executive Committee: Mark Cochran, Wayne Ebelhar and Mark Legendre
Ag Communications: Frankie Gould and Craig Gautreaux
Ag Education: Kirk Swortzel
Agronomy: Yoana Newman and Mark Reiter
Animal Science: Tim Murphy
Biochemistry/Biotechnology: Jeff Boles and S.K. Ballal
Horticultural: Brian Kahn
Plant Pathology: Gary Vallad
Research Center: Larry Earnest and Donnie Davis
Meeting Your Needs: Rick Connor

A quorum was established.

A detailed discussion was held on sight section and location and a motion was made and approved for Mark Legendre to continue to accept proposals from various cities keeping the Board in the process before a sight is selected.

A discussion was held on whether to have concurrent multidiscipline/joint sessions involving the students in place of the general session. Everyone agreed and sections will start working on such sessions and at the first conference call will develop a plan and program. Wayne Ebelhar, Gary Vallad, and Frankie Gould volunteered to head up.

A brief presentation was made by Mark Legendre on next year's location in Atlanta at the Westin Peachtree Plaza on Jan 31- Feb 03, 2014.

Mark Legendre gave a positive report on the current conference.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 am.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer