

SAAS Board of Directors Minutes Sunday, February 07, 2010

Call to Order by Bob Whitson in the Wyndham Orlando Resort Longboat Room at 2:30 pm
Sunday February 07, 2010.

President Bob Whitson welcomed everyone.

Roll Call was done by sign-in sheet. In attendance were:

Executive Committee: Bob Whitson, H.L. Goodwin, and Mark Legendre

Administrative Heads: Joe DiPietro, Scott Angle, and Milo J. Shult

Ag Communications: Blair Fannin

Agronomy: M. Wayne Ebelhar and Carl Crozier

Animal Science: David Morrison and Matthew H. Poore

Biochemistry: S K Ballal and Jeff Doles

Horticultural Science: David Reed and Jim Ballington

Research Center: Merritt Taylor

Rural Sociology: Anne Kleiner and Terrence Thomas

A quorum was established.

Minutes from the Atlanta 2009 Board Meetings and General Business Meeting were approved.

Nomination Committee Chair Scott Angle gave nomination report. The Committee nominated Dr. Mark Hussey, Texas A&M University as President and Dr. Joe DiPietro, University of Tennessee as President Elect. No nominations were made from the Board. The Nomination Committee's nominations were accepted and approved by the Board.

Resolution Committee Chair Merritt Taylor gave resolution report which detailed the difference in SAAS and the Administrative Heads By-Laws. A lengthy discussion followed with motion not to change SAAS's By-Laws. It was suggested Administrative Heads look at their By-Laws for possible revision.

Audit Committee Chair Hector Zapata gave an audit report in which he detailed his process, reported no findings, and that financial records were in good order. Motion was made and approved to accept his report.

A financial report was given by Mark Legendre showing a gain of \$8,284 for last year with \$54,595 in receipts and \$46,311 expended. A motion was made and the financial report was approved by the board.

New business: Mark Legendre raised the question on whether SAAS should be charging for undergraduate students. With a brief discussion, it was decided not to charge but for SAAS to track the number of undergraduates.

Mark Legendre requested Michael W. Neff, Executive Director of American Society for Horticultural Science to give a report on their online registration system. They have offered the possibility of SAAS using which would allow online pre-registration and accept credit cards. It would be at cost plus a small administrative fee. It was noted several of the groups are already using their National Association to do this. No action made.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 3:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer