

SAAS Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 09, 2010

Call to Order by President Robert Whitson in Oleander B Room at 7:30 am on Tuesday, February 09.

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

In attendance were:

Executive Committee: Mark Legendre, Bob Whitson
Ag Communications: Johnny Morgan
Ag Economics: Michael Reed
Ag Education: Craig Edwards and Don Edgar
Agronomy: M. Wayne Ebelhar, Carl Crozier, and Becky Gilfillin
Animal Science: David Morrison and Matt Poore
Biochemistry: S K Ballal and Jeff Doles
Research Center: Merritt Taylor
Guest Rick Conner from *Meeting Your Needs*

A quorum was established.

There was brief discussion on the General Session – Strategic Issues Management for Land-grant Universities. Ag Communication was thanked and complemented for a great topic and a very well done session.

President Robert Whitson requested and Scott Angle gave a Federal Congressional update.

President Robert Whitson requested and David Morrison presented what the Administrative Heads Section (AHS) discussed at their Monday meeting on changing By-laws. AHS requested that SAAS change its By-laws, which would reflect what actually occurs regarding SAAS officers. That is, President and President-elect of SAAS are the same as the Chair and Vice Chair of the AHS section. A discussion followed with motion not to change SAAS's By-Laws.

A brief discussion was presented by Mark Legendre and Rick Connor on next year's location, Corpus Christi, Texas (Feb 05-08). Noted was the challenge presented by not being under one roof with two Omni Hotels and a convention center.

A brief discussion on the current conference ensued with the following observations and comments:

- Overall conference and hotel was excellent
- General Session time of 4:00-6:00 pm was preferred
- Need to get local news media coverage of conference
- Poster in single location is preferred with the possibility of somehow featuring certain papers/posters
- Need to make sure hotel is providing services contracted for (i.e. newspapers, internet, etc.)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 am.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer