

SAAS Board of Directors
Breakfast Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 04, 2020
Louisville, Kentucky

Breakfast was served around 7:30 a.m. Meeting was called to order by Past President Paul Patterson at 8:00 a.m. in the Omni Louisville Hotel Clifton Meeting Room. It was noted that the current President Tom Cross was not able to attend.

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

In attendance were:

Administrative Heads: Paul Patterson and Eric Young

Executive Committee: Mark Legendre

Ag Economics: Sandra Blackwell

Ag Education: Donna Graham and Elena Legendre

Agronomy: L. Jason Krutz

Rural Sociology: Buddhi Gyawali and David Nii O. Tackie

Event Planner: Rick Connor

Westin Peachtree Atlanta Representatives: Jaime Trahan and April Twine

A quorum was established.

No additions to the agenda were added.

Past-President Paul Patterson made similar general comments as the Sunday's Business Meeting of the importance of Associations continue to meet with SAAS and the good financial standing of SAAS.

Jamie Trahan and April Twine made a presentation and proposal for SAAS to meet at The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, GA on Feb 01-06, 2024. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and approval to move forward with negotiations for SAAS to meet in Atlanta in 2024.

Board had a brief discussion on current conference with various positive comments and appreciation on the Louisville venue and conference.

Board had a brief discussion of the upcoming meeting in Irving, TX, February 04-09, 2021. Mark Legendre gave information on the two hotels: Westin Irving at Las Colinas and the Texican Court-Boutique Hotel with meeting space at Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. Noted that future locations are: Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza and Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL, Feb 3-8, 2022; and Omni Oklahoma City Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, Feb 02-07, 2023.

Other business that the board discussed were whether we wanted to continue the Sunday's Super Bowl Party. After some discussion, it was decided to continue the Sunday's reception.

Also, discussed was the need for a conference evaluation and feedback tool, and a conference app. Mark Legendre along with Ag Education agreed to explore the possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 am.

Submitted by:
Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer