

SAAS Board of Directors
Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 07, 2023

Breakfast was served around 7:15 a.m. Shannon Brown, Omni Sales Director, thanked us for choosing OKC and the Omni Hotel. She expressed how nice it was to work with our group and would love to have us back.

Meeting was called to order by incoming President Nick Place at 7:40 a.m. in the Red Earth Boardroom on the 17th Floor of the Omni OKC Hotel.

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

In attendance were:

Administrative Heads: Nick Place, Keith Belli and Eric Young

Executive Committee: Jason Krutz and Mark Legendre

Ag Communication: Taylor Ruth

Biochemistry: Jeff Boles

Rural Sociology: Eleanor Green and Marcus Bernard

Event Planner: Rick Connor

A quorum was established.

Delta Scholars presentation was added to the agenda by Eleanor Green.

Past-President Keith Belli made general comments on the importance of continuous of this conference especially for the development of the students.

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

Board had a brief discussion of the upcoming meetings. The 2024 Conference will be in Atlanta, GA, February 01-06 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza, and the 2025 Conference will be in Irving, TX at the Westin Irving at Las Colinas and the Texican Court-Boutique Hotel with meeting space at Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

A question was raised on SAAS Conference weekend whether the first or second (Super Bowl) weekend of February was preferred. No preference or decision was made.

A brief discussion on the possibility of meeting in the Virgin Islands in the future. Virgin Islands is considered in our Southern Region. Concerns of the costs, transportation, and venue was express but agreed we should investigate the possibilities. Various other future sights were mentioned.

Eleanor Green presented the information on Delta Scholars Program and was looking for participants.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 am.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre

Secretary/Treasurer