

**SAAS**  
**Board of Directors Agenda**  
Sunday, February 13, 2022

Call to Order by Dr. Robert Taylor, SAAS President, in the Borgne Meeting Room at 2:35 pm.

Roll Call was done by sign-in sheet.

In attendance were:

Academic Department Heads: Keith Belli and Eric Young

Executive Committee: Robert Taylor and Mark Legendre

Biochemistry: Jeff Boles

Horticultural Science: Amy Wright and Jason Krutz

Rural Sociology: Eleanor Green

Guest: Luke Laborde

A quorum was established.

President Robert Taylor introduced himself sharing some of his experience in Agriculture and his career. He made additional general comments on the importance and issues of Agriculture Industry in these times.

Under New Business, a Resolution was read "Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Passage of the Rural Development Act of 1972 and its Establishment of Research and Education Programs to Revitalize and Develop Rural America" (attached). It was read by Eleanor Green. Motion was made to adopted and approved.

Minutes from Louisville, KY 2020 Board Meetings and General Business Meeting were approved with no exception. Noted there was no meeting in 2021 due to the covid pandemic.

Nomination Committee: Eric Young reported that the SAAS President-elect nomination at the AHS meeting was Keith Belli from Clemson University. Mark Legendre nominated Jason Krutz from Mississippi State University for member at large to replace retiring Wayne Ebelhar of Mississippi State University. The nominations were accepted and approved by the Board.

Financial Committee: A financial report was given by Mark Legendre. There were very minimal receipts and expenses due to cancellation of conference last year due to the pandemic. Last year receipts were \$282 which was Interest earnings and \$4,812 which was insurance expenses and 2022 conference expenses. Cash balance as of January 15, 2022, was \$145,586 which includes a conference cancellation payment from Mobile to offset room charges in New Orleans. A motion was made, and the financial report was accepted by the Board.

The Following announcements were made by President Robert Taylor:

General Business Meeting 4:00 pm – *Borgne (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carrie Castille, Director, National Institute of Food & Agriculture

SAAS Social and "Super Bowl Party" - 5:00 pm – 'till - *Grand Ballroom (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)*

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Meeting was adjourned approximately 3:02 pm.

Submitted by: Mark Legendre, Secretary/Treasurer