

SAAS
General Business Meeting Agenda
Sunday, February 13, 2022

Call to Order by Robert Taylor, SAAS President, in Borgne Room at 4:05 pm. There were about 75 members in attendance.

SAAS President Robert Taylor welcomed everyone. He introduced himself with general comments on the importance of Agriculture Industry in these times.

President Robert Taylor reported the Nomination Committee nominated Keith Belli from Clemson University, for SAAS President; and Jason Krutz, Mississippi State University, was nominated for member at large. Both were duly elected.

The Resolution "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) was summarized by John Green. Motion was made to adopted and approved.

President Robert Taylor expressed thanks to our sponsors, Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance, for the monetary donation in support of the Super Bowl Party, and to the LSU AgCenter for administrative support.

Our keynote speaker was introduced by SAAS President Robert Taylor. Dr. Carrie Castille, Director, National Institute of Food & Agriculture updated the audience on NIFA, and general happenings and priorities within NIFA. She spoke about several different programs and funding opportunities at NIFA. She opened the floor up to questions at the end of her talk wanting to know what can NIFA do better and what NIFA can do for you.

It was announced that the 2023 SAAS Conference will be held at in Oklahoma City, OK, at the new Omni Hotel next to the Brick Town Entertainment District.

It also was announced that the SAAS Social, and "Super Bowl Party" will be held in the Grand Ballroom on the 5th Floor of this hotel starting at 5:00 pm. It is sponsored by the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. in Jackson, Mississippi, and Affiliates

No new or old business discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 pm.

Submitted by:
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Secretary/Treasurer