

**AAEA Annual Business Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2001**

The treasurers report was presented by Lee Clark, a motion to accept was made by Rick Gibson and seconded by Dave Langston, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the minutes from the 1999 Annual Meeting was made by Rick Gibson and seconded by Rob Grumbles. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob Call lead a discussion on the proposed hosting of a break at the 2,000 Annual Ag Agents Conference in Albuquerque. Rick Gibson expressed the need to have Arizona products offered for the break to be labeled as such. Rob Call offered to check on cider and apple bread from Cochise County. Barry Bequette mentioned the possibility of getting dates donated.

Rob Grumbles made a motion to put together a committee to look into the hosting the break. Rick Gibson seconded the motion and stated the importance for support of Western States hosting the Annual Conference. Lee Clark suggested that \$5,000 from a maturing CD could be used to support the break. The motion to support the break carried unanimously. The following persons volunteered to serve on the break committee: Rick Gibson, Lee Clark, Mohammed Zerkoune, Rob Call, and Chris Jones as chairman.

Rob Call made available national committee reports.

Rick Gibson - Awards Report

Awards & Recognition Committee:

Lee Clark
Rob Grumbles
Rick Gibson

Achievement Award - Kim Mc Reynolds

DSA Award - Mike Kilby

Scholarship Report - Rob Grumbles - NACAA has increased it's scholarship award from \$1,000 to \$2,000 dollars, with a \$40.00 minimum contribution to be eligible. AAEA will contribute \$10 to a \$30 member contribution to become eligible. The \$40.00 must be contributed one year in advance of a scholarship application. A motion was made by Dave Kopec to use auction precedes to support the scholarship fund in increments of \$100.00 should the fund go down to \$20.00; the motion was seconded by Lee Clark and passed unanimously.

A discussion of a professional improvement tour to Northern Mexico was lead by Rob Call. He felt that the best time to see agriculture there would be in February. He will form an organizing committee for a tour in February of 2002.

Ed Martin, Western Region Awards Chairman announced the following award winners:

Rob Call - Learning Module, State Winner
Kim McReynolds - Group Newsletter, State Winner
Jeff Schalau - Presentations and Personal Column, State Winner

Proposed slate of Officers for 2001:

Chris Jones - President
Kit Farrell-Poe - Vice-President
Lee Clark - Treasurer
John Begeman - Secretary

Peter Weller moved to close the nominations, seconded by Dave Langston. Tom De Gomez moved to accept the slate by acclimation. Motion carried unanimously.