

**AAEA "Winter" Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2002
Tucson**

Minutes taken by Kim McReynolds for Kai Umeda, Secretary.

Barry Bequette recognized the new officers and Chris Jones as past president. New officers are: Barry Bequette, President; Pat Clay, Vice-President; Kai Umeda, Secretary; and Randy Norton, Treasurer.

John Begeman passed out the 5/22/02 minutes. Motion carried unanimously to accept the minutes. Lee Clark noted a \$330 adjustment from \$650 for life member fees.

Randy Norton handed out a financial report. Dues collection is usually around December. He will send out an email reminding members to send in their dues. The membership is in the 30's and there is the potential to double that. Barry called to members to entice other agents to join. There will be a membership push in December by the Regional Directors. The financial report was unanimously accepted.

Rick Gibson gave an update of the Savannah meeting. Rick noted that it was an effective meeting with a lot of professional improvement opportunities. The next meeting will be in Wisconsin. Barry recognized Rick for the SARE support of members to attend the meeting. Rick requested a one page document from everyone who attended with SARE support with impact statements.

Rick Gibson also announced recipients of awards. Lee Clark, Rob Grumbles and Rick Gibson were recognized as the Awards Committee members.

Distinguished Service Award - Mary Olsen

Achievement Award - Jim Sprinkle

Communications Awards

Regional Finalist, Slide Set - Jeff Schalaus

Regional Finalist, Team Newsletter - Tom DeGomez

Regional Finalist, Publication - Deb Young

National Finalist, Web Page and Learning Module - Lucy Bradley

2001 Awards were: Distinguished Service Award - Tom DeGomez and Achievement Award - Kai Umeda.

Scholarship - Rob Grumbles reported that the Arizona Association won a scholarship from national. Some of the past confusion is getting straightened out on eligibility. There is a \$40 requirement. The money has to be in the year prior to submitting at the national meeting. The Arizona Association received 70% of what was asked for. The benefits need to be on the web site. An individual who puts money into scholarship can get up to \$2,000, but only one-half of that amount at any one time. Scholarship money goes to Rob, not the treasurer. Make checks out to NAACA.

Life Members - Rob Grumbles submitted a written report for Woody (at end of minutes). Web site needs to be updated with this information.

Old Business

Professional Improvement Trip - Rob Call

The trip is planned to begin January 27 for five to six days to the states of Sonora and Sinoloa, Mexico. Eleven people received scholarships. The cost will be about \$500 per person with \$350 in scholarship money for those who received it.

A group of about 45 people from Virginia would like to go with the Arizona group. There was discussion on the benefits and draw backs of this proposal. There was also discussion on whether this would violate the conditions of the scholarship. A motion unanimously carried to check with national on the possible violation issue. If there was no violation, then Arizona would invite the Virginians to come along.

Rob also encouraged trip participants to prepare presentations with applied topics for the trip. One night will feature a formal dinner with presentations by the Arizona participants.

Rob needs to get information to Kim for the web site.

New Business

Committee Assignments - Barry stressed that we need people on committees. Rick Gibson resigned from Ag Public Relations as he is a national chair. A motion carried to adopt current chairs with these exceptions: Tom DeGomez off of Extension Programs, Jim Sprinkle would like to see description of Animal Science prior to making a decision.

Western Regional Meeting - Chris Jones passed out information regarding the meeting to be held Nov. 18-19 in Las Vegas. There is a call for papers and registration form. Need to put this information up on the web site.

Summer Meeting - Tom DeGomez will find out about option of holding the meeting at the Grand Canyon and see what is available for a program. Havasupai is another option. An alternative would be to meet in Williams and take the train to the Grand Canyon.