

UACAA

Annual Conference Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2012

Logan Utah

Eccles Conference Center

Matt Palmer: President's Welcome

Matt introduced Dr. Robert R. Gillies from Utah Climate Center. Dr. Gillies announced that UCC is taking over ag weather station and wants recommendations. They are in Janet Quinney Building.

Marion Murray – Second edition (2012) Utah-Colorado Commercial Tree Fruit Production Guide now available.

Linden – minutes for summer conference 2011 were approved.

Clark Israelsen – financial report, treasurer is getting old. If anyone wants job he would turn it over. Assets roughly \$20000.

Mike Pace – Election for secretary. Taun Beddes and JayDee Gunnell were nominated previously. Mike asked for any additional nominations. Vernon made motion to close nominations, Jerry 2nd to approve nomination of JayDee and Taun, motion passed.

Taun made speech about JayDee's credentials, JayDee made speech.

Ron gave report about JCEP meeting next year in Memphis and last year in Texas, encouraged people to apply for leadership positions. NACAA conference in Charleston SC July 15-19. Application deadline to be considered for awards and presentations is March 15. Leadership positions are a good way to learn how things are run at both state and national level.

Mike Pace - UACAA summer meeting in BE county June 14 and 15. In-service training - horticulture, livestock, and range plants id. Dean Miner suggested small crops prep for market by FCS agents. UPPDL wants more in depth in-service a day early (13th). Show of hands revealed interest in doing so. Friday tours - pecan and pistachio research, bio diesel most popular on survey.

Matt – If we are going to host national meeting in 2017 we need to put up bid in 2013. We need central administration on board. Noelle will support us. We need to form ad hoc committee to explore and report at summer meeting. Need to let national know in 2012 if we will put up bid in 2013. Mike, National – overall membership decrease (projected meeting attendance 1000 for next two years) Portland meeting was down to 900 or so. Cost to host ~\$388,000 - \$400,000. Dues will pay for some but

a lot is donations. Kansas got close to \$350,000 donated. 140 volunteers to host, 40 agents in room, need 100 more. Meals cost \$180,000 alone. Portland made money, had \$8,000 in coffers. Jody - do we have a sense of neighbor support? Mike thinks we would have some good support from people he talked to. Dean - are you suggesting no other bids from the west? Shawn - explain what happens with income. Larry - National gets certain cut and state gets some. Ron - if we are going to do it we need to make sure no other state will undercut us. Lyle - We need to do our part; must have 100% buy-in. Mike - bigger states have plenty of help - it will bring us closer together (feel the love). Mark National makes sure state won't go in debt. Mike - they watch it close. Taun - can we come up with donors - Kansas did but is a big ag state. Lyle - whole list of organizations that would support. Ron - location is determined by company that sets things up. Mike - they will help us with it. Jerry - tourism council put in money. Mike - Kansas listed 28 tours, only did 25. Jody - is Noelle's support financial? - some - prediction, hard to say how much, Mike - get fine tuned budget from Kansas. Shawn - meetings run by donations from big ag companies - higher registration fee. Matt - it's negotiated. Mark - make bid at Galaxy in Pittsburg. Jody - Wyoming had surcharge. Mike - gather questions and ask national. Stephen - other agents that might help, 4H FCS and specialists.

Who would support bid by raise of hands - almost unanimous. Nominations for *ad hoc* committee - Jerry nominated Shawn. Shawn said he'd advise but thought Mike should do it. Taun volunteered if he didn't win secretary position. Shawn wants to be lieutenant. Mike and Taun were made co-chairs of *ad hoc* committee to research putting on national meeting in 2017.

Mike - Elections winner. Secretary: JayDee Gunnell (thunderous applause).

Mark - how about a vice chair - helpers to be Ron, Lyle, Mark, and Jody.

Mark - western region vice chair available to help. No one else in west wants to do it. Western Region Meeting in Twin Falls October 3rd and 4th. Deadline March 15 for awards, leadership positions and presentations at national meeting. Great opportunity.

Rhonda - Survey revealed specialists want more interaction with agents - what are your ideas to increase interactions? Mike - we need to know what specialists are working on. Matt - give them time to tell what they are working on. Mark liked posters from interns. JayDee - consider presenting at annual conference. Rhonda - too short or have another section. Dean - do a webinar; I don't like to travel, where's my cane? James - figure out ways to involve agents in specialists' projects. Jerry - invite to summer meetings. Have more communication, get to know them better. Ron - what is new in the specialist area? Mark - that's what they would do in the olden days. Ronda - contact me.

Committee Reports

Administrative Skills Development - James Barnhill: no report (NR), didn't think I was committee chair.

Early Career Development - Taun Beddes: three submissions would be accepted.

Public Relations - Troy Cooper: NR

Teaching and Education Tech - JayDee Gunnell: Would like to give up position to someone worried about tenure.

Ag Econ & Community Development – Lyle Holmgren: NR

Agronomy & Pest Management - Mike Pace: NR

Animal Science -Trent Wilde: NR

Horticulture & Turfgrass - Taun Beddes: NR

Natural Resources/Aquaculture - Chad Reid: Extension is well represented with SRM. Likes to fish.

Sustainable Ag - Matt Palmer: SARE Fellows is an excellent program; check it out.

4-H & Youth - Mark Nelson: Put in for awards at NACAA.

Communications - Boyd Kitchen: Put in for awards, may ask for your help to judge them if you don't.

Professional Excellence - Shawn Olsen: Could use some help judging posters at NACAA.

Public Relations - Jeff Banks: Apply for awards.

Recognition & Awards - Jerry Goodspeed: Mike Pace winner of DSA; JayDee won AA.

Scholarship - Linden Greenhalgh: Larry, Jerry, JayDee, Shawn and Adrian were awarded scholarships for trip to Netherlands \$800 each. \$2000 is available, \$1000 per year.

Search for Excellence - Ron Patterson: March 15 is deadline to apply for awards. Will need help if there is more than one application. Shawn, Dennis, James and Jim volunteered. Put in applications, we need more representation from western region.

Matt – Is there anything else? Without hesitation, a united cry from all agents – **ADJOURN!**

Matt - Meeting adjourned! Time: 1:09 PM

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| 2. Minutes | Linden Greenhalgh |
| 3. Financial Report | Clark Israelsen |
| 4. Secretary Nomination/Election | Mike Pace |
| 5. JCEP Report | Ron Patterson |
| 6. UACAA Summer Meeting | Mike Pace |
| 7. NACAA AM/PIC Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina | Matt Palmer |
| 8. Bid to host the NACAA AM/PIC in 2017 | Matt and Mike |
| 9. Ag Weather station network | Dr. Robert R. Gillies |
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