

LCAAA Annual Business Meeting  
June 7, 2005  
Holiday Inn, Sulphur, La.

R. L. Frazier, Vice President called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m. John Chaney, chair of the Communication Awards Committee reported that there was quality competition for the communication awards. Winners recognized were- Annie Coco, Kenny Sharpe, Rusty Batty, and David Bankston. John encouraged all members to enter these contests. R. L. then read the list of committee chairmen and asked them to conduct meetings of their committee and to bring a written report for action by the members. Committees met and gave the following reports:

Annual Meeting-(Jerry Whatley) 62 members and guests participated in the tour.

Registration is not complete and a final report will be made at the conclusion of the conference

Early Career Development-(Boris Castro, chair) A significant number of LCES staff is entering or nearing retirement. Once they retire a significant source of experience and leadership will be lost and may result in a workforce with limited leadership experience. The ECD committee proposes that the mentoring program be revitalized. We recommend that the "Mentoring Process" be carried out in a formal way. The process would ensure that the mentor gets fair recognition for the time and effort in developing leadership and passing it on to the new agent. If a formal process were in place, the new employee would be formally assigned a mentor upon agreeing on common interests and compatible personalities. LCES would preserve a strong leadership that it has developed through the years and new employees would be more prepared to face tough situations and assignments. Allen Hogan moved to accept Boris's report with a recommendation for Boris and the committee to develop a mentoring proposal and bring it back to the membership. This was seconded by James DeVillier and passed.

Communications-(John Chaney-Chair) Committee suggested that awards for Communications be plaques and cash. John Chaney, Glen Daniels, and Alfred Guidry will develop proposal for cash incentives and funding. Allen Hogan moved, seconded by Annie Coco to accept the report. Motion passed.

Finance and Budget-(Sandra Benjamin-Chair) The committee reviewed the budget and will present a budget to the membership Wednesday.

Agronomy/Pest Management-(Allen Hogan-Chair) Allen reported that some committees are nationally driven and have not received information from the national chair. Ellmo Collum will check in to the problem.

Horticulture & Turfgrass-(Annie Coco-Chair) There was only one entry in the Horticulture Awards program this year. NACAA canceled the Horticulture Pre-AM/PIC tour & workshop due to loss of sponsor. This will be discussed at NACAA in Buffalo this year. The committee suggested that NACAA use the scholarship program to fund the Horticulture Pre-AM/PIC tour and workshop in the future. Annie also reminded any members who were interested in putting together a horticulture tour, either through NACAA scholarship, LSHS or LNLA to contact her &/or send \$40.00 by June 30 to the NACAA Scholarship Fund. Terrence Marshall moved, seconded by Jerry Whatley to accept the report. Motion carried.

Public Relations and Ag Issues-(Bill Branch-Chair) The loss of prime farm land and forest land to urbanization was a major issue identified by the committee. Reasons for this are industrial expansion, airport developments, and other urban developments and tenant farming were suggested. Landowners and farmers are not aware of options. Possible partners for

producers to address this are Farm Bureau, RC&D, LSU Ag Center, Regional Planning Commissions, Elected Officials, Police Jury Association, LCAAAA, and American Farmland Trust. The committee also said that the State has mandated a master plan for each parish. Some parishes have completed theirs and it is tied to grant funds. Some parishes don't want to comply as the requirements for the plans call for benefits to local government employees. A suggestion by the committee to use deliberative forums as a method of educating the public was made with intended audiences to be farmers, local elected officials, planning commissions, and economic development committees. The committee stated the goal of these actions is to create public awareness of problems and create incentives to save prime farm land. James DeVillier moved, seconded by Annie Coco to accept the report. Motion carried.

Recognition and Awards-(Eddie Eskew-Chair) Allen Hogan reported that this year we are recognizing 2 DSA and 2 AA winners. He stated that we should have more participation in voting for these awards. James DeVillier moved and Rusty Batty seconded to accept the report. Motion Carried.

Scholarship-(Richard Letlow-Chair) Richard reported that there were 13 applicants for the new LCAAAA Scholarship. Sarah Batty, daughter of Rusty Batty was the recipient. The recipient was Matt Greene, a student at LSU planning to major in Vet Science. Richard said that he had received quite a few compliments from agents about the new scholarship and its requirements that open it to any 4-H'er enrolling in any Louisiana college or university majoring in any field. He said they expect more applicants next year. Terrence Marshall moved seconded by Allen Hogan to accept the report. Motion Carried. Jack Balwind asked about criteria for NACAA Scholarships. Discussion of the NACAA Scholarship program then followed. Members were reminded that to be eligible they had to have made a \$40 contribution prior to the year of applying or donate an item to the national auction that brings at least \$40. They were encouraged to apply for these scholarships as they can be used for many purposes.

JECEP Memorial-(Dale Pollet) Dale Pollet said the program is possibly on hold due to budget constraints rather than interest from the administration.

Life Members-(Raymond Folsie-Chair) Mr. Minus Granger reported for Mr. Folsie that the Life Members would be making a donation to the two AA recipients this year.

R. L. asked if there was other business. Ernest Freeman informed the members that plans for the development of a State 4-H Museum in Avoyelles Parish was well underway. A steering committee was formed and operational. He wanted the members to know so that as plans progressed they would be seeking donations to the museum for historical items and would be soliciting funding for the museum. Ernest said that although our members had adult program responsibilities that he felt that most of the members had a strong feeling for 4-H and would be interested in the success of the museum.

With no other business the business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Jerry G. Whatley,  
Secretary, LCAAAA

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Allen Hogan, President called the meeting to order. Eddie Eskew moved , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boris Castro to accept the minutes of the December 2004 meeting as e-mailed. Motion Carried.

Keith Normand, Treasurer passed out a financial report.

Account # 1, Savings- \$1207.91

Account # 2, Checking-\$10,117.24

Account #15, CD- \$62,150.03

Account # 27, Scholarship Savings- \$563.71

Dale Pollet moved, seconded by Myrl Sistrunk to accept the report. Motion Carried.

Jerry Whatley reported that we had 42 agents pre-registered, 20 spouses, and 5 children for the AM/PIC. About 100 attended the Tour, 70 the banquet, 70 the Memorial Breakfast, and 17 the spouses tour.

R.L. Frazier reported that the new LCAAA scholarship had 13 applicants who were voted on by the Scholarship Committee and it had been awarded to Sarah Batty. He reminded members that the scholarship could be used at any school for any major by the 4-Her. He also reminded us that this scholarship will be recognized in the fall but the money will not be given until after the successful completion of the fall semester. He said that the endowed scholarship was won by Matt Greene. R.L. said the auction held after the tour generated \$1026. James DeVillier moved, seconded by Robert Turley that the 2005-06 secretary send a thank you note to Elmo Collum and the Cameron Parish District Attorney thanking them for their support of the auction. Motion Carried.

Kenny Sharpe presented a budget proposal from the Finance and Budget Committee for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

## 2006 LCAAA Proposed Budget

### Income

Dues	\$7200
Interest	
Checking	\$20.00
Savings	\$30.00
CD	\$1300
Scholarship Auction	\$1000
Annual Meeting	\$6100
 Total Income	 \$15,650.00

### Expenditures

Police Jury Convention	\$200.00
National Dues	\$6,000
NACAA Meeting	
DSA & AA Recipients	\$400.00
Voting Delegates	\$500.00
President	\$150.00
Secretary	\$150.00
Treasurer	\$150.00
Awards	\$250.00
Office Expenses	\$50.00
JECEP Workshop	\$600.00
PILD Meeting	\$400.00
Short Course Luncheon	\$700.00
LCAAA Professional Improvement Sch.	\$1000.00
LCAAA AM/PIC	\$4600.00
4-H Scholarship	\$500.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$15,650.00

Kenny Sharpe moved. Seconded by James DeVillier to accept the budget as proposed. Motion Carried.

Allen Hogan reported that all committee reports were approved at yesterday's meeting. He then recognized Boris Castro who gave an update to the request made at yesterday's business meeting of the Early Career Development Committee. Boris said that the committee would develop a formal proposal for mentoring and bring it back before the members. Miles Brashier reported that no action was taken on the Board's request to contact the administration regarding the 4-h University's plans to limit seats at 4-H Awards night as the state staff had corrected the problem. Ernest Freeman reported that plans are in progress for the Louisiana 4-H Museum. James DeVillier asked for help on the short course luncheon. Annie Coco said that the Horticulture committee was going to request funding from NACAA Scholarship Committee. Keith Norman asked if there was a list at national of association members who were qualified to apply for scholarships. James DeVillier said that he would check with national to get a list of those eligible to Keith. Allen reported on LCAAA program priorities listed in the program

priorities report He said that Dr. Boethel’s comments mirrored several comments made in the report. Bill Branch then reported on the Ag Center Faculty Council development and activities. Communication between faculty, administration and service units has improved. He said that Service Units surveys had been completed. Bill said that other areas of concern to the faculty were Administrator evaluations, subsidizing of LSU A&M teaching appointments, and the tenure of 3 way appointments.

President Hogan then asked for old business. He reported that the Board had turned down a request for helping pay for a quest speaker at 4-H University. Jerry Whatley moved, seconded by James DeVillier to accept the Boards recommendation to not participate. Motion Carried. Allen Hogan said that all who planned to attend the NACAA AM/PIC should let Kenny Sharpe know now so that he could send in their names to Dr. Coreil. Allen submitted a list of voting delegates who are : Kenny Sharpe, Keith Normand, Alfred Guidry, Jimmy Flanagan,with alternates of Annie Coco and Allen Hogan. Kenny then recognized Rusty Batty. Rusty gave an invitation from Covington and the South East Region to host the 2006 LCAAA AM/PIC in early June. James DeVillier moved, seconded by Brian Chandler to accept the invitation. Motion Carried. Miles Brazier then gave the Nominating committee’s report.

President       Kenny Sharpe,  
 President Elect R.L. Frazier  
 Vice President Ed Twidwell  
 Secretary       Brian Chandler  
 Treasurer       Keith Normand

Board of Directors

<u>Term Expires:</u>	<u>Southeast</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Central SW</u>	<u>State Office</u>
2006	Terrence Marshall	Eddie White	Matt Martin	Kurt Guidry
2007	Barton Joffrion	Myrl Sistrunk	Stan Dutile	Boris Castro
2008	Rusty Batty	Jason Holmes	Stuart Gauthier	Ron Strahan

Jerry Whatley moved to accept the Nominating Committee’s report by acclamation. The motion was seconded by James DeVillier and passed unanimously. Allen Hogan conducted the installation ceremony of the incoming officers and Board members for 2006.

President Kenny Sharpe presented Allen with a plaque recognizing his service to LCAAA as president. He thanked the Annual Meeting Committee for their work. Keith Normand asked if there were any other bills and encouraged members to pay their dues. The remaining door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned by President Sharpe at 12:20pm.

Respectfully,  
 Jerry G. Whatley,  
 Secretary, LCAAA