

# **LCAAA 2006-07 Annual Report**

## **2007 LCAAA State Committees**

### **Annual Meeting**

Myrl Sistrunk - Chair  
Richard Letlow  
Terrie Erwin  
Keith Collins  
Jason Holmes  
Donna Lee  
Mike Rome  
David Neal  
R.L. Frazier

### **Association Policy**

Allen Hogan - Chair  
Jack Baldwin  
Mike Rome  
Bill Branch  
Ann Coco

### **Retirement and Insurance**

Gerald Roberts – Chair  
Robin Bridges  
Terry Erwin  
Louis: Lirrette  
Kenny Sharp

### **Memorial**

Boyd Padgett – Chair  
Henry Harrison  
Paul Morris  
Earnest Freeman  
Eddie White

### **Membership**

Ed Tidwell – Chair  
Myrl Sistrunk  
Kurt Guidry  
Stan Dutile  
Barton Joffrion

### **JCEP Memorial**

Dale Pollet – Chair  
James Devillier  
Clint Depew  
John Barnett

### **4-H Luncheon**

James Devillier – Chair  
Kenneth Sharpe  
Harry Laws  
Barton Joffrion

Ronnie Bardwell  
Miles Brashier  
Paul Coreil  
Allen Hogan  
Earl Johnson  
Rusty Batty

**Extension Programs**

Myrl Sistrunk – Chair  
Rene Schmit  
Donna Morgan  
Ronnie Levy  
David Neal

**4-H and Youth**

Shaney Hill – Chair  
Sheena Grote Cecil  
Terril Faul  
Stefen Givens  
Jim McCann  
Mike Lavergne

**Professional Excellence**

Howard Cormier – Chair  
Johnny Anders  
David Bourgeois  
Terry Washington  
Ron Robbins  
Jim McCann

**Public Relations**

Barton Joffrion – Chair  
Bill Branch  
Jerry Whatley  
David Neal  
Mike Hebert

**Early Career Development**

Jason Holmes – Chair  
Karen Blackburn  
Virginia Fortson  
Ron Nicholas  
Rick Louque

**Administrative Skills Development**

Bobby Fletcher – Chair  
Rosalie Bivin  
John Barnett  
Mary Grodner  
Steve Linscombe  
Robert Hutchinson

**Teaching and Educational**

**Technologies**

Earl Johnson – Chair  
David Bankston

Stephen Crnko  
Lynn Hannaman  
John Levasseur  
Ben Legendre  
Robert Richard

**Communications**

John Chaney – Chair  
Glen Daniels  
Alfred Guidry  
Jason Holmes  
Henry Harrison  
Rafash Brew

**Finance and Budget**

Sandra Benjamin – Chair  
Ed Twidwell  
Miles Brashier  
Keith Normand

**Agronomy/Pest Management**

Allen Hogan – Chair  
David Lanclos  
Richard Letlow  
Carol Pinnell-Alison  
Keith Collins  
Johnny Saichuk  
Jimmy Flannagan  
Robert Ferguson  
Don Ferrin  
Charles McCown

**Agricultural Economics**

Kurt Guidry – Chair  
Jimmy Flanagan  
Jerry Whatley  
Michael Dunn  
Barrett Courville  
Terri Erwin

**Animal Science**

Chuck Griffin – Chair  
Stan Dutile  
Thomas Shields  
Andrew Granger  
David Morrison  
Gary Wicke  
Tim Page  
Christy Monroe

**National Resources**

Don Reed –Chair  
Barry Crain  
Chris Robichaux  
Brian Chandler

Mark Shirley  
Todd Shupe  
Ricky Kilpatrick  
Richard Vlosky

**Horticulture and Turfgrass**

Ron Strahan – Chair  
Denyse Cummins  
Desiree Dorest  
Stuart Gauthier  
Allen Owings  
John Pyzner  
Ann Coco  
Robert Souvestre  
Bobby Fletcher  
Carlos Smith

**Aquaculture and Sea Grant**

Mark Shirley

**Public Relations and Ag Issues**

Bill Branch – Chair  
Charles Overstreet  
Suddy LeBlanc  
Donna Lee  
Dawn Mellion Patin

**Recognition and Awards**

Eddie Eskew – Chair  
Barton Joffrion  
Matt Martin  
Keith Normand  
David Neal  
Ed Twidwell

**Scholarship**

Stan Dutile – Chair  
Stefen Givens  
Shaney Hill  
Terrance Marshall  
Keith Fontenot  
Robert Turley

**Life Members**

Howard Gryder - Chair

## 2006-2007 LCAAA Proposed Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Dues.....	\$7,200
Interest	
Checking.....	20
Saving.....	30
CD.....	1,300
Scholarship Auction.....	1,100
Annual Meeting.....	1,700
<u>Total Income</u> .....	\$11,350

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Police Jury Convention.....	\$200
National Dues.....	6,000
NACAA Meeting	
DSA and AA recipients.....	400
Voting Delegates.....	500
President.....	150
President-Elect.....	150
Vice-President.....	150
Secretary.....	150
Treasurer.....	150
Awards.....	250
Office Expenses.....	50
JCEP Workshop.....	600
PILD Meeting.....	400
4-H U Luncheon.....	700
LCAAA Professional Improvement Scholarship.....	1,000
Scholarship.....	500
<u>Total Expenditures</u> .....	\$11,350

## 2006-2007 LCAAA Amended Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Dues.....	\$7,200
Interest	
Checking.....	20
Saving.....	30
CD.....	1,300
Scholarship Auction.....	1,100
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Awards.....	250
Office Expenses.....	50
JCEP Workshop.....	600
PILD Meeting.....	500
4-H U Luncheon.....	600
LCAAA Professional Improvement Scholarship.....	1,000
Scholarship.....	500
<u>Total Expenditures</u> .....	<u>\$11,350</u>

# LCAAA Fall Board Meeting

September 18, 2006

## Distance Ed

Distance Sites: West Carroll (Host Site), Dean Lee, Winnsboro,  
Terrebonne (library), Knapp Hall, Acadia, St Tammany

1:00pm

1. Call to Order – R.L. Frazier
2. Minutes of Summer Board Meeting – Brian Chandler
3. Treasurer’s Report – Keith Normand
4. NACAA Vice Director Report – James Devillier
5. Old Business
  - a. Annual Meeting Report – Rusty Batty
  - b. Website/ Handbook Update – Kenny Sharp
  - c. Faculty Council Update – Miles Brashier
  - d. 4-H Luncheon Update – James Devillier
  - e. NACAA AM/PIC Report – R.L. Frazier
6. New Business
  - a. Membership Report – Keith Normand
  - b. Southern Regional Leadership Conference
  - c. PILD – Ed Twidwell
  - d. Annual Meeting Update - Myrl Sistrunk
  - e. Certificate of Deposit Consideration
7. Other Business

Adjourn no later than 3:30 p.m.

**Present at the various sites:** James Devillier, Brian Chandler, Kenny Sharpe, Ed Twidwell, Ron Strahan, Miles Brashier, Eddie Eskew, RL Frazier, Myrl Sistrunk, Keith Normand, Jason Holmes, Rusty Batty, Barton Joffrion, Shaney Hill, Barry Crain, Glen Daniels, Stuart Gauthier, and Stan Dutile.

**Minutes of Summer Board Meeting** – Rusty moved and Kenny seconded to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report** – Myrl moved and Brian seconded to accept the report as emailed. Motion carried.

LCAAA Treasurer Report  
9/18/06

Account Balances:

Acct. #1 – Share Savings	-- \$4,519.22
Acct. #2 – Checking	-- 5,994.43
Acct. #27 – Scholarship Savings	-- 1,246.61
Acct. #15 – CD	-- 64,546.60 Matures 9/22/06
	Renewal Rate 5.25% 12 months

2006-2007 LCAAA Amended Budget

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Dues.....	\$7,200	\$240
Interest		
Checking.....	20	1.63
Saving.....	30	?
CD.....	1,300	?
Scholarship Auction.....	1,100	NA
Annual Meeting (2006).....	1,700	3,297.51

Total Income..... \$11,350

Expenditures Proposed

Police Jury Convention.....	\$200	0
National Dues.....	6,000	0
NACAA Meeting		
DSA and AA recipients.....	400	400
Voting Delegates.....	500	500
President.....	150	150
President-Elect.....	150	150
Vice-President.....	150	0
Secretary.....	150	0
Treasurer.....	150	150

Awards.....	250	0
Office Expenses.....	50	0
JCEP Workshop.....	600	0
PILD Meeting.....	500	0
4-H U Luncheon.....	600	0
LCAAA Professional Improvement Scholarship.....	1,000	0
Scholarship.....	500	0
<u>Total Expenditures.....</u>	\$11,350	\$1,350

**NACAA Director Report –**

J.E. Devillier  
NACAA Director Southern Region

Report to LCAAA Board Monday September 18, 2006

Thank you for the opportunity to make brief remarks concerning NACAA and the coming year.

The 2006 AM/PIC was an outstanding event and I want to thank the Kentucky and Ohio associations for their efforts and thank you to those of you from LCAAA who attended the meeting and professional improvement conference. I truly enjoyed it as it is one of the best AM/PIC I've ever attended in my career. By my count there were 12 LCAAA active members, 2 retirees and our Vice-Chancellor and LCES Director at the 2006 AM/PIC. Congratulations to DSA winners R.L. Frazier and Dr. Carlos Smith, AA winners Dr. Ron Strahan and Dr. Boris Castro, Search for Excellence in Crop Production State Winners Glen Daniels and Dr. Bill Branch, presenters of papers Dr. Ed Twidwell, Agronomy; Kenny Sharpe, Animal Science and Dr. James E. Devillier, Animal Science.

Phil Durst and the Michigan association are wrapping up their preparation for the 2007 meeting in Grand Rapids. Phil has issued each state association a challenge to get 35% of their membership to register and attend the 2007 AM/PIC. So I urge each of you to make plans to be in Michigan next summer July 15-19.

Henry Dorough and I have pledged to you to keep communication a hot topic and an open exchange between you and NACAA. As part of this pledge, we've encouraged Alan Galloway, newest Vice-Director from Tennessee to continue the regional newsletter. With John Dorner's help, Alan will be forwarding via e-mail the Southern region newsletter next week if not sooner. Alan has done an excellent job with the first of many newsletter contacts with our southern region membership.

The Futuring Committee report is our benchmark for moving the NACAA and the state associations forward. Study this document carefully and any thoughts or ideas that you have that will help the NACAA Board implement the changes or develop programs, send them to us. Your NACAA Board continues to look at benefits for the membership and it is considering several ideas and some restructuring at the moment. Be assured that we continue to work for your interests and that of the organization.

NACAA has become a member of the Galaxy Conference (this was done at the AM/PIC

Several years ago) and NACAA President Chuck Otte e-mailed all of the membership a request for volunteers for Galaxy III committee memberships. The following committees need NACAA representation: Awards, Educational Programs (Tours, speakers, and sessions), Evaluation, Exhibits, Facilities (A/V, Technology, and Decorations), and Financial Considerations (Sponsors, Donors), and Marketing (Promotional materials, Logo), Operations (Office, printing, mailing), Registration, Special Events (State's Night Out, Dances, Auction, etc.), and Volunteers (Staff and Volunteer Labor). If you are interested, please drop Chuck an email ASAP and tell him what committee(s), position would best suit you.

Workshops and seminars for LCAAA officers and members--- **JCEP 2007 Southern Regional Leadership Workshop** January 31 – February 2, 2007 Nashville, Tennessee, Double Tree Hotel and **Public Issues Leadership Development Conference – PILD 2007** – April 23 – 25, 2007, Marriott Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

**Annual Meeting Report** – Rusty reported that there was a net income of \$3297.51 (including the \$666 from Farm Bureau) from the annual meeting. There was a news article in the Times Picayune. Rusty purchased LSU AgCenter caps for agents who attended.

**Website/Handbook** – Kenny reported that the website is up and functional if you can find it on the '.com' site. He is updating it now and will have the committee assignments on it soon. He asked for pictures from the annual and national meetings. He is still acting as the contact person. Anyone can submit items through CMS or him. The handbook is not on web in full yet, just parts. Bill Branch is still trying to work on items. Eddie asked if the site is linked to the NACAA site yet. Kenny will work on that.

**Faculty Council** – Miles reported that there are three major things happening. (1) the chancellor will be asking the board of regents to get out of financial exigency in October, (2) faculty council elections in October, and (3) board of regents is conducting a national search for the university president using a head hunter firm.

There is not an Ombudsman for the AgCenter, only one for the LSU campus. The ombudsman acts as a go-between for faculty and administration.

Two thirds of the faculty council is from LCAAA.

**4-H Luncheon** – James reported that it was an excellent lunch with 50% more folks this year. Approximately 200 ate lunch. He received three thank yous. RL also received a thank you.

**NACAA AM/PIC** – RL reported that 31 people from LA attended the national meeting - 13 members including Paul Coreil, 11 spouses, 5 kids and 2 life & 1 spouse. Kenny and Ed gave presentations and he encouraged others to do so.

The 2007 meeting will be July 15 – 19 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Room rates will be \$105 per night at the main hotel and \$84 at a nearby Days Inn.

James reported that he had digital pictures of the state night out.

**Membership** – Keith has a goal of 120 for this year since we had 119 last year. Four have paid already. We need to initiate the membership drive because he needs to send a report and money by the end of December.

Glen asked if there was a list for each region. Keith replied no, but anyone with extension ag responsibilities is eligible. RL said that you can check the old list with the employee list. Ed indicated he would send an email around Oct 1 to members to renew. RL said that we would be

able to pay dues on the annual conference registration form. Southern University extension agents are eligible too. Rusty asked if researchers are eligible. He was told as long as they have an extension appointment. 4-H agents are eligible too.

**Southern Regional Leadership Conference** – RL has a conflict with his district livestock show. Ed and Miles will go. James will attend as the southern region director.

**PILD** – Ed and James will attend. RL has the information. The budget for this has increased to \$500.

**Annual Meeting** – Myrl reported that the dates are June 3 – 6 in Oak Grove at the Oak Grove Inn and his office. Rates are \$62.10 for a king and \$71.10 for two queens. There is also an RV park available. The hotel has a continental breakfast and is holding 25 rooms. The registration fee will be \$40. There are lots of choices for the tour in the Macon Ridge area. The board supper will be at a rifle range and we will be able to shoot skeet. The auction and supper will be at a hunting lodge with a lake. He plans on having a poster contest with cash awards. Rusty volunteered to send his files.

**CD Renewal** – Keith reported that we can renew it for 12 months at 5.25 %. James moved and Jason seconded to roll the CD over for 12 months. Motion carried. Rusty mentioned that you can jump up to a higher rate once a year. Keith will watch the rates.

**Annual Meeting Surplus** – Keith has put \$3297.10 into the saving account. Eddie suggested that we need some kind of fund for helping other states host national meetings. Oklahoma will probably ask for help in 2010. Someone asked what our previous contributions have been. It was suggested that we set aside \$500 per year for 4 years. Keith said that we used to use half of the proceeds from the annual meeting for the scholarship fund. There is no record in the minutes about left over funds going to the new scholarship fund. It was recommended that this be discussed at the board meeting in December.

**Poster Training** – Kenny indicated he had attend the training at the national meeting and has the information if anyone is interested.

**NACAA Hall of Fame Award** – Eddie stated that there were no guidelines yet and no nominees from LA. He proposed a committee to judge the nominations – the awards chair, president and past president. We decided to discuss this at the December board meeting. DSA and AA procedures are OK.

**Other** – Brian asked about the scholarship auction report. The \$1254 does not show in the treasurer's report. Kenny asked about closing out the books. Keith said July 1 to June 30. Kenny asked if we have an end of the year report and if not, we need one.

It was mentioned that the board meeting will not be in the Union.

James moved and Brian seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At the recent LCAAA board meeting I was asked to prepare a cash flow statement for the LCAAA fiscal year and to provide a current membership list to board members. I prepared the cash flow statement from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The membership list includes all who paid dues to LCAAA and NACAA as active members for 2006. Since then some have

resigned or retired. Should I send this out to all members or just to the board? If you have any questions, call or email.

Keith Normand  
LCAAA Treasurer

## **LCAAA Cash Flow Report 7/1/05 Through 6/30/06**

### **Inflows:**

Auction Income (2006)	1,279.00
Dues Income (active & life members)	7,250.00
Donation (2006 Communication Award)	50.00
Annual Meeting (2005 Farm Bureau Donation)	666.66
Interest & Dividend Income (From 4 Accounts)	<u>2,087.67</u>
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$11,333.33</b>

### **Outflows:**

Annual Meeting Expense (2005 Spouse Tour)	70.00
Awards (Plaques, Communications, Memorial, DSA & AA cash awards)	626.29
Dues (NACAA Active & Life)	6,150.00
Officer Expense (JCEP, PILD, NACAA)	1,300.00
4-H U Luncheon (2006)	561.30
NACAA Voting Delegates	500.00
Scholarship	500.00
Misc (Postage & envelopes)	<u>12.50</u>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$9,720.09</b>

**Inflows above Outflows = \$1,613.24**

**LCAAA Winter Board Meeting**  
**December 18, 2006**  
**Lockett Hall Room B6**  
**8:30AM**

1. **Welcome/Call to order** – R.L. Frazier
2. **Minutes** – Brian Chandler
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Keith Normand
4. **Awards Report**
  - a. **2007 DSA & AA** - Eddie Eskew
  - b. **2006 Search for Excellence in Crop Production** - Myrl Sistrunk
5. **NACAA Vice Director’s Report** – James Devillier
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **NACAA Hall of Fame Award** – Eddie Eskew
  - b. **Scholarship Report** – Stan Dutile
  - c. **Faculty Council Update** – Miles Brasher
  - d. **Annual Meeting Surplus** –
  - e. **LCAAA Web Page** – Kenny Sharpe
7. **New Business**
  - a. **Membership and Dues** – Ed Twidwell/Keith Normand
  - b. **Southern Regional Leadership Workshop**
  - c. **PILD**
  - d. **North Carolina Request for Assistant**
  - e. **NACAA Participation**
  - f. **Request From North Carolina for Help in 2008**
  - g. **Committee Reports/Assignments**
  - h. **NACAA Scholarship Contributors**
  - i. **LCAAA 2007 AM/PIC** - Myrl Sistrunk
8. **Other Business**
9. **Adjourn**

**Present:** Frazier, Chandler, Devillier, Hogan, Branch, Sharpe, Eskew, Sistrunk, Crain, Chaney, Twidwell, Fletcher, Batty, Brashier, Overstreet, Pollet, Normand, Joffrion, and Daniels



It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed

Normand reported that he now has the Benevolent Fund since Paul Morris retired. There are only four members in it. Hogan suggested Keith contact these four and see what they want to do. He will contact them and make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

**NACAA Director's Report** – Devillier reported that the NACAA annual meeting would be in Grand Rapids, MI on July 15 – 19. The website is [www.nacaa2007msu.edu](http://www.nacaa2007msu.edu). The registration information will be in the April issue of the County Agent. There will be a drawing for two \$200 travel vouchers for members and one \$200 for old timers. One of the voting delegate issues will be the merging of the natural resources and aquaculture committees. Another will be the name change on the public relations committee. There will be separate Pride and First Timers luncheons. The technology group wants a full day on Wednesday for a session. Eskew asked about shortening the length of the annual meeting. James said no changes have been planned. Beginning in 2009, NACAA will contract with company to negotiate the annual meeting contracts.

He reported that the JCEP meeting will be in Nashville. In 2008 & 09, there will be only two JCEP meetings with two regions attending each one.

## **Old Business**

**Hall of Fame Award** – Eskew reported that there were seven nominations in the Southern Region last year with none being from LA. We need a protocol to handle more than one nomination. Eskew moved and Daniels seconded that a committee be formed consisting of the awards chair, president and president-elect to develop the protocol. Motion passed.

**Scholarship** – Frazier reported that Matt Greene of Covington will need to send the documentation to Keith Normand to receive the check. Rusty Batty was asked to contact him.

**Committee assignments** – Devillier asked about the assignments. Hogan, Frazier and Sharpe mentioned problems they have had with the national office. Devillier asked Frazier to contact the national VP Gibson. Sharpe said our assignments are on our website.

**Faculty Council** – Brashier reported that there were not enough members at the November meeting for a quorum. He said extension has good representation and control of the Council. Drs Coreil and Boethel were at the October meeting discussing staffing plans.

**Annual Meeting Surplus** – A discussion was held of what to do with the surplus which can be up to or exceed \$2500 each year. Sharpe pointed out that we will be asked to host another national meeting in the future.

**LCAA Web Page** – Sharpe reported that it is on the agcenter.com website. It has minutes, board members, officers, committee assignments, annual reports, award winners, etc. He is waiting on membership and scholarship applications. He indicated that the annual reports are redundant because the information is already there. We may want to discuss this at the next annual meeting.

## **New Business**

**Membership & Dues** – Twidwell is trying to get the dues collected and sent to national. He reminded us that up to \$100 in dues can be claimed on our regular travel expense acct. He is looking for a membership application sample. Frazier stated that new agents are being hired as youth or extension agents. Sharpe and Hogan said that 4-h agents still have titles of assistant, associate county agent. Hogan reported that the HRM advisory committee met in November and Ann Coulon liked the idea of professional organizations making presentations at the new agent orientations. Twidwell will work with Earl Johnson to get this on the orientation agenda.

**Southern Regional Leadership Workshop** – Twidwell and Brashier will attend.

**PILD** – Twidwell will attend.

**North Carolina Request for Assistance in 2008** – Frazier passed out a letter from NC proposing that a ‘States Night In’ instead of a ‘States Night Out’ be held in 2008 and asking the states in the southern region to sponsor the meal. Our share would be \$1600. Normand and Hogan indicated that they prefer our own assn night out. Normand moved and Sharpe seconded to deny the request. Motion passed. Devillier suggested that we contact Tucker or Neill in NC to see if they need some other help. Hogan moved and Sistrunk seconded to have our president contact NC to see if they need some help. Motion passed.

Eskew moved and Hogan seconded to table the Annual Meeting Surplus topic. Motion passed.

**NACAA Annual Meeting Participation** – Frazier encouraged everyone to attend.

### **Committee Reports**

**Horticulture** – Fletcher reported for Strahan that some athletic field workshops will be held at LSU on April 2 and LA Tech on April 5. Agents are encouraged to contact school board. More information will be available later.

**NACAA Scholarship Contributors** – Frazier indicated he needs help looking over the list.

**LCAAA 07 AM/PIC** – Sistrunk reported that the location will be the Oak Grove Inn and the dates are June 3-6. He reported that there will be special entertainment at the awards night.

Meeting adjourned.

**LCAAA Winter Membership Meeting**  
**December 18, 2006**  
**Lockett Hall Room B6**  
**10:00AM**

- 10. Welcome/Call to order** – R.L. Frazier
- 11. Minutes** – Brian Chandler
- 12. Director’s Remarks** – Dr. Paul Coreil
- 13. Greetings** - Dwight Landreneau (Tentatively)
- 14. Treasurer’s Report** – Keith Normand
- 15. Awards Report**
  - a. **2007 DSA & AA** – Eddie Eskew
  - b. **2006 Search for Excellence in Crop Production** – Myrl Sistrunk
- 16. NACAA Vice Director’s Report** – James Devillier
- 17. Old Business**
  - a. **Annual Meeting Report** – Rusty Batty
  - b. **NACAA AM/PIC in Grand Rapids Michigan**
  - c. **Scholarship Report** – Stan Dutile
  - d. **Faculty Council Update** – Miles Brashier
  - e. **4-H University Luncheon** – James Devillier
  - f. **Annual Meeting Surplus**
  - g. **LCAAA Web Page** – Kenny Sharpe
- 18. New Business**
  - a. **Membership and Dues** - Ed Twidwell/Keith Normand
  - b. **Southern Regional Leadership Workshop**
  - c. **PILD**
  - d. **NACAA Participation**
  - e. **Request From North Carolina for Help in 2008**
  - f. **Committee Assignments/Reports**
  - g. **NACAA Scholarship Contributors**
- 19. LCAAA 2006 AM/PIC**
- 20. Other Business**

**Adjourn**

Frazier called the meeting to order with around 40 agents present

**Minutes** – Hogan moved and Eskew seconded to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion passed.

**Director’s Remarks** – Dr Coreil introduced Dwight Landreneau as the new associate director. He indicated that Eric Eskew had been hired as the 4-H Foundation director, in spite of his father. He discussed the administrative internship in Extension saying that he would not be around but 4 to 6 more years and agents need to learn or be trained in administrative responsibilities. Bobby Fletcher Jr has been selected for the internship and will focus on finishing up the parish MOUs. Coreil said we need to legitimize Extension as a partner with local governments. He stated that vacancies will not be filled if the local governments are not at 10% support or if the MOU is not signed.

Coreil indicated that the federal budget was not approved yet and we are operating on a continuing resolution funded at the lowest level. The budget will probably be approved at the lower level with cuts and he would have to make up the federal cuts with state monies. Regular travel has been increased at the regional levels by 25% over last year.

Several county agent and other position announcements had be made and interviews underway. He commended us on our hurricane recovery activities.

He indicated that he is happy that the legislature gave the AgCenter the 5% pool of monies for merit raises. The governor tried to get money approved in the special session but a block vote defeated her plan. It is not a good time to go to the legislature.

The state is building an evacuation center at Dean Lee and it will be big enough, with the district facility, for a state livestock show. This will affect the lease at Lamar-Dixon.

Miles asked about a state staffing plan and Coreil indicated that it based on need and local support.

Landreneau said it was good to be back with Extension. He was impressed with the changes including the agency structure. He has traveled throughout the regions. His door will be open for suggested improvements.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Normand presented the following:

**Account Balances Report 12/13/06**

Assets

LCAA #1 Savings	4,528.98
LCAA Benevolent Savings	435.35
LCAA Checking	6,886.82
LCAA Money Market	65,148.82
LCAA Scholarships	<u>1,256.27</u>
Total	78,256.24

Hogan moved and Coco seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

**Awards Report** - Eskew reported that voting has been completed for the 2007 DDS/AA awards. Winners are: DSA - John Chaney AA - Ben Legendre  
Mike Rome Don Reed

A total of 44 votes were cast for the final balloting. The new procedure of requiring individuals to accept the responsibilities of DSA and AA recipients and nominate themselves worked well. Years of service are requested from HRM and it is the responsibility of the agents to notify the awards chairman if they are not listed on the ballots. That is why a sample ballot is mailed to all members.

There were not any nominations for the NACAA Hall of Fame Award. Deadline for this award is January 15, 2007.

Sistrunk reported on the 2006 Search for Excellence in Crop Production. He stated that there are many opportunities and categories to submit entries. He indicated that the Southern Region dominated these awards with 37 of the 60 entries. Certificates were to Bill Branch and Glen Daniels.

**Southern Region Director's Report** – Devillier reported that the hotel rooms for the national meeting cost \$105 at the Amway Grand Plaza and \$89 at the Days Inn. There is a \$100 late fee for registration received after May 15. There will be a drawing for two \$200 travel vouchers for member early registrations and one \$200 for old timers. There are numerous opportunities for awards and presentations. Louisiana has failed as an association to participate in these at the national meetings. Mississippi had 30 participants in communications. There is a new SARE Search for Excellence award, one per region.

### **Old Business**

**2006 Annual Meeting** – Rusty passed out caps to members who had attended the annual meeting. He encouraged members to attend the 2007 meeting.

**NACAA Meeting in Grand Rapids** – Frazier said this was his first national meeting and enjoyed it. He encouraged members to attend the next one.

**Scholarship Report** – Dutile reported that applications will be sent out in the spring. Auction items are needed for the annual meeting.

**Faculty Council Update** – Brashier reported that Extension and LCAAA are well represented on the council. If you have an issue, he suggested that you email a council member.

**4-H Luncheon** – Devillier reported that About \$500 was spent this year and there was a good turnout.

**Annual Meeting Surplus** – We tabled the discussion until the spring board meeting. Whatley asked about half the money going to the scholarship fund. He was told that this was changed when the scholarship funds were put with the Foundation.

**Web Page**- Sharpe reported that the web page is on the agcenter.com web. It contains minutes, awards, etc. Chandler asked if it was necessary to put together an annual report since just about everything in the report is already on the web. It was moved and seconded to post the annual report on the web. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

**Membership & Dues** – Twidwell stated he needs everyone's dues now and that dues are reimbursable on expense accounts. Normand reported that he had 29 paid members. We need 126 for 3 DSAs.

**Southern Regional Leadership Workshop** – Frazier reported that Twidwell and Brashier are going.

**PILD** – Frazier reported that Twidwell is going.

**NACAA Participation** – Brashier and Devillier encouraged members to participate. We had three members make presentation this year.

**North Carolina Request** – NC has requested \$1600 from LCAAA to help sponsor a ‘State Night In’ for all states instead of each state having their own ‘State Night Out’. We discussed how we like our own state dinner. We decided to tell them NO, but to offer financial help for the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Horticulture – Fletcher gave a report for Strahan about the two athletic field workshops in the spring. One will be at LSU on April 2 and the other at LA Tech on April 5. There is no charge for agents. He asked that we notify schools and recreation departments.

Coco reported that there will be a meeting in room 131 of the Long Field House this afternoon for the LCAAA Horticulture Tour.

**LCAAA Annual Meeting** – Sistrunk reported that the annual meeting will be in Oak Grove. We will stay at the Oak Grove Inn. The meetings will be in their new office complex. The board supper will be at a rifle range with a skeet shoot. He is planning special entertainment at the awards program.

## LCAAA Paid Members 2007

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>District</u>	
1. Bill Branch	State Office	
2. Brian Chandler	Southeast	
3. Paul Coreil	State Office	
4. James Devillier	Southeast	
5. Henry Harrison	Southeast	
6. Allen Hogan	Central Southwest	
7. Barton Joffrion	Southeast	
8. Dwight Landreneau	State Office	new
9. Steve Linscombe	Central Southwest	
10. Charles McCown	State Office	
11. Allen Owings	State Office	
12. Carroll Pinnell-Alison	Northern	
13. Mike Rome	Northern	
14. Tommy Shields III	Central Southwest	
15. Todd Shupe	State Office	
16. Alfred Guidry	Central Southwest	
17. Ben Legendre	Southeast	
18. Keith Normand	Central Southwest	
19. Terry Washington	Central Southwest	
20. Ed Twidwell	State Office	
21. Glen Daniels	Northern	
22. Stefen Givens	Southeast	
23. David Bougeois	Southeast	
24. Myrl Sistrunk	Northern	
25. Lynn Hannaman	State Office	
26. Robin Bridges	Northern	
27. Miles Brashier	Central Southwest	
28. Stan Dutile	Central Southwest	
29. R. L. Frazier	Northern	
30. Gary Wicke	Central Southwest	
31. Don Reed	Southeast	
32. Eddie White	Northern	
33. Donna Lee	Northern	
34. Chuck Griffin	Northern	
35. Eddie Eskew	Central Southwest	
36. Dale Pollet	State Office	
37. Rick Louque	Southeast	
38. Matt Martin	Central Southwest	
39. Robert Richard	State Office	
40. Robert Souvestre	State Office	
41. Stuart Gauthier	Central Southwest	

42. Mark Shirley	Central Southwest	
43. John Chaney	Central Southwest	
44. James Rusty Batty	Southeast	
45. Rafash Brew	Northern	
46. Jason Holmes	Northern	
47. Chris Robichaux	Central Southwest	
48. Deborah Cross	Southeast	
49. Sheena Grote Cecil	Central Southwest	
50. Gary Wilson	Northern	new
51. Karen Blackburn	Southeast	
52. Ann Coco	Southeast	
53. Barry Crain	Central Southwest	
54. Michael Lavergne	Central Southwest	
55. Mary Grodner	State Office	
56. Denyse Cummins	Northern	
57. Stephen Crnko	State Office	
58. David Bankston	State Office	
59. Jerry Whatley	Central Southwest	
60. Terrence Marshall	Southeast	
61. Jimmy Flanagan	Central Southwest	
62. Howard Cormier	Central Southwest	
63. John Pyzner	Northern	
64. Ron Strahan	State Office	
65. Ronald Bardwell	Southeast	
66. Tim Page	State Office	
67. Christine Navarre	State Office	new
68. Kenneth Sharpe	Southeast	
69. Kori Myers	Northern	new Paid by Allen Hogan
70. Gerald Roberts	Central Southwest	
71. Ronald Nicholas	Central Southwest	
72. Barrett Courville	Central Southwest	
73. Keith Fontenot	Central Southwest	
74. Ernest Girouard	Central Southwest	new
75. Johnny Saichuk	Central Southwest	
76. Robert Ferguson	Central Southwest	
77. Sandra Benjamin	Southeast	
78. Jack Baldwin	State Office	
79. Bobby H. Fletcher, Jr.	Southeast	
80. David Lanclos	Central Southwest	
81. Rene Schmit	Southeast	
82. Kurt Guidry	State Office	
83. Robert Turley	Central Southwest	
84. Mike Hebert	Southeast	
85. Robert Hutchinson	Northern	
86. Boyd Padgett	Northern	
87. Charles Overstreet	State Office	
88. Don Ferrin	State Office	
89. J. B. Anders, Jr.	Southeast	
90. Shaney Hill	Southeast	

91. Tara Smith	Northern	new
92. Richard Letlow	Northern	
93. Andrew Granger	Central Southwest	
94. Stephen Borel	Central Southwest	new
95. Desiree Dorest	Southeast	
96. Earl Johnson	State Office	
97. John Barnett	Central Southwest	
98. Carlos Smith	Central Southwest	
99. Donna Morgan	Central Southwest	
100. Jim McCann	Northern	
101. James Hendrix	Northern	new
102. Terry Erwin	Northern	
103. Keith Collins	Northern	
104. Robert Soileau	State Office	new
105. Silas Cecil	Central Southwest	new
106. Ron Robbins	Northern	
107. Mike Dunn	State Office	
108. Clint Depew	State Office	
109. Glenn Dixon	Northern	
110. James Barnes	Northern	new
111. Louis Lirette	Southeast	
112. Alan Vaughn	Southeast	
113. David Morrison	State Office	
114. Johnnie Whitmire	Northern	new
115. Hubert Wilkerson	Northern	new
116. Cliff Watts	Northern	new
117. Ernest Freeman	Central Southwest	
118. Renee Castro	Southeast	new
119. Lacey Urick	Southeast	new
120. Christy Monroe	Southeast	
121. Dawn Mellon-Patin	Southeast	
122. Josh Domingue	Central Southwest	new
123. Ronnie Levy	Central Southwest	(owed)
124. Ricky Kilpatrick	Northern	(owed)
125. John LeVasseur	Northern	(owed)

LCAAA Spring Board Meeting  
March 28, 2007  
Woodworth  
10:00 am

1. Call to order - R.L. Frazier
2. Minutes of Winter Board Meeting – Brian Chandler
3. Treasurer’s Report – Keith Normand
4. NACAA Vice Director Report - James Devillier
5. Old Business
  - a. Membership – Keith Normand/Ed Twidwell
  - b. Website – Kenny Sharpe
  - c. Annual Meeting Surplus
  - d. Faculty Council Update –
6. New Business
  - a. Membership Report – Keith Normand
  - b. Southern Regional Conference – Ed Twidwell
  - c. PILD – Ed Twidwell
  - d. 4-H U Luncheon
  - e. Annual Meeting – Myrl Sistrunk
  - f. Increase in PILD Support - R.L. Frazier
  - g. NACAA AM/PIC
7. Committee Reports
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

**Present:** RL Frazier, Kenny Sharpe, Stan Dutile, Eddie Eskew, Rusty Batty, Stuart Gauthier, Myrl Sistrunk, Bill Branch, Ed Twidwell, Allen Hogan, Jason Holmes, Keith Normand, Bobby Fletcher and Brian Chandler.

**Minutes:** Changes were made to the minutes of the winter board meeting. Under ‘Old Business’ Hall of Fame Award, the minutes should read ‘that a committee be formed consisting of the awards chair, president and president-elect to select the winner.’; and under Scholarship the minutes should read Mindy Posey of Franklinton, not Matt Greene. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Normand passed out copies of the following report.  
**Account Balances Report 3/36/07**

Assets

LCAAA #1 Savings	\$ 4,546.01
LCAAA Benevolent Savings	436.95
LCAAA Checking	6,147.42
LCAAA Money Market	65,994.51
LCAAA Scholarship Savings	<u>759.91</u>
Total	77,884.80

**Cash Flow Report 6/1/06 – 3/26/07**

Inflows

Annual Meeting Income	\$ 3,297.51	
Auction Income	1,279.00	
Dues Income	7,550.00	
Gifts	50.00	(Donation for Communications Awards)
Interest	2,064.64	
Other	<u>500.00</u>	
Total	14,741.15	

Outflows

4-H U Luncheon	561.30
Awards	526.29
Dues – NACAA	6,300.00
Member Expense	385.00
Officer Expense	1,275.00
Police Jury Association	250.00
Postage	25.00
Scholarship	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	10,322.59

Overall Total \$ 4,418.56

Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

**Awards:** Eskew reported that John Chaney and Mike Rome are the DSA winners and Don Reed and Ben Legendre are the AA winners. These winners could be voting delegates at the national meeting. Frazier asked for other voting delegate volunteers.

The question was raised about the number of members and DSAs next year.

Search for Excellence – Sistrunk reported that he received three applications and sent them on. He saw at least four presentations by county agents at the LAS meeting that would have qualified.

We discussed funding for member presenters at the national meeting. Frazier asked about stipends from our administration for agents to present at national meetings. Sharpe indicated that

there is no incentive to present at the national meetings and suggested Frazier ask for support from administration. Sharpe said other states' administrations pay some of the expenses to present, even for posters. Hogan indicated that he asked our administration for monies for a presentation while agronomy chair and got some.

Frazier will send a letter to the director asking for support of speakers.

It was indicated that agents will need to know if money will be available. Funds are available for regional and national winners in the Search for Excellence.

**NACAA Director's Report:** Chandler gave the following report for Devillier.

Congratulate Keith Normand on recruiting 125 members for 07-08 and getting LCAAA 3 DSA's.

Visit the website [www.nacaa.com](http://www.nacaa.com) often for updates on the national organization and committee functions

The spring board meeting is next week and we'll finalize an incentive plan proposed by the Michigan association for getting people to attend the 2007 AM/PIC as well as confirm national committee chairs and vice-chairs.

No decision has yet been reached on the host state for 2011---needs to come from the north-central region

Hope that someone has applied for the SARE Fellows program from LCAAA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Normand passed out copies of the membership list with 125 agents listed. He reported that we have 18 new members, the national list is up to date, he has updated the LCAAA global email list, and that there are 63 life members in the state organization. The Life Members will be hosted by the state office retirees on April 24 & 25.

Frazier reported that the various association presidents met with Coreil and discussed a letter from him about association membership to be put in the new employee packet. He was very receptive and also had no problem with some type of association recruitment package in the packet. Frazier has asked Miles Brashier to chair a committee to develop the package. He appointed Sharpe and Twidwell to the committee. Hogan reported that Ann Coulon was receptive to the idea and she suggested that the information be presented at one of the in-depth, 2-day orientation programs.

Coreil asked if all the professional associations would sponsor a boxed lunch at a new agent orientation. Hogan moved and Eskew seconded that we sponsor a boxed lunch on the condition that the other associations agree to share the cost. The motion passed.

**Website:** Sharpe reported that our website is on the agcenter.com web. He needs information to put on it. He is waiting on membership application and scholarship eligibility info. He has four years of reports on it. He would like pictures from the state and national meetings. He asked Branch for a copy of the handbook and will put it up by sections.

**Annual Meeting Surplus:** The topic was tabled in December and Frazier is still waiting to hear back from NC about other support they might need. Twidwell reported that NC is worried about attendance because of the push by administrations to attend the Galaxy Conference. They are hoping the 'state night in' would attract agents. Frazier asked if we should set aside money for the national meeting in OK. Hogan indicated that LCAAA Savings #1 is set aside for supporting national meetings in other states. Myrl indicated he had used it for operating funds when needed.

Hogan moved that annual meeting surpluses be placed in LCAAA Savings #1 to be used for supporting requests for national meetings or as deemed necessary by the board. Normand seconded and the motion passed.

Frazier reported that he told NC that we were not going to support the 'state night in', but might make a contribution to the annual meeting. Hogan said that host states think they all will attract 2000 people like New Orleans. The national board is having a problem trying to change the states' expectations for large attendances.

**Faculty Council Update:** Hogan reported that the new council met in January and one-third of the council are new members. He indicated that 50% of the council are LCAAA members and they meet monthly. Minutes of the meetings are on the web. Items discussed include an Ombudsman for the AgCenter who would be an advocate between the faculty and administration. The council approved this. The chancellor agreed and formed a committee to develop how and what the individual would do.

He reported that the Service Unit Advisory Committee was being revamped and recommendations were submitted.

New officers of the council are Rich Vlosky – Chair and Jerry Whatley – Vice Chair.

Debra Davis will be the annual conference chair and had asked for suggestions. An awards committee was suggested and that more training is needed during the ACE meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Southern Regional Conference:** Twidwell reported that he and Miles Brashier attended. The theme was 'international programs'. There was concern about the joint regional meeting setups and locations for next year.

**PILD:** Twidwell reported that the trip will be April 22, that he had been in contact with the lobbyist and everything was scheduled. There will be a meeting on April 9 with Coreil and the other participants.

**4-H Luncheon:** Sharpe reported that it will be held June 21 and the use of Nelson Memorial had been approved. Fresh commodities are needed. The Farm Bureau annual meeting starts June 21 and this could present problems for agents and 4-Hers.

**Annual Meeting:** Sistrunk reported that the meeting will be in Oak Grove on June 3 – 6. The board meeting will be at a rifle range and attendees will be able to shoot skeet. There will be two stops on the tour and supper will be at a hunting lodge with a lake. The spouses' tour is lined up. There will be a poster contest with awards. The banquet will have entertainment. Registration packets will go out in two weeks.

**PILD Support Increase:** Frazier had asked Coreil for an increase in funds for agents for PILD. Coreil agreed with the stipulation that LCAAA also increase its support. Holmes moved to increase our support to \$600 and amend the budget. Fletcher seconded and the motion passed.

**NACAA AM/PIC:** Frazier encouraged members to attend. Registration info in on the national web.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administrative Skills Development:** Fletcher reported that the objective of this committee would be to develop programs to improve and enhance the administrative skills of all NACAA members regardless of the degree of administrative responsibility. Programs could be developed on both a regional basis and for a presentation at the AM/PIC. Program of Training Possibilities:- Working with local governments-Working with State Legislators -General Office Administration -Budgetary skills-Personnel management and evaluation-Administering volunteers-Developing job descriptions-Grant writing.

Fletcher also reported that Bobby Soileau is starting an internal leadership development program that includes five 2-day sessions and a final trip to DC. Hogan reported that Soileau had spoken to the faculty council. He hopes to have 20 to 25 people and the group would go to the legislature.

**Communications:** Eskew reported that Chaney had received two entries. Hogan asked about a local media award and suggested Louisiana Farm and Ranch. He will check with Chaney.

**Scholarship:** Dutile reported that he had an applicant.

**Pride:** Chandler reported the following for Joffrion. As PRIDE chairmen I would like to report that I received one entry for Louisiana from Annie Coco. After reading the entry, I sent it in to the national chairwomen by the deadline. Annie did a good job on her application.

**Other Business:** Frazier reported that there will be a '100 years of Louisiana 4-H' Celebration in January 2008. Coreil has asked for a representative from each professional association to serve on the committee. Brashier will represent LCAAA.

Twidwell reported that the 2008 annual meeting will be in Baton Rouge and Brashier had already volunteered to host the tour.

The meeting adjourned with lunch.

# Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association

TO: LCAAA Members  
RE: 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

Our theme for the 61<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Louisiana County Agriculture Agents Association June 3-6 is Northeast Louisiana - Our Rural Heritage.

This year, as we meet in Oak Grove, come expecting to see a different perspective on Northeast Louisiana Agriculture beyond the traditional row crop. We will tour a wildlife safari park, the largest sweet potato operation in the state, and possibly other tour stops. We will end the day at Caney Bottom Lodge for our meal and auction. Caney Bottom Lodge boast of wing shooting adventures and fishing trips. This once was a 3600 acre agriculture farm that is now devoted to wildlife habitat, and has a 140 acre lake.

A new activity this year is the poster contest. See attachment on contest rules and awards.

A block of rooms has been reserved for LCAAA members at a special meeting rate of \$62.10 for a king or \$71.10 for a double queen.

**Included in this email is attachments regarding:**

- 1. Registration Form --- mail form and check to Myrl Sistrunk made to LCAAA**
- 2. Hotel Registration Information --- contact Oak Grove Inn & Suites in Oak Grove**
- 3. Scholarship Auction Form --- contact Stan Dutile**
- 4. Call for Papers for the Poster Session**

We are planning an excellent annual conference and professional improvement conference for the LCAAA members, lifetime members and their families. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family in Oak Grove in June.

Sincerely,

RL Frazier  
President  
LCAAA

Myrl W. Sistrunk  
County Agent

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2007 LCAAA Annual Meeting**

**June 3 – 7, 2007**  
**Mail Completed Form With Your Check by May 11, 2007**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Spouse Name:</b>
<b>Children's Name: (If attending)</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Arrival Date:</b>	<b>Departure Date:</b>

**Registration: Fee includes the auction dinner, tours, activities, memorial breakfast, & awards banquet.**

<b>Member – Active or Life</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$40.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Spouse or Guest</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$20.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Children – under 6 Free</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$10.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Member – Life (Mon. &amp; Tues. only, NO BANQUET)</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$20.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Spouse of Life member (Mon. &amp; Tues. only, NO BANQUET)</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$10.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Awards Banquet Only</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$20.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>One Day Registration – Banquet Included</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$30.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Late Fee – Registration after May 11, 2007</b>	<b>No:</b>	<b>@ \$10.00 =</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>\$</b>

Indicate The Number Attending Each Activity Listed Below	Number Adults	Number Children	Total Number
<b>Sunday, June 3, 2007</b>			
Number Attending Board Supper			
<b>Monday, June 4, 2007</b>			
Number Attending Tour			
Number Attending Scholarship Auction Dinner			
<b>Tuesday, June 5, 2007</b>			
Number Attending Spouse, Children, & Retirees Tour			
Number Attending Awards Banquet			
Number Attending Children's Activity			
<b>Wednesday, June 6, 2007</b>			
Number Attending Memorial Breakfast			

**Make check payable to LCAAA/West Carroll Extension foundation and return this form to Myrl Sistrunk, LCAAA, P.O. Box 620, Oak Grove, LA 71263. Return on or before May 11, 2007.**

**Louisiana County  
Agricultural Agents Association  
(Hotel Registration Information)**

April 4, 2007

Dear LCAAA Member:

The headquarters for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana County Agriculture Agents Association will be at the Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center – Oak Grove, LA. A block of rooms have been reserved at Oak Grove Inn and Suites in Oak Grove, LA until May 11, 2007 at a rate of \$62.10 King or \$71.10 Double Queen per night plus tax. Please state that you are with the Louisiana County Agriculture Agents Association when you make your reservations. We will provide the hotel with the form “Government Exemption from the Payment of Hotel Lodging Taxes”.

Rooms can be booked by calling:

You may call Oak Grove Inn and Suites toll free number at 1-866-806-8911 or call (318)428-2088. Use AGC120 as our meeting code. See additional hotel policies below.

Another choice is if you have a RV you can stay in the park at the Lingo Center. Reservations can be made by contacting (318)428-5282 or [www.needfoundation.com](http://www.needfoundation.com). Cost is \$15.00 + tax per night.

**Directions** to get to the Oak Grove Inn and Suites – Oak Grove, 10284 Hwy 17, Oak Grove, LA 71263.

- ◆ From I-20 take the Delhi Exit and travel north on Hwy 17. Oak Grove Inn and Suites is just south of the Oak Grove city limits.
- ◆ From Hwy 65 take Hwy 2 north of Lake Providence into Oak Grove. Take Hwy 17 south in Oak Grove.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Myrl W. Sistrunk  
Chairman – Annual Meeting

## Oak Grove Inn & Suites

### Policies

A credit card on file with us will guarantee your reservation for the day of your scheduled arrival. Charges for a one night stay will be billed to your card if you don't cancel 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival.

#### **\*\*ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES\*\***

\*We ask that all guests keep any open alcoholic beverages in their room please.

#### **\*\*SMOKING\*\***

\*Smoking in a non-smoking room will result in a DEEP CLEANING damage fee of \$150.

#### **\*\*PETS\*\*** (Guide or service animals are not considered pets)

\*We're sorry, but we do not allow pets in the rooms.

\*Anybody found to have a pet in their room will be billed a DEEP CLEANING damage fee of \$150.

\*Also, Louisiana law makes it a criminal offense for any person to bring a pet into any hotel sleeping quarters where posted policy states the pets are prohibited....

\*You may be prosecuted and face criminal fine and/or jail time for violating this policy.

**Any damages to property of Oak Grove Inn & Suites will be billed to your credit card.**

## LCAAA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION ITEMS

Just a reminder for you to begin collecting items for the 4-H Scholarship Auction. This year's auction will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the Caney Bottom Hunting Lodge in Kilbourne, LA. Please mark each item with the donors name and address in order to follow up with a thank you note.

All items can be brought to the Caney Bottom Hunting Lodge following the Monday tour. See Stan Dutile prior to the event if necessary. **Please return this form to Stan Dutile by Wednesday, May 30, 2007.**

### Return to:

Stan Dutile, County Agent

Lafayette Parish Cooperative Extension Service

Parish Government Building

1010 Lafayette St. Ste. 325

Lafayette, LA 70501-6884

Office Phone: 337-291-7090

Office Fax: 337-291-7099

E-mail: SDutile@agcenter.lsu.edu

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**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Collected by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE POSTER SESSION

### PURPOSE

To showcase LCAAA members work by giving them the opportunity to present posters at the Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference. This award program has two categories to recognize LCAAA members:

- 1) Applied Research – to give individuals an opportunity to

present a poster on applied research they have conducted.

- 2) Extension Education – this category is designed to give

members an opportunity to present a poster on new or different educational methods or technologies he or she has used.

The program also provides an opportunity to discuss how an identified educational need in the community was addressed and what the observed results were.

### ELIGIBILITY

An LCAAA member in good standing must submit contributed papers, originated by one or more investigators. A member can only be the senior author (the first name appearing on the poster) on one poster in each category each year.

- Poster size must be no larger than 44" x 48".
- There is no limit to the number of posters on which a member can be listed as a junior author.
- **Any member who does not follow these guidelines and submits more than one poster on which he/she is the lead author in the same category, will have all posters disqualified.**

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- The Poster Session Committee will have full authority to accept or reject a poster abstract upon evaluation of the title and submitted abstract. Rejection of poster abstract by the Poster Session Committee will be final.

### RECOGNITION

Peer reviewed papers will be selected for presentation and authors will receive a certificate and will have paper published in the LCAAA Professional Improvement Proceedings.

### JUDGING

Poster judging will be based on the following criteria:

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|--|-----|
| 1. Scientific/Educational Merit                  | 60% |
| 2. Poster Presentation                           | 30% |
| 3. Follow instructions for presentation/mounting | 10% |

Write an abstract and send to Donna R. Lee, Poster Chair, drlee@agctr.lsu.edu by May 28, 2007. See abstract example and format that must be followed at end.

### **AWARDS**

Awards for the best poster papers in each category at the annual meeting are as follows:

Best Contributed Poster \$100 and a certificate

Second Place \$50 and a certificate

Third Place \$25 and a certificate

## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND EXTENSION EDUCATION POSTER SESSION**

### **Mounting of the Poster:**

Display boards will be provided for you that will accept velcro. Posters should not exceed the 44" x 48" size limitation.

### **Program Title, Author, Institution and Address:**

Poster title, author names, and affiliations *should appear on the top* of the poster. A simple sans-serif typeface (i.e., Arial or Helvetica) should be used. Lettering for the title should be at least one half (1/2) inch.

**Extension Education abstracts should show program impact. Applied Research abstracts should include research data.**

### **Supporting Materials:**

Material that supports the poster (i.e., workshop workbooks, handouts, etc.) may be placed below the poster on the floor. Room for supporting material is limited to space directly below your poster.

### **Content:**

Do not prepare a poster as if it were a manuscript. Primarily use tables and figures and limit verbiage. Details of the work can be discussed during the "Meet the Author Sessions" with interested parties. Make sure that the selected typeface is easy to read. No more than two different typefaces should be used on the poster. Lettering for text and

illustrations should range in size between 24 and 48 point type.

**Quality Matters When Preparing a Poster" Adapted from Communicaid article by Evie Liss and Bernadine Strik, 1991**

1 **How well is the message conveyed (simplicity and clarity of the message)?** Most people spend less than ten minutes at a poster. Each poster will be reviewed for one to three main points or themes the presenter wants people to retain. Also, each poster will be evaluated for a center of interest to identify and introduce the message.

2 **How easy is the poster to read at three feet?** The judges will look for posters with text tables and figures in letter (type) sizes that are easy to read at three feet. Readability of lettering style is also important.

3 **Is the poster visually balanced and organized?** Successful posters do not crowd the information. Details can be shared on a handout. Attractive posters have a logical order with figures, photos, and text throughout.

4 **Does the poster use colors and contrast to visually attract the readers?** Contrasting colors are used to lead the viewer's eye throughout the poster, and imaginative ways to add color might include photographs, illustrations. Charts graphs, and colored poster board.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ALL ABSTRACTS WHERE REQUIRED**

### **I. Abstract Format**

1 The text should be roughly 150-250 words, in font size of 12. Electronic copies of the abstract are required in Wordperfect format.

2 **TITLES SHOULD BE COMPLETELY CAPITALIZED**, and typed from the left margin on the first line. It should not be underlined. The body of the abstract should be fully justified (both margins even).

3 Name(s) of author(s), institutional affiliation(s), and address(es) should be entered two lines below the title line. Name(s) of author(s) should be underlined and written in the order of family name and the initials of the given and middle name. The last name of the presenter should be marked with an asterisk (\*) at right.

4 Insert an empty line before beginning to type text. Text should be preceded with a space of three letters.

5 Scientific names (i.e., botanical names) should be written in italic type or underline.

### **II. General Instructions for Applications that require an abstract.**

1 **Electronic copies** of the abstract are to be submitted to the appropriate State Committee Chair.. Please email to Donna R. Lee at drlee@agctr.lsu.edu.

2 Abstracts will not be accepted if they do not conform to the instructions contained herein, both in content and/or format.

3 The following is an example of the abstract format that must be followed for all abstracts. The abstract selected is the 2006 National Winner of the Poster Session Applied Research category.

### **Sample FORMAT FOR All LCAAA ABSTRACTS**

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The Committee responsible for the award category *may choose not to publish an abstract if it does not meet the required rules and format layout.*

Abstracts must be in the hands of Donna R. Lee by May 28, 2007. Additional information (the schedule of presentation, details on presentation methods, and so on) will be provided after the abstract has been approved.

## SAMPLE ABSTRACT

### EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BIO-FUNGICIDES IN THE PRODUCTION OF FRESH MARKET ORGANIC TOMATOES

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Disease control in fresh market tomatoes is a major factor limiting the adoption of organic production methods by growers in Southwest, Virginia. Six bio-fungicides were compared to a conventional standard [Bravo (3 pts/acre) alternated with Manzate (2 lbs/acre) plus Tanos (8 oz/acre) plus BCS Copper (64 oz/acre) for the first four weekly sprays, and Bravo alone thereafter] and an untreated check (UTC) for relative effectiveness in controlling diseases such as early blight. The biological materials and rates applied were, Storox (1% solution), Biophos (2% solution), Prophyte (4 pts/acre), Serenade Max (3 lbs/acre), BCS Copper (2qts/acre), and Serenade Max (3lbs/acre) plus BCS Copper (2qts/acre). All treatments were made on a weekly basis. The tomato variety 'Mountain Fresh Plus' was used in a drip irrigated, trellised, plasti-culture system. Fruit was harvested and graded and placed into one of the following grades: Jumbo, Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small, No. 2, or Cull. Yield data and disease ratings were analyzed using ANOVA techniques and means were separated using Duncan's Multiple Range Test. There were no statistical differences in yield of total marketable fruit. The UTC plot produced the greatest number of Jumbo fruit, while the Serenade/BCS Copper produced the lowest. Storox has been a material that local organic growers have relied on for disease control. In terms of disease control, all treatments including the UTC were better statistically than Storox, which had leaf area damage ratings in excess of 40%. This study suggests that there are differences in the relative effectiveness of these bio-fungicides for disease control. However, in this case it did not significantly impact total marketable yield. If harvest had continued, yield differences would have been expected due to defoliation by early blight.

# LCAAA

*“Our Rural Heritage”*

*61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting*

*Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association*

*Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center*

*Oak Grove, Louisiana*

*June 4 – 6, 2007*

**Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center**

**Oak Grove, LA 71263**

**June 4-6, 2007**

**Monday, June 4, 2007**

**9:00 – Noon      Registration**

**9:00 – 11:00      Board Meeting**

**Noon              Leave for Tour**  
Myrl Sistrunk, Annual Meeting Chair

High Delta  
Dawson Farms  
Bar – K

**6:30              Dinner, Scholarship Auction**  
Caney Bottom Lodge

## Tuesday, June 5, 2007

### 8:30            **Opening Session**

Presiding:

R.L. Frazier, President, LCAAA

Value Added Products from Cotton Seed

- Rebecca Elliott, McNess

Monsanto Programs

- Chism Craig – Learning Center Manager

Monsanto, Leland Agronomy Center, Stoneville, MS

Utilizing Chicken Litter in Crops

- Matt Stephens, Area Agent

### 10:00          **Break**

### 10:30          Northeast Master Gardeners

- Jim Brooks

Bar-K Livestock/Forage Operation

- Cullen Kovac / Mike Kovac

Ethanol Plant in East Carroll Parish

- Wyly Gilfoil

### 12:00          **Lunch**

### 1:15            **Afternoon Session**

Miles Brashier, Vice President, LCAAA

#### **Comments:**

Dr. Bill Richardson

Chancellor, LSU AgCenter

Terral Riverservice

- Danny Terral

Ruffin Building Systems / Tour

-Ron Haynes / Ralph Oldham

## **Committee Reports**

- 6:00**      **Presidents Reception**  
Oak Grove Inn and Suites  
Suite 35
- 7:00**      **Award's Banquet**  
Presiding  
Ed Tidwell, LCAAA President – Elect

## **Wednesday June 6, 2007**

- 7:00**      **Memorial Breakfast – Lingo Center**  
Presiding: Dr. Boyd Padgett,  
Chairman LCAAA Memorial Committee
- 8:30**      **Presiding**  
R.L. Frazier, President, LCAAA

### **Comments:**

Dr. Paul Coreil  
Vice Chancellor, LSU AgCenter  
Director LCES

### **Cotton Situation:**

Dr. Sandy Stewart, LSU AgCenter

### **LA Sweet Potato Industry:**

Dr. Tara Smith, LSU AgCenter

### **NACAA Report:**

Dr. James Devillier, Southern Region Director

### **Business Session**

### **Adjourn**

## 2007 Tours

**High Delta** – A 2000 acres Safari Park of exotic and endangered animal species roaming freely in a natural habitat. High Delta is the only Drive-thru Zoo in Louisiana. Over 25 exotic species currently inhabit at the park.

**Dawson Farms** – A 3200 acre Sweet Potato Farm located south of Delhi, LA. Dawson Farms is the largest Sweet Potato operation in the state of Louisiana and probably in the U.S. They have refrigerated storage for over 1,000,000 bushels of sweet potatoes.

**Bar-K** – A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family owned cattle ranch devoted to maximizing forage and cattle. Production operation consent of a cow / calf with retained ownership feedlots.

**Caney Bottom Lodge** – A premier hunting resort specializing in wing shooting adventures and fishing trips. A 3600 acre agricultural farm that has been converted to wildlife habitat farming. Winged hunts include pheasants, quail, duck and dove.

## LCAAA Sponsors

LA Sweet Potato Association  
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Louisiana Farm Bureau  
Dr. Bob Hutchinson  
Monsanto – Greg Ferguson  
Ruffin Building Systems  
Adler Seed

**2007  
LCAAA  
Awards Banquet**

**7:00 pm – Call to order & Introduction**  
**Dr. Ed Twidwell, LCAAA President Elect**

**7:10 pm – Banquet Supper**  
**Special Recognitions**  
**Keith Collins / Myrl Sistrunk**

**Awards Program**

**Eddie Eskew – LCAAA Awards**

**AA Winners**

**Dr. Don Reed, Idlewood Research Station**  
**- Dr. Pam Hodson – Presenter**

**Dr. Ben Legendre, South Central Region**  
**- Dr. Paul Coreil – Presenter**

**DSA Winners**

**John Chaney, Rapids Parish**  
**- Matt Martin – Presenter**

**Mike Rome, Madison Parish**

**- Dr. Robert Hutchinson – Presenter**

**Special Entertainment**  
**William Michael Morgan**

**Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association**  
**Memorial Breakfast**  
**June 6, 2007**  
**7:00 am**

Boyd Padgett

Chair

**Invocation .....**

**Breakfast**

**Memorial Program**

**Hororee**

Rodney Ewing

**Speaker**

Boyd Padgett

**In Memoriam**

Rodney Ewing Rodney Ewing was born on April 11, 1928. He graduated from LSU in 1948 with a B.S. and in 1950 with a M.S. degree in Ag Teacher Education. From December 1950 to October 1952, Rodney served his country during the Korean War.

Rodney joined the extension service on September 1, 1954 as an assistant county agent in St. Bernard and Orleans parishes. On July 1, 1957 he was promoted to associate county agent and moved to Catahoula parish. He was promoted to county agent on August 15, 1970 and continued to serve Catahoula parish until November 30, 1990. His career with the extension service span 36 years 3 months. During this time he began his career as a 4-H agent and moved into the arena of production agriculture. As an ag agent, he was instrumental in training producers on how to properly calibrate spray equipment. He was also a pioneer on the proper use of pesticides in his parish. Of all the crops he worked with, he enjoyed working in cotton to most.

Rodney was also an active member of the Louisiana County Agricultural Agents Association. He was an avid outdoorsman and was active in the Rotary International.

Rodney died on May 10, 2006. He loved his family and his job. He is survived by two daughters Mrs. Sharon Womack and Mrs. Melinda Haigh and two sons Mr. Randall Ewing and Dr. Wade Ewing.

**LCAAA Summer Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Oak Grove, La**  
**June 4, 2007**  
**9:00 am**

1. Call to Order – R.L. Frazier
2. Minutes – Brian Chandler
3. Treasurer’s Report – Keith Normand
4. Scholarship Report and Auction – Stan Dutile
5. Recognition and Awards – Eddie Eskew
6. PILD Report – Ed Twidwell
7. Comments from Southern Regional Director – James Devillier
8. 2007 LCAAA Annual Meeting – Myrl Sistrunk
9. 2007 NACAA AM/PIC – R.L. Frazier
10. New Business
11. Other Business
12. Adjourn

**Present:** Brian Chandler, Barry Crain, Kenneth Sharpe, Bill Branch, Allen Hogan, Rusty Batty, James Devillier, Terry Washington, Ed Twidwell, Miles Brashier, Eddie Eskew, Dwight Landreneau, John Chaney, Keith Normand, Glen Daniels, RL Frazier, Myrl Sistrunk, Stuart Gauthier, Stan Dutile, and Matt Martin.

**Call to Order:** Frazier opened the meeting by welcoming the board members to north Louisiana.

**Minutes:** Chandler stated that the minutes had been emailed to board members. Hogan moved and Sharpe seconded to approve the minutes as emailed.

**Treasurer’s report:** Normand passed out copies of the report showing the following:

Account Balances 6/1/07

#1 Savings	\$ 4,574.10
Checking	5,549.88
New Scholarship Savings	762.76
Benevolent Savings	438.59
Money Market	66,832.55
Total	\$78,157.88

Cash Flow Report 6/1/06 – 5/31/07

Inflows

Annual Meeting Income	\$ 3,297.51
Auction Income	1,279.00
Dues Income	7,550.00
Gift	50.00
Interest	2,929.72
Other	500.00
Total	\$15,606.23

Outflows

4-H U Luncheon	\$ 561.30
Awards	526.29
Dues-NACAA	6,300.00
Member Expense	385.00
Officer Expense	1,875.00
Police Jury Assn	250.00
Postage	25.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Total	\$10,922.59
Overall Total	\$ 4,683.64

A question was raised about our fiscal year. It is July 1 to June 30.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

**Scholarship Report and Auction:** Dutile went over the auction forms he had received and passed out blank ones. He reported that he had received no applications from members for the work study tour. He received six applications for the 4-H scholarship. Anna Normand, Keith's daughter, won. He does not know if the College of Agriculture scholarship has been awarded. The deadline is January or February. Eskew stated that students need to apply in September and be accepted to LSU to qualify for the scholarship. Dutile volunteered to send an email statewide in August to remind agents and students.

**Recognition and Awards:** Eskew thanked Normand for getting the plaques again. He passed out the guidelines for the awards as a reminder. (These are available on the LCAAA website.)

**PILD:** Twidwell reported that it was a good event for visiting with our legislators. They used the AgCenter lobbyist to set up the meetings. Unfortunately, they met only with the aides. They emphasized the need to stay with base funding for the universities and not change to competitive funding. He mentioned a program called 'Create 21' which is a move to put several agencies together.

**JCEP:** Twidwell reported that there will only be two regional meetings instead of four. The southeast and northeast will be meeting together possibly in Orlando. In response to a question, Devillier indicated that the reason for the joint regional meetings was so the national association presidents won't have to travel as much and can save money. The northeast region is not in favor of this. Devillier indicated that Orlando will not be cheap. He suggested that the association may need to increase the allocation for JCEP because Orlando is expensive.

**Southern Regional Director Comments:** Devillier asked for comments for the national board. He reported that the Galaxy meeting in September 2008 may affect attendance at the NACAA AM/PIC meeting in August 2008 in North Carolina. Some state administrators are pushing the Galaxy meeting. He reported that there are 1258 registered for Grand Rapids in July. He encouraged LCAAA members to attend the national meetings. Eskew stated that the national meetings are extremely good professional improvement conferences.

**2007 LCAAA Annual Meeting:** Sistrunk reported registration figures of 49 agents plus a few walk-ins, 38 for the board supper, 65 for the tour and supper, 75 for the banquet including a couple sponsors, and 50 for the memorial breakfast. He reported that they have had good support from sponsors and Keith Collins has done a good job as financial committee chair.

**2007 NACAA AM/PIC:** Frazier encouraged members to attend. Twidwell needs a list of those who will attend so he can notify Coreil. Eskew said you can charge the registration fee to regular travel (policy) and with approval of your regional director you can charge more. Frazier had talked to Coreil and Landreneau about support for members making presentations or posters at the national meeting. He said Coreil agreed if the agent is the lead author. We will hear from Coreil on Wednesday. Devillier indicated that other states have presenter funding set by their director. Hogan indicated that Coreil has given support to presenter in the past. Voting delegates will be Rome, Reed, Twidwell and Sistrunk. Dutile asked about funding for the national meeting. LCAAA gives \$125 to voting delegates, \$150 to officers and \$100 to DSA and AA winners. The director gives \$500 for voting delegates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Associate Director Dwight Landreneau:** Landreneau indicated he will be attending the NACAA meeting. He said the director feels these are good professional improvement opportunities and they will support presenters and lead author of posters.

The 'Centennial Celebration of 4-H in Louisiana' will be next year. He asked if LCAAA can support the celebration. The committee is wanting some mention of 4-H almost every day. Starting in December, they are looking for any event or meeting to have 4-H involved. They are establishing a 4-H Hall of Fame and hope to have 100 people in it. The hope to have at least one person from each parish listed. The regional directors will be hosting regional a activity.

Myles Brashier is the LCAAA representative on the Centennial Committee.

Landreneau then discussed Ag Magic and Ag Expo. The director has been approached by the LA State Fair to take over the Ag Awareness events at the Fair. Terry Crawford will be leading this effort. He indicated that Ag Magic at LSU needs help and asked if LCAAA would consider adopting it as a service project by being presenters on extension time and expense money. He said it would be a good opportunity to promote agriculture and ag careers. They have asked the committee to announce dates a year in advance so agents will have the dates.

Frazier volunteered to chair this committee. Twidwell asked for ideas to help make agronomy and other commodities more interesting like the animal commodities with live animals. Landreneau suggested to display the commodity from the raw form to the finished product. The LCAAA committee will look into ways to lend support any way possible.

Chaney is looking for older stories, pictures and people in 4-H and Camp Grant Walker for the 4-H Museum.

**Support for Rock Eagle:** Frazier passed out copies of the letter from Terril Faul requesting \$4000 from LCAAA to help Louisiana host the 2008 Southern Region Volunteer Conference to be held in Rock Eagle Georgia. Sharpe stated that we can not afford this because we only made \$1300 this year. The question was raised about the 4-H Foundation supporting this. Dutile suggested that we take this under advisement and request more information be presented at the next board meeting. Norman indicated that Faul could not make the April or this board meeting and suggested that we look into using the CD money.

**NC 'State Night In':** Frazier indicated that we are not in support of this. He had talked to Mark Tucker in NC and told him we are not is support of it. He had asked for a letter from NC requesting some other support and had not heard from him. He will wait until after the NACAA meeting in Michigan before contacting him again. NC will have the 'state night in' regardless of the lack of support from us, Arkansas and Texas. Sharpe moved that we will support the NC meeting with an amount based on their request. Branch seconded it and the motion passed.

**Other:** Sharpe asked for the nomination reports from each region.

The meeting adjourned.

**LCAAA Summer Business Meeting**  
**June 6, 2007**  
**Oak Grove, LA**

- A) Call to Order- RL Frazier
- B) Minutes of Previous Meetings – Brian Chandler
- C) Treasurer’s Report – Keith Normand
- D) Scholarship Committee Report – Stan Dutile
- E) Annual Meeting Report – Myrl Sistrunk
- F) Proposed Budget – Ed Twidwell
- G) 4-H Centennial Celebration
- H) Ag Magic Call for Help
- I) Request for Donation to 4-H Rock Eagle
- J) Other New Business
- K) 2007 NACAA AM/PIC Announcements
- L) 2008 LCAAA AM/PIC Invitation – State Office
- M) Nomination Committee Report – Ken Sharpe
- N) Installation of Officers – RL Frazier
- O) Adjourn

President RL Frazier called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Chandler stated that the minutes of December 2006 Business Meeting had been emailed to the members. Hogan moved to accept the minutes as emailed. Brashier seconded the motion and it passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Normand reported that there was \$4,574.10 in the savings, \$5,549.88 in the checking, \$762.76 in the new scholarship savings, \$66,832.55 in the CD, and \$438.59 in the Benevolent account. The Benevolent members have decided to give this money to the 4-H camp foundation fund. He reminded us that the CD is left over from the 1984 NACAA meeting in New Orleans. Marshall and Daniels suggested that LCAAA add \$61.41 to the Benevolent donation to round up the donation to the camp foundation to \$500. Coco moved and Sharpe seconded to accept the report. The motion passed.

**Scholarship Committee:** Frazier reported that Anna Normand would receive the scholarship. We raised \$1517.50 at the auction with half going to the general fund and half to the scholarship fund. Hogan moved that we give a \$500 scholarship to the second place applicant this year only and this would be optional next year depending on the amount of money in the fund. Sistrunk seconded and the motion passed.

**Annual Meeting:** Sistrunk happily reported that the meeting was virtually over, that we had good sponsorship and he recognized his committee. Marshall and Holmes moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

**Proposed Budget:** Twidwell passed out the following budget.

2007-2008 LCAAA Proposed Budget  
June 6, 2007  
Oak Grove, LA

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Dues	\$7560
Interest	
Checking	10
Savings	50
CD	1630
Scholarship Auction	1100
Annual Meeting	1600
Total Income	\$11,950
 <u>Expenditures</u>	
National Dues	\$6300
Police Jury Convention	250
NACAA Meeting	
DSA and AA recipients	400
Voting Delegates	500
President	150
President-Elect	150
Vice-President	150
Treasurer	150
Secretary	150
Awards	250
Office Expenses	50
JCEP Workshop	600
PILD Meeting	600
4-H U Luncheon	700
LCAAA Professional Improvement Scholarship	1000
4-H Scholarship	500
Lunch for New Agent Orientation	50
Total Expenditures	\$11,950

Sistrunk moved and Hogan seconded to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

**4-H Centennial Celebration:** Frazier report that Myles Brashier is our representative on the state planning committee.

**Ag Magic Request for Help:** Frazier reported that Dwight Landreneau had asked the board for assistance from county agents at Ag Magic. The administration would pay the travel and you would be able to trade days if you worked a weekend. Sharpe offered a resolution that LCAAA is in support of Ag Magic and will ask member to donate one day to help and have a representative on the planning committee. Hogan asked if Twidwell would organize this, but Frazier had already volunteered to do it. Twidwell explained how Ag Magic works and that the need is not for tour guides but to answer questions at the exhibits. Hogan seconded the resolution. Pinnell-Alison stated that there are two similar events in north Louisiana and agents are already volunteering their time for these in January. Hogan said that their efforts are appreciated but their experience would be very valuable to Ag Magic. Sistrunk suggested we support all of the ag awareness events. Lee indicated that she had been approached by Betsy Neely to help with Ag Magic and she will represent the north Louisiana agents. Sharpe reminded everyone that he had made only a resolution to ask members to assist. He said these projects bring the organization closer. A vote was called and the resolution passed.

**Rock Eagle Donation:** Frazier reported that LCAAA had been asked by the 4-H office for \$4000 to help Louisiana sponsor the 2008 Southern Region Volunteer Conference at Rock Eagle. He stated that the board had taken this under advisement and was requesting more information for the next board meeting.

**Other Business:**

Coco is planning the state night out for Grand Rapids and needs a head count for the reservation. Twidwell will send out an email to get a head count of those going to Grand Rapids.

Sharpe indicated he would need help at the 4-H luncheon from 8:30 to 1.

**2007 NACAA AM/PIC:** Voting delegates will be Rome, Sistrunk, Twidwell and Reed.

**2008 LCAAA AM/PIC:** Twidwell passed out the following proposal.

## **2008 LCAAA Annual Meeting Baton Rouge, LA**

Meeting Dates: June 1-4, 2008

Meeting Location: University Inn & Conference Center (Soon to be the Red Lion Inn)  
2445 S. Acadian Thruway  
Baton Rouge, LA

Room rates: \$72 per night (This is a great rate for Baton Rouge!)

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, June 1: Board supper in the evening at Miles Brashier's office in New Roads. Would include a boat trip on the False River and then meal near the office.

Monday, June 2: Board meeting in a.m. at motel

Professional tour in p.m.- Pointe Coupee area

Tentative stops include: plastic manufacturing plant, master gardener plots, Big Cajun coal-fired plant, pecan orchard. Have meal and auction at the 911 Building in Morganza.

Tuesday, June 3: Professional development program in a.m. at motel (Dept. heads)  
Spouses tour & lunch (Burden & LaHouse)  
AgCenter administrators & regional NACAA rep in p.m.  
Committee reports  
President's reception & social  
Kids pizza party & swimming  
Awards banquet

Wednesday, June 4: Memorial breakfast  
1 or 2 professional presentations  
Business meeting  
Adjourn by 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: ? (Will likely be higher than for the 2007 meeting)

Sistrunk moved and Marshall seconded to accept the proposal. The motion passed.

**Nomination Committee:** Sharpe gave the following nominations: Board members – North – Myrl Sistrunk, Central-Southwest – Jimmy Flannigan, Southeast – Rick Louque, and LSU – Bill Branch; President – Ed Twidwell, President elect – Miles Brashier, Vice president – Brian Chandler, Secretary – Kurt Guidry, and Treasurer – Keith Normand. Sharpe moved and Hogan seconded to accept the report. Motion passed. Rome moved and Hogan seconded to elect these by acclamation. Motion passed.

**Installation:** Frazier installed the newly elected officers and board members.

**New President's Comments:** Twidwell recognized all of Frazier work and presented him with a plaque. He is looking forward to his year as president. He needs a list of those going to Grand Rapids. He will be contacting members about being committee chairs. The next board meeting will be in October.

The meeting adjourned.