

## GACAA BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

August 23, 2017

Present – Steve Morgan, Paula Burke, Philip Roberts, Howell Roberts, Brooke Jefferies, Joel Burnsed, Laura Griffeth, Trey Gafnea, Brian Cresswell, Forrest Connelly, Andrew Sawyer.

Called to Order at 8:31 a.m. by Brian Cresswell.

Secretary's Report – Paula shared the last meeting minutes via email prior to the meeting and asked for any corrections. Motion by Steve Morgan, second by Trey Gafnea to accept the minutes as submitted. Passed.

Administrative Report – no report

Treasurer's Report – Laura emailed two reports to the Board. Money coming in for annual meeting. Little short on money for specialist award. Currently \$300 from 5 counties. She is getting ready for the annual meeting and membership. Motion to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit by Steve Morgan, seconded by Brian Cresswell. Passed

President Elect's Report – Steve reported he is finalizing the annual meeting details. Meeting with his committee and finalizing details today. Registration will be up on website by 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Registration is going to be \$135. Rooms are \$129 with free breakfast.

Vice-President's Report –Forrest Connelly reported details going fine on Expo. Lucy Ray and Justin with assistance from Trey Gafnea are heading up the cooking. Next year's annual meeting will most likely be in Lake Lanier. Rooms will be \$135. He received 2 nominations each for Junior and Senior specialist awards. Discussion and voting occurred for each award. Junior award will be Jason Duggin. Senior award will be Phillip Brannen. Friend of Extension will be Steve Brown.

Past President's Report – no report

President's Report – Brian shared he will be State JCEP president next year. Is working on JCEP meeting dates. Laura and Brian have been discussing Paypal. It has been difficult to work with in regards to changing emails and passwords. Laura shared what she has been researching. Trying to figure out how to have Square to take checks for annual meeting payment.

#### District Reports

Northeast – Joel Burnsed – no report

Northwest – Paula Burke – 2 ANR update going on this week. Wes Smith and Gary Peiffer retiring and Paula and Steve are working with Rolando and Tim to plan the party.

Southeast – Brooke Jefferies – Jeremy Taylor now in Coffee Co, Ashley Hopper in Liberty Co, Mark Crosby and Joan Milan is retiring.

Southwest – Brian reported Jay Hathorn has left. Filling several positions but names were unknown. Ronnie Barentine is retiring.

State Staff – Phillip Roberts – Regan Nolan is the new corn soybean agronomist. Was not sure of the status of the Cotton position.

GOTCAA Report – Howell shared he is updating mailing labels and will send to Paula to send to the retirees. He is working on the list of memorials. Seven people have passed away this year. Brent Allen will do the memorials at the AM PIC.

Old Business – Paula asked for feedback on the GACAA blog. The group shared positive remarks.

New Business – Laura asked if any of the districts raised their membership dues. District directors need to let Laura know of any changes.

Next Meeting – November 6 at 10:00 am in Columbus.

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 am by Steve Morgan, second by Brian Creswell. Passed