GACAA Annual Meeting

Business Session Minutes

November 17, 2021 – Tifton, GA

The Business Session for GACAA was called to order by Gary Hawkins at 8:30am.

**Official Nominations of Proposed Officers** – It is Northeast District’s turn to nominate a Vice President. Raymond Fitzpatrick nominated Lucy Ray for Vice President. Keith Fielder seconded the nomination. Lucy Ray accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Steve Morgan moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. J. Michael Moore moved to elect Lucy Ray as Vice President by acclimation. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The office of Secretary is being vacated by Carole Knight, who has served her 3-year term. Paula Burke nominated Brooklyn Wassel for the office of Secretary. Hailey Partain seconded the nomination. Brooklyn accepted the nomination. Raymond Fitzpatrick moved to close the nominations and elect Brooklyn by acclimation. Keith Fielder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Secretary’s Report** – Carole Knight - There are copies of the minutes from last year’s business session located on the tables. Keith Fielder made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve. Wade Parker seconded the motion. The motion passes.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Ty Torrance - Balance sheet and current reconciliation were presented to the membership. Ty reviewed income and expenses, as well as investment accounts. Carole Knight made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and file for audit. Steve Morgan seconded. Motion passes.

**NACAA Report** – Report was given by JJ Jones, NACAA Southern Region Director from Oklahoma. Jones shared thoughts and comments about his time at our meeting. Shared information and update from the NACAA. Keith Mickler, NACAA Vice President, also provided comments.

**Committee Reports** – Carole thanked those committee chairs that have submitted their reports. She has not yet received all of those but will send out via email as soon as they are compiled. Keith Fielder made a motion to dispense with the reading of the committee reports. Steve Morgan seconded. The motion passed.

**Association Business** – Scott Carlson is stepping down as Membership Chair. This position is appointed be the President. Ashley Best is appointed as the new Membership Chair. She will work with the District Directors to recruit members and then submit our lists to NACAA. Scott reported yesterday to the board that we are currently at 105 renewed/new members for 2022. We need to hit 175 members to get 4 DSA and 4 AA’s. Educators and Program Assistants can also join. Membership closes at the end of January.

Brenda Jackson announced that GACAA AMPIC 2022 will be in Dalton, GA on November 14-16, 2022.

**Outgoing Committee Chairs** – Justin Hand – Animal Science; Amanda Smith – Ag Economics; Campbell Vaughn – Horticulture; Scott Carlson – Membership; Raymond Fitzpatrick – Public Relations

**Outgoing Senior Directors** – Aubrey Shirley – Southeast; Paula Burke – Northwest; Raymond Fitzpatrick - Northeast

**Memorials** – Eddie Ayers presented the list of memorials from GOTCAA. He led a moment of silence in honor of their memory.

**Installation of Directors –** Wade Parker installed the Directors**.** Junior Directors – Northwest: Hailey Partain, Northeast: Shanna Reynolds, Southeast: Scout Carter, Southwest: Kim Post, State Staff: Ted McAvoy

Senior Directors – Northwest: Melissa Murphy, Northeast: Campbell Vaughn, Southeast: Savannah Tanner, Southwest: James Morgan, State Staff: Laurel Dunn

**Installation of Officers** – Wade Parker installed the 2021-2022 slate of officers. Gary Hawkins (Past President), Ty Torrance (Treasurer), Brooklyn Wassel (Secretary), Lucy Ray (Vice-President), Brenda Jackson (President- Elect), Justin Shealey (President)

Wade Parker was awarded with his President’s plaque since the 2020 GACAA AMPIC was virtual. Carole Knight was awarded a plaque as retiring Secretary. Justin Shealey awarded Gary Hawkins with the Presidents plaque.

**Evaluation** – Carole will be emailing out a Qualtrics survey. Please fill that out so that we can make improvements.

**Announcements** – Justin Shealey invited everyone to stay after the awards presentations for lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.