

National Council Of State Ag Finance Program  
Minutes  
Annual Meeting - Billings, Montana - October 4-7, 2009

The annual business meeting of the National Council of State Ag Finance Program was called to order by Chairman Jeff Ward, Iowa at 8:30 a.m., October 7, 2009.

Attendees were:

Jeff Ward, Iowa	Annette Curl, North Dakota
Wayne Nelson, Communicating for Ag	Bob Humann, North Dakota
Walt Anseth, Montana	Dudley Beyer, Nebraska
Tammy Nebola, Iowa	Tom Silbernagel, North Dakota
David Skinner, Georgia	Lee Boyer, Montana
Eric Reed, Illinois	Cody Richter, South Dakota
Bill McCloskey, Kentucky	Mike Schelske, South Dakota
Mel Rettig, Colorado	Patricia Duffy, Vermont
Tony Stafford, Missouri	Sarah Isham, Vermont

Annual meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Ward from Iowa.

Chairman Jeff Ward handed out the minutes of the 2008 business meeting. Chairman Ward asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none, Tony Stafford, Missouri made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sarah Isham, Vermont. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried

Tony Stafford, Missouri handed out the treasurer's report. Chairman Ward asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none, Annette Curl, North Dakota made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Bill McCloskey, Kentucky. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried.

Jeff asked if the audit of the books looked ok. The audit was done by South Dakota. Mike Schelske, South Dakota, stated that the audit that was done looked ok.

Wayne Nelson, Communicating for Ag, gave a legislative update. Wayne talked about legislation that has passed the House but not the Senate, such as, Cap and Trade Bill, Climate Bill, and Tax Bills (tax extenders and state tax).

Chairman Ward mentioned that 2010 NCOSAFP is tentatively planned to be in Pennsylvania. Details to come.

Chairman Ward handed out the steering committee term schedule, which stated that Iowa and South Dakota were up for re-election. Jeff entertained nominations for Iowa's seat. Lee Boyer, Montana nominated Iowa and South Dakota to be re-elected, seconded by Tony Stafford, Missouri. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ward mentioned the ABA conference in San Antonio November 17 and 18, 2009. Ward asked for anyone who would like to help with the booth at the conference to let him know.

Chairman Ward talked about the recent problems in the Federal Rules that affected the Beginning Farmer Bond Program. The medium sized farm has dropped and we would like to see the rule of the 30% of the median sized farm move to 30% of the average sized farm. Chairman Ward mentioned that FSA is having the same problem with 30% of the median sized farm.

Chairman Ward talked about donating \$4,000.00 to Communicating for Ag, for overseas agricultural programs. Chairman Ward asked for a motion. Tony Stafford, Missouri made a motion to approve, seconded by Annette Curl, North Dakota. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ward made a comment that if there needs to be any changes to the website to let Annette Curl, North Dakota know.

Wayne Thanked everyone for coming to this year's conference.

Chairman Ward thanked Lee Boyer for a great conference. Annette Curl, North Dakota motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tony Stafford, Missouri. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

South Dakota, Secretary, NCOSAFP Steering Committee