

ACT MINUTES
FALL MEETING
Weatherford Community College
September 10, 11-12, 2003
Rob Kinucan, President ACT

ACT Minutes on-line at: www.AgInTexas.org

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
September 15, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The 2003 fall meeting of ACT was called to order by Rob Kinucan (Sul Ross) at 8:30 a.m. on September 11, 2003 at Weatherford Community College in Weatherford, Texas.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Barry Jones and Mike Brown received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2003 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Barry and the staff at Weatherford were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page.

2004 SPRING MEETING: TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY AND TED FORD WILL HOST THE SPRING 2004 MEETING ON APRIL 14-15-16, 2004- TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT APRIL 14

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at Tarleton to assist with the junior college contests. TSU will ask for assistance with the TJCAA contests from other four-year universities. Exams with fifty-item multiple choice questions for the various TJCAA contests are needed. The exams should cover work that would be taught during the freshman and sophomore year. Assignments will be made for the following exams: HORT, AGRO, ANSC, AGECE, AG-MECH, and WILDLIFE. At spring meeting, TJCAA students will also participate in the scrapbook contest, the outstanding student contest, and the outstanding chapter contest. The two outstanding two-year college students will win a \$5000 and \$2500 scholarship from Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Universities may bring a table top display and recruiting brochures to provide to TJCAA students (about 100 students attend). **FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES - BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

SUGGESTED SPRING MEETING FORMAT: The spring meeting will start with a golf tournament on Wednesday afternoon. An informal meal will be held Wednesday night at 7 pm. Thursday morning will start all the meetings and contests for TJCAA. TJCAA and CASA will elect officers Thursday afternoon, and the awards banquet will be Thursday night at 7 pm. ACT will meet Thursday all day. Friday morning will start with the Junior College faculty meeting followed by tours or other interest items. Registration will include a RSVP on numbers for meals, buses, and tours. Specifics will be left to Ted Ford at Tarleton. All attending stated that they would stay for the Friday portion of the ACT meeting.

2004 FALL MEETING: TYLER JR COLLEGE – September 15, 16, 17, 2004

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Spring ACT meeting at Texas State University in San Marcos. Spring minutes were approved. Invoices for 2003/2004 dues were distributed to the member institutions at the fall meeting. Dues will cover from October 1 to August 31 each year with November 1 as the due date. Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (bobyong@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). Two-year college personnel calculate their respective share. ACT dues for TJCAA are \$2000 per year and include all junior colleges or community colleges in Texas teaching agriculture, natural resources, or the life sciences. (ACT universities pay \$500 per year each). At present, ACT has a total of \$27,182.77 in funds with \$16,765.24 at TAMU and \$7,115.75 at Texas Tech University.

HLSR Funding for Graduate Assistants at ACT schools: Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) indicated that HLSR is dropping research funding this year. The graduate assistant funding is now in question. The HLSR education committee is considering changing their budget. A position paper, developed by ACT, will be written with job descriptions and benefits provided by these graduate assistants. Input will be provided by each institution and then solidified for the final draft. One page on benefit to your school, the greater Houston area and the State of Texas must be written. Ten universities receive money for these graduate students. Job descriptions need to have a "tie – in" with HLSR written as a faculty position. Four pages (one summary for jobs, three summary pages). **Marvin Cepica, Chair; Bobby Lane, Rob Kinucan, Gary Briers, Hardin Rahe, Dr. Randall Williams, ESQ is the committee that will develop this summary by October 10, 2003. The report must be completed by December 1, 2003.**

TEXAS NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Dr. Norm Hopper (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 29 -31, 2003 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night, Wednesday, October 29- 6:30 to 8 pm eastern time. Texas Night space will be coordinated by Tom Maynard, and he will try to get it at Executive Inn East or West. Act will purchase two exhibit booth spaces.

TX TECH – Angie Burkes (a.burkes@ttu.edu) – invitations, publicity and response cards
 TARLETON – Alyson Bingham – (bingham@tarleton.edu) -door prizes, brochures, schedule
 TEXAS STATE – Kelly Stone (ks26@txstate.edu) –coordinating booth appearance
 SFA – Emily Younts Paine – (eyounts@sfasu.edu) booth decorations
 TAMU-K – Dr. Randall Williams - (r-williams@tamuk.edu) booth tear down and shipping home
 TAMU – Michael Williams – (mwilliams@tamu.edu) bills, booth reservation, booth furnishings

All members are invited to participate. Each institution is to provide a **ONE SHEET** (front and back) description of their program or one tri-fold. These sheets are on display in the ACT booth. Be sure to send 100 copies to Alyson Bingham at Tarleton. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Alyson. **ACT will continue Texas night at the National FFA convention in Louisville.**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FFA: The MOU was signed by State FFA Executive Director, Tom Maynard, and Marvin Cepica, President of ACT. A copy of the MOU will be available on the Agricultural Consortium of Texas website at <http://www.AgInTexas.org>. The MOU showed the step-by-step process of revising a state CDE. He reminded us that we're going to follow the five-year plan for National CDEs. The next set of changes will be in effect from 2006-2010. The state CDE committee will have a sub-committee for each state CDE.

COMBINED RECRUITING BOOTH : Hardin discussed the need for a combined ACT exhibit booth at Livestock Shows and state conventions. The discussion was not favorable. ACT was also asked to check out the possibility of a presence at the TX counselors and principals' conventions.

CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (c-ewell@tamu.edu) of *Clay Ewell Associates* maintained the ACT web page to include a directory, judging programs, results and statistics of judging contests. Those programs are in addition to the on-line registration for all CDE's. If your school wants to use the on-line registration, please contact Clay. The CDE website has been updated to allow online contestant substitutions. AST's are encouraged to "log in" to the agintexas.com website to update their directory information. Clay has purchased a server, high speed printer, computer and other items needed in order to upkeep the server and provide the judging scoring program in addition to the scan sheets. He is moving the ACT server to a professional commercial server off-campus that has emergency back-up. Users of the scoring programs are reminded to use the most current program located on the ACT web page.

A written agreement will be established between ACT/FFA and *Clay Ewell Associates*. Clay will write the agreement including licensing agreement, service, updating, backups, etc. An FFA/ACT committee shall review the contract before final approval. The committee shall be Don Topliff-Chair, Norm Hopper, Jerome Tymrak, Tom Maynard, Gerald Young and Paul Jordan. *Clay Ewell Associates* will start production and sales of all CDE scan sheets on January 15, 2004. New scan sheets will be available on the ACT web-page and must be ordered from the ACT web-page after the January 15, 2004 date. IMS will discontinue scan sheets sales.

CDE's - Five year cycle. Rotation of CDE Teacher Committee on five-year cycle. Committee will work on changes including what is happening in the industry and at National FFA Contests. All revisions will be implemented in 2006 and not until 2006.

FFA FOUNDATION – The foundation has started a 5 year/15 million dollar campaign.

ACT LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - AGGIE AMBASSADORS – May 20-23, 2003, at Hunt, Texas. Hardin Rahe presented an idea to have a Leadership Conference for TJCAA and CASA officers. Also invited would be Aggie Ambassadors and Aggie REPS from the various universities and colleges. Kelly Stone at Texas State, on behalf of ACT, received a \$20,000 from a donor friend to provide the first annual ACT leadership conference for students in Texas. One hundred students will be invited plus mentors. A HLW Organizational Chart was distributed and discussed. Everyone was excited about the training, but concerned about being able to continue funding after the first year. Registration will be around \$125 per student. Suggestions included having a constant state coordinator for coordination of the Leadership Weekend.

Discussed permanent funding for ACT activities. Hardin suggested that we start an endowment to assist in funding. ACT moved and passed support of this activity. Committee members Hardin Rahe- Chair, Ted Ford, Rob Kinucan, Joe Townsend, Mark Robinson, Tom Maynard and Ralph Ward will work on this idea. ACT would have to charter with the State of Texas for a non-profit organization and would have to have an independent audit for funds. A matching concept for the \$20,000 was discussed. Motion was made and passed to support this event as a ACT program.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004: Officers are President- Rob Kinucan (SRSU); President-elect –Mark Robinson (TVC); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2004 spring meeting, Mark will become the new ACT President. Elections are held at the spring meeting each year.

ACT DIRECTORY: Joe Townsend will provide each institution with a directory. Four-year schools should fax to Joe the 12th day fall enrollment figures for inclusion in the ACT directory. The ACT will be on the ACT web-page.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting. Newly elected officers are: President, Tracy Pearce – SFA, Brad Martin – TX TECH, Tavia Robertson – ACU, Taylor Grey – WTAM and Justin Little – SHSU.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: A committee consisting of Bobby Lane, Don Topliff, Bob Williams, Ed Brokaw, and Bob Young were asked to put together a grant to assist high school counselors and others about the careers available in the world of agriculture and its related sciences. USDA RFP's will not include this type of program for the 2004 school year.

TJCAA/ACT MEMBER SCHOOLS 2002-2003: Last year's members included: Blinn, Central Texas, Cisco, Coastal Bend, Frank Phillips, Houston, Kilgore, South Plains, South West Texas, Texarkana, Trinity Valley, Tyler, Vernon, Weatherford, and Western Texas. All plan to be members in the 2003-2004 year.

TOURS: Weatherford Community College conducted tours to three facilities. First stop was at a Horse Breeding Ranch. The facility includes an enclosed arena and restaurant. We then visited the Texas Cattle Raisers Museum in Ft. Worth. Third, we went to the Miller Brewing Plant that uses barley, hops, water, corn grits and brewer's yeast to produce almost a million gallons of beer a day. The MBP is looking for full-time and interns to hire. Please contact Bill at MBP; his address is on the last page.

TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Distribution of draft of Instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included on the web-page.
2. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and were encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal.
3. The membership of the E Board is complete with the addition of Tina Cade for Texas State. See list below.
4. Carlton Britton announced that this is his last year to serve as the Editor-in-Chief.
5. The Journal is going to an electronic format, and deadlines are April 1 and July 1. Initially, the plan is to publish articles to the web at least twice during the year; the timing depends upon having a critical mass of approved articles.
6. Approved articles are those that have the final approval of the Editor and the lead author of the article.
7. Current page charge of \$50 per page will continue until we develop financial experience with the electronic journal and with the developing higher education funding situation. Page costs for non-ACT members will be double the member costs.
8. Resolving the account payable for publishing the 2001 issue with Automated Graphics Systems (AGS). Received a detailed statement that substantiates the \$10,191.70 invoiced for the 2001 issue of the Journal. ACT paid the remaining \$2,177.10 balance.
9. After discussion of concerns about continued funding provided by Tarleton State University for the part-time Journal secretary position, ACT approved providing \$1800 in funding to come from the page charges.
10. Ashley Lovell (Tarleton State) will be the Editor of the Journal, if he receives clearance from the USDA. He will receive a \$600 honorarium each year. This cost will be paid by the page charges.
11. ACT voted to move all journal articles to Ashley Lovell's web server. He is also responsible for the search engine for the Journal. The server will be housed at Tarleton State University.
12. About 100 copies will be printed for libraries, universities, extension, and authors. Estimated costs are \$8 per copy.

The new web page address is: www.tarleton.edu/~agcntr/TXJANR/TXJournalofAgSelection.htm

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