

**ACT MINUTES**  
**ACT FALL MEETING**  
**TVCC - ATHENS**  
**September 11, 12, & 13, 2002**  
**Marvin Cepica, President ACT**

ACT Minutes on-line at: [www.agintexas.org](http://www.agintexas.org)

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer  
September 20, 2002

**THANKS FOR HOSTING:** Mark Robinson received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2002 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours (Texas Freshwater Fishery Center and the TVCC Ranch), meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Marc and the staff at TVCC were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors. Names and addresses are attached.

**2003 SPRING MEETING:** SWT - San Marcos -Hardin Rhae as host on April 9, 10, & 11. **SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS:** Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting to attend the TX CASA meeting. SWT may need some assistance with the junior college contests. SWT will ask for assistance with the TJCAA contests from other four-year universities. Exams with one hundred-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, 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. Bring recruiting brochures to provide to TJCAA students (about 100 students attend). **BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES (worth about \$25/35) FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

**BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** ACT President Marvin Cepica (TECH) called The Fall meeting of ACT to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2002 at ATVV.

**MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT:** Spring 2002 ACT meeting minutes at TAMU-K and the Treasurers Report were distributed. It has been noted that under the 2002 spring meeting section of the minutes, the word "fifty" has been struck and the words "one hundred" have been added so that the minutes read "Exams with one hundred-item multiple choice questions..." Also noted, "AG-MECH" has been removed from the list of exams. The minutes were then approved. The treasurers Report was read by Marvin Cepica (TECH) as noted on the agenda. Currently ACT has \$20,555 in funds at TAMU and \$6966.42 at Texas Tech University creating a total of \$27521.42.

**A college enrollment sheet was passed around to record all college enrollment figures. Please send to Joe Townsend (TAMU) your official 12<sup>th</sup> day enrollment figures before October 1, 2002.**

**OPENING SESSION: Noon, September 11, 2002**

The meeting opened with a luncheon and welcoming comments from Trinity Valley Community College President, Mr. Ron Baugh followed by remarks from Jerry King, Dean of Instruction. After the luncheon, ACT representatives in attendance presented institutional updates to the membership. After this session, a tour showcasing the local area was conducted. The opening session included a dinner with presentations from Rachel Parker (Ag Workers Insurance – sponsor of evening meal) and Aaron Alejandro, Executive Director, Texas FFA Foundation.

Aaron Alejandro, (aaronffa@hotmail.com), discussed the possibility of all of the Ag Ed Alumni socials scheduled at the 2003 AgriScience Teachers Professional Development meeting to be held at one facility in Wichita Falls. Jimmy Cooper (Owner/Supervisor) of Graham Central Station has offered his facility in hosting all interested alumni groups during the Teacher's Conference this coming July. The facility would allow groups to meet individually while housing everyone in one location, decreasing the cost per meal for those that may choose to serve one. They can provide separate arrangements for each venue. Mr. Cooper is also willing to work with local caterers who can provide meals at the most reasonable cost. Graham Central Station is a 32,00 square foot facility with five separate areas under one roof. With a total attendance of 500 or more, there would be no charge to use the facility. This venue could provide a unique social and networking opportunity for this year's convention. Various business sessions/meals/socials could be arranged for each alumni group with a large place for all to gather for social time after individual alumni events have concluded. Please inform all agricultural education faculty at your respective institutions regarding this opportunity. Additional information will be forthcoming through VATAT or TEA.

**NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:** The National FFA Convention will be held October 30 to November 1, for 2002 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night, October 30, for the Texas students attending. Dr. Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) passed out report and summary of responsibilities as prepared by Angie Burkes (TX TECH).

- ?? Booth Deco: Bobby Lane (SHSU) noted booth decorations/backdrop should be updated with equal representation of all colleges and universities. Angie Burkes (TECH) will contact SHSU about current decorations.
- ?? Texas Night: The TX night Reception move from Executive INN to Holiday Inn Airport East was discussed. Liability became an issue in transporting students (FFA Delegates) from one hotel to another. One option brought up was to secure a shuttle or rental bus. Angie Burkes will investigate alternatives and discuss the issue with Dale Crabtree of the National FFA Convention and will make arrangements accordingly.

**BILL FOR TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:**

A discrepancy regarding the printing invoice amount was discussed and a printing invoice memo from Ashley Lovell was passed around. Discussion – how much should we pay the publisher? Hardin Rahe (SWT) moved and Randal Williams (TAMU-K) seconded to authorize to pay the minimum amount owed (\$8014.87 total). The motion Carried and Joe will pay AGS \$5588.87 (\$2462 has been previously paid). **Agenda item for spring meeting: How are copies of Texas Journal of Ag and Natural Resources distributed, and to whom? What is the minimum number of printed copies needed? What copy specifications should be met in the future?**

## ON LINE – TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The recommendation to begin an on-line e-journal version of the Texas Journal Of Agriculture and Natural Resources was discussed. It was moved by Bobby Lane (SHSU) to create the electronic e-journal in PDF format and to allocate Joe Townsend \$1000 to hire a student(s) to create the archives on-line. The motion passed. Marvin Cepica (TECH) encouraged all colleges and universities to solicit manuscripts in order to support the journal. All manuscripts should be sent to associate editors to correct and check articles for proper format before sending to Carlton Britton (TECH) to be reviewed for publication.

**CDE’S AND MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING:** Discussion of the Memo of Understanding occurred. The main purpose of the memo is to outline the partnership between Texas FFA and the ACT. Discussion about the memo include:

- ?? Section 7, Letter G: MEMO asks for open financial records. Concern for ACT schools centers around contests being provided at current cost. Costs are estimated to be much more than current entry fee amounts. It was decided to strike language in this section. ACT will make recommendations and prepare an unofficial budget for the FFA board.
- ?? Section 7, Letter J: Add “for state contests”
- ?? Section 5, Letter A: strike “does not expire”
- ?? Section 5, Letter B strike “access” and add asses

Committee #1 was formed to edit the memo draft, and suggest changes to characterize the “partnership” discussed in the memo. The committee consists of Marvin Cepica (TECH), Hardin Rhae (SWT), and Joe Townsend (TAMU).

Committee #2 was formed to develop a list of contest expenditures. This committee consists of: Bobby Lane (SHSU) and Don Topliff (WTAMU). Committee will utilize other contest providers for various needed figures.

Randall Williams (TAMU-K) moved to investigate having an ACT representative on the Texas FFA Association Board of Directors advisory committee. Ed Brockehoff seconded the motion and it passed.

### **ACT DUES:**

All statements were mailed out and are due October 1, 2002. **TCU RANCH PROGRAM:** ACT welcomed Jeff Geider and Bryan Vasseur from TCU. TCU joined ACT and became dues paying members.

### **SPRING MEETING 2003:**

April 9, 10, & 11 - SWT

### **FALL MEETING 2002:**

September 10, 11, & 12 - Weatherford

**Adjourned 10:30 a.m.**

**Remember to write your thank-you letters!**

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**AGRICULTURAL CONSORTIUM OF TEXAS  
MEETINGS**

**FALL**

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 1978 SUL ROSS  
 1979 SAM HOUSTON  
 1980 TEXAS TECH  
 1981 EAST TEXAS  
 1982 WEST TEXAS  
 1983 ASU  
 1984 SWT  
 1985 TEXAS A&I  
 1986 SFA  
 1987 TEXAS TECH  
 1988 WEST TEXAS  
 1989 SAM HOUSTON  
 1990 SWT  
 1991 SUL ROSS  
 1992 TAMU  
 1993 ACU  
 1994 TSU  
 1995 PVAMU  
 1996 TAMU-C  
 1997 TAMU-K  
 1998 TAMU  
 1999 KILGORE  
 2000 BLINN  
 2001 HOUSTON CC  
 2002 TRINITY VALLEY CC  
 2003 – WEATHERFORD – SEPT 10,11,12  
 2004 – TYLER JR. COLLEGE - SEPT  
 2005  
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**SPRING**

1978 NO MEETING  
 1979 NO MEETING  
 1980 NO MEETING  
 1981 SWT  
 1982 SHSU  
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 1984 SHSU  
 1985 AUSTIN  
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 1987 AUSTIN  
 1988 HLSR  
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 1991 SALE  
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 1997 WTAMU  
 1998 SFA  
 1999 TX TECH  
 2000 SUL ROSS  
 2001 SFA  
 2002 TAMU-K  
 2003 SWT – APRIL 9,10, 11  
 2004 TSU – APRIL  
 2005 SAM HOUSTON  
 2006 WTAMU  
 2007 ACU  
 2008 TAMU  
 2009 ASU  
 2010 PVAMU  
 2011 TAMU-C

FALL - FACULTY ONLY MEETINGS FROM NOON TO NOON

SPRING - FACULTY AND TJCAA STUDENT CONTESTS/MEETINGS