

**ACT MINUTES**  
***SPRING MEETING***  
**Angelo State University**  
**April 2, 2009**  
**DOUG PIERCE, President ACT**

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

Submitted by Ed Brokaw - ACT Secretary, July 6, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 2009 Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by Doug Pierce (Blinn) at 9:08 am. on April 2, 2009 at Angelo State. Attendees introduced themselves to the group. Stanley Kelley moved that the Minutes be approved as posted. Second by Ted Ford. Approved.

**THANKS FOR HOSTING:** **Brian May** (Angelo State) received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2009 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors. Special thanks to Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance for sponsoring a portion of the conference.

**2009 FALL MEETING: TRACY STEWART (TSTEWART@PARISJC.EDU)**  
**AND PARIS JUNIOR COLLEGE COLLEGE WILL HOST THE SPRING MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23-24-25, 2009;**

**TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009:**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Norm Hopper (TX TECH) Treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report. ACT has \$46,183.27 as of March 26, 2009. Dues will cover from October 1 to August 31 each year with November 1 as the due date. All monies are kept at Texas Tech University.

Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (bobyoun@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). ACT dues for TJCAA were reduced from \$2000 per year to \$1000 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).

**ACT OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010:** Officers are President- Brian May (ASU); President-elect – Dale Perritt (SFA), Secretary – Ed Brokaw (ACU); /Treasurer-Norm Hopper (TXTECH). Elections are held at the spring meeting each year and officers assume their roles following the spring meeting.

**ACT TOURS:** A Beef Packing tour was included.

**TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** – Doug Pierce expressed appreciation to ACT and Ralph Ward- MacMillan Foundation for their support for the TJCAA scholarships. Norm Hopper also expressed ACT's appreciation to Ralph for the continued support of the MacMillan Foundation for the scholarship awards.

**TEXAS RECRUITING BOOTH AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:** Rachel Bobbitt (TX TECH) reported on the National FFA Convention Booth. She passed around pictures of the booth. Each student had been given packets with each school's information. Contact information on 250 students has been sent to each institution. A drawing for the scholarship was conducted which included the names of 125 seniors. Jerod Klapp from Oakville, Illinois was the winner. A letter was sent but no response has been received. A reminder letter will be used as a follow up. In order to clarify intention of ACT Stanley Kelley moved that the award winner must enroll in an ACT institution by the fall semester following the convention. Second by Ted Ford. Passed. Funding would be sent directly to the institution where student enrolls. Estimated cost for the booth was \$3000. It has been reserved for next year. A motion to continue having the booth was made by Stanley Kelley. Passed. More action items will be shared at the fall meeting. It was recommended that we increase the number of packets to 300. Rachel was authorized to have ACT bags made to use for packets. David Kercheval volunteered to haul stuff to the convention for us. Appreciation was expressed to Rachel for her hours of effort on our behalf.

**AG WORKERS:** David Kercheval brought greetings from Ag Workers and expressed their dedication to helping us because of their belief in Agriculture Education. They are always glad to speak to graduating classes. It will never be just a commercial but they will plug their organization.

**CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION:** Clay Ewell ([clayewell@gmail.com](mailto:clayewell@gmail.com)) of *Clay Ewell Educational Services (CEES)* maintains the ACT web page to include the ACT brochure and minutes. The webpage the Online AST Directory, the CDE registration system, CDE scoring system, and online CDE results system. Everybody is encouraged to sign in to [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) to update their directory information.

**TEXAS FFA:** Tom Maynard reported that FFA membership is stable. Thirteen new chapter application are being processed. An affiliation fee concept is being explored. Demographic data indicates the organization is predominately white. Issues and barriers to minorities are being examined. Tom state that this issue should be a concern for ACT institution assuming that if they don't get in FFA they probably won't get into our program either. However percentage of membership that go on to study agriculture is declining. State FFA Convention will be held at the Dallas Convention Center. He asked that ACT members who attend to please use the housing block since that is how Dallas counts economic impact.

We are getting close to new CDE cycle. National pushed theirs back a year. It is hoped to be able to incorporate national curriculum standards but doesn't know what that may mean until we know the national time line. Changes expected include adding goats and taking out grading. Need input from experts on campuses as teachers sometimes get wrapped up in FFA world and are out of touch with rest of the world. President Doug Pierce suggested ACT form a committee to carry our concerns to the CDE committee. He appointed Ted Ford, Stanley Kelley and Don Topliff to represent ACT.

**HLSR ASSISTANTSHIPS:** The money has been received for current year. Names for next year are need by May 1. Questions of eligibility were clarified. Candace Sigust is the new contact person at HLSR. Don Topliff moved we invite her to meeting, second by Ted Ford. Motion passed. Ted Ford moved that we fund her travel, second by Don Topliff. Motion passed.

**TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – David Kattes, Tarleton** <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr> Also on [agintexas.org](http://www.agintexas.org) webpage.

Nineteen articles are currently in the review process. Finding reviewers for articles is a perennial problem. Reviewers are needed for ten of the articles. Eight are at the second revision stage of the process. Ten articles were in the 08 volume. A few have not paid fees which can now be paid by credit card through the Tarleton cashiers office. Currently the journal account has approximately \$9000.

Prarie View A&M has not paid their dues and a motion was made by Stanley Kelley that a letter be sent to them stating that we are cleaning our data base and this is your last chance to pay dues to be included in the organization. It was suggested it be a formal letter from the President stating the dues are delinquent and stating a deadline for payment after which they would be remove from the membership list and the web site. The motion was seconded by Ted Ford. Motion passed. A question was raised about PVAMU still being able to publish in the journal. It was affirmed thay they could still publish but if dues are not paid they would have to pay paged charges assessed for nonmembers.

A new associate editor from TAMU will need to be appointed.

Ms. Jessica Richmond continues as the secretary for the Journal. Her telephone is 254.968.9927 and email address is [jhrichmond@tarleton.edu](mailto:jhrichmond@tarleton.edu). The Journal is located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/> and instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included near the bottom of the page located at <http://www.agintexas.org>.

**HOSTING DATES:** A motion was made to move PVAMU to 2012 and Sul Ross up to 2011 pending contact with PVAMU to determine if they wish to continue their participation.

Institutional reports were given by institutional representatives.

Barry Jones presented the Junior College report. Next year the convention will be held at Commerce. They will visit in January to help set for it.

The host of the fall meeting in 2010 will be MCC in Waco on the second week in **September 8, 9, & 10.**

They currently have 19 paying members in their organization.

**AGRICULTURAL CONSORTIUM OF TEXAS  
MEETINGS**

**FALL**

1977 FORT WORTH  
1978 SUL ROSS  
1979 SAM HOUSTON  
1980 TEXAS TECH  
1981 EAST TEXAS  
1982 WTAMU  
1983 ASU  
1984 TEXAS STATE  
1985 TAMUK  
1986 SFA  
1987 TEXAS TECH  
1988 WEST TEXAS  
1989 SAM HOUSTON  
1990 TEXAS STATE  
1991 SUL ROSS  
1992 TAMU  
1993 ACU  
1994 TSU  
1995 PVAMU  
1996 TAMUC  
1997 TAMUK  
1998 TAMU  
1999 KILGORE  
2000 BLINN  
2001 HOUSTON CC  
2002 TRINITY VALLEY  
2003 WEATHERFORD  
2004 TYLER JC  
2005 FRANK PHILLIPS  
2006 COASTAL BEND  
2007 TEXARKANA  
2008 ODESSA - SEPT 10, 11, 12  
2009 TOMBALL - SEPT 9, 10, 11  
2010 MCC - SEPT 8, 9, 10  
2011 *Ncte*  
2012

**SPRING**

1978 NO MEETING  
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1981 TEXAS STATE  
1982 SHSU  
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1984 SHSU  
1985 AUSTIN  
1986 AUSTIN  
1987 AUSTIN  
1988 HLSR  
1989 HLSR  
1990 HLSR  
1991 SALE  
1992 HLSR  
1993 AUSTIN  
1994 FT. WORTH  
1995 AUSTIN  
1996 ASU  
1997 WTAMU  
1998 SFA  
1999 TX TECH  
2000 SUL ROSS  
2001 SFA  
2002 TAMUK  
2003 TEXAS STATE  
2004 TSU  
2005 SAM HOUSTON  
2006 WTAMU  
2007 ACU  
2008 TAMU  
2009 ASU - APRIL 8, 9, 10  
2010 TAMUC - APRIL 7, 8, 9  
2011 SUL ROSS - APRIL 6, 7, 8  
2012 PVAMU - APRIL 4, 5, 6  
2013 TX TECH - APRIL 10, 11, 12