

**ACT MINUTES**  
**ACT SPRING MEETING**  
**TAMU - KINGSVILLE**  
**April 3, 4 & 5, 2002**  
**DALE PERRITT, President ACT**

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

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer  
April 12, 2002

**THANKS FOR HOSTING:** Randall Williams received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2002 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours (John Deere, UT Marine Science Institute, and the TAMU Shrimp Mariculture Research Center), meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Randall and the staff at TAMU-K were excellent hosts. Dr. Kay Clayton, President of TAMU-K was also on hand to welcome us to Kingsville. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors.

**2002 FALL MEETING: TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MARC ROBINSON WILL HOST THE FALL 2002 MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2002.**

**\*TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP ON SEPTEMBER 11, STARTING AT 2 PM.**

**\*THE ACT MEETING WILL START WITH LUNCH ON THURSDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**\*ENDS WITH BUSINESS MEETING ON FRIDAY MORNING IS OVER.**

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**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 at SWT to assist with the junior college contests. SWT 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, 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 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by President Dale Perritt (SFA) at 8:30 a.m. on April 4, 2002 at TAMU-K.

**MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT:** Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Fall ACT meeting at HCC. Fall minutes were approved. Invoices for 2002/2003 dues will be distributed to the member institutions at our Fall meeting. Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email

([youngr@kilgore.cc.tx.us](mailto:youngr@kilgore.cc.tx.us)). Bob Young and the two-year colleges personnel calculate their respective share. ACT dues for TJCAA are \$2000 per year and includes 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 \$17,347.02 in funds at TAMU and \$6806.05 at Texas Tech University.

**TEXAS NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:** Dr. Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on 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. Angie Burkes (TX TECH) will coordinate these activities in cooperation with Ivy DeSimone (SWT), Sara Kocurek (TAMU-K, [ksslk01@tamuk.edu](mailto:ksslk01@tamuk.edu)), Sheyenne Krysher (SHSU, [stdsxk@shsu.edu](mailto:stdsxk@shsu.edu)), Bobby Waddell (TSU, [wadell@tarleton.edu](mailto:wadell@tarleton.edu)), Emily Younts (SFA, [eyounts@sfasu.edu](mailto:eyounts@sfasu.edu)) and Joe Townsend (TAMU, [jtownsend@tamu.edu](mailto:jtownsend@tamu.edu)). National FFA Convention assignments are:

- TX TECH – invitations and publicity for Texas Night
- SFA – Texas night decorations
- TSU – door prizes, brochures and booth working schedule
- SWT – reservations and arrangements for Texas night
- TAMU-K – booth tear down and shipping home
- SHSU – booth arrangements
- TAMU – pay the bills and booth reservation

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 bring 200 copies to Joe Townsend at our fall meeting. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Joe OR bring the prizes to the fall meeting. Prizes will be given to students at Texas Night activities. **It was moved and seconded that we continue Texas night at the National FFA convention in Louisville and that ACT purchase two booth spaces.**

**TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:** Dr. Carlton Britton (TX TECH) is the Manuscript Editor and Dr. Ashley Lovell (TSU) is the Managing Editor. The cost per page is \$50/page for the 2002 edition. ACT is very proud of our Journal. It takes people like Dr. Britton and Dr. Lovell, with support of their staff and university to produce a quality product. There is an effort to get our journal on the Internet. Each editor is given a \$300 honorarium each year. Be sure to encourage faculty at each member institution to submit manuscripts to: Dr. Carlton Britton, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2125. See the Journal for style and directions. Each campus has an associate editor whose job is to encourage manuscripts. Joe Townsend (TAMU) is to check on getting our Journal on-line for the future, and all past TJAR journals. One copy of each journal is being sent to Joe from TAMU-K.

**CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION:** Clay Ewell ([c-ewell@tamu.edu](mailto:c-ewell@tamu.edu)) of Ewell Associates has improved our 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.

**CDE'S AND CHANGING RULES OF CONTESTS:** ACT voted that a meeting will be held at **10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2002 in Austin.** Discussion will be about finding a suitable time rotation for changes of FFA CDE rules. Universities and teachers are having trouble when the rules are changed each year, or sometimes twice in one year.

**CDE'S AND PAYING EWELL ASSOCIATES:** This will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for May 22 in Austin. ACT agreed that the end-user should help cover the expenses of the contests. There was not total agreement on the Area FFA costs and collection of Area fees for CDE's. A motion was passed to contact the State FFA to ask about a Lone Star Honorary State FFA degree for Clay.

**UNIVERSITY/COLLEGES AT STATE FFA CONVENTION:** ACT purchases a page in the convention program for \$300 to show our support for the FFA. The page will represent all member institutions within the State of Texas. Each year about 5 to 6 thousand students attend the State convention and over 30,000 attend the National Convention. Future sites for the FFA conventions are: 2002 - Fort Worth, 2003 – Houston; 2004 – Fort Worth; 2005 - Lubbock.

**ACT OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002:** Officers are President- Marvin Cepica (Texas Tech); President elect- Rob Kinucan (SRSU); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2002 Spring meeting, Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) became the new ACT President. Elections are held at the Spring meeting each year. In San Marcos, ACT will elect a new President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

**POSSIBLE KELLOGG GRANT:** Report by M. Pina (TAMU). Another idea was to support a college level general agriculture course that would be used to help non-traditional agriculture students learn about the opportunities available in the industry. New course should be planned by a committee composed of Joe Townsend (TAMU), Hardin Rahe (SWT), Bobby Williams (TAMU-C), Manuel Pina (TAMU), and Marc Robinson (TVCC.) ACT should apply for a common course number and that to write the material so that the course could be counted in on the core curriculum. Course should center around food, fiber, natural resources, biotechnology, to try to get it to count as a social science or humanities. Hardin discussed the new initiatives to be hopefully sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation. Suggestions centered on new three-hour course to help others understand the range of Agriculture and the Natural Resources. Members voted for M. Pina to “go for it” to try to secure funding.

**ACT FOLLOW-UP:** Joe Townsend (TAMU) shared that ACT should try to develop a survey for graduates every 5 years. Idea was to set-up web site for follow-up tied to agintexas.org. Start with freshmen using web-page to update information and encourage students to update each year to get them in the habit; therefore, when they graduate, the hope is that they would update their information each year.

**ACT DIRECTORY:** Joe Townsend will provide each institution with a directory. Four-year schools should fax to Joe the 12<sup>th</sup> day enrollment figures for inclusion in the ACT directory. Bring your numbers to the ACT in Athens this Fall. We will also try to establish the directory on the ACT web-page.

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS:** Item to be included in Fall ACT meeting. Bring materials to share and be ready to discuss “what works” at your school.

**TCU RANCH PROGRAM:** ACT welcomed Jeff Geider and Bryan Vasseur from TCU. TCU was encouraged to join ACT and to become dues paying members.

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**CDE DATES FOR 2002-2003:**

TEXAS TECH - AREA FFA April 6, 2003; State FFA April 20, 2003

TEXAS A&M – 4-H District March 23, 2003; AREA 3/7 April 6, 2003; State FFA April 27, 2003

**ACT SPRING MEETING  
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**AGRICULTURAL CONSORTIUM OF TEXAS  
MEETINGS**

**FALL**

1977 FORT WORTH  
 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 SEPT 11,12,13  
 2003 – WEATHERFORD – SEPT  
 2004  
 2005  
 2006  
 2007  
 2008  
 2009  
 2010

**SPRING**

1978 NO MEETING  
 1979 NO MEETING  
 1980 NO MEETING  
 1981 SWT  
 1982 SHSU  
 1983 SWT  
 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 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