

ACT MINUTES
ACT SPRING MEETING
SWT – SAN MARCOS
April 10-11-12, 2003
MARVIN CEPICA, President ACT

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

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

ACT, TJCAA, CASA: Total conference attendance 137 including 33 faculty and 104 students.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Hardin Rahe, Kelly Stone, and Kelly Harris received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2002 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Hardin and the staff at SWT were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors. A special thanks to Drs. Lon Shell, Carl Igo and Greg Pollard for the great meal on the SWT ranch. Others helping were Darron Hubertus, Jeremy Vojacek, Jeremy Garza, Steven Aranda, Gilbert Castro, David Gantt, Kim Deolloz, Stephen Frei, Amy Trammell, Nash Nichols, Zack Kennedy, Bridgette Tomas, Holly Baker, Mindy Weth, Sarah Brown, Matt Crownover, JP Bach and Katie Marshall.

2003 FALL MEETING: WEATHERFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BARRY JONES WILL HOST THE FALL 2003 MEETING.

- * **DATE: SEPTEMBER 10-11-12, 2003**
- * **TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, STARTING AT 2 PM.**
- * **BARRY JONES MUST KNOW NUMBERS BY JUNE 1ST.**
- * **ACT MEETING STARTS WITH LUNCH ON THURSDAY THE 11TH**
- * **ENDS WHEN BUSINESS MEETING IS OVER ON FRIDAY MORNING.**

2004 SPRING MEETING: TSU - STEPHENVILLE –Ted Ford as host on April 14-15-16, 2004.

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at TSU 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, 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). **BRING TWO DOOR PRIZES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

SUGGESTED SPRING MEETING FORMAT: Spring meeting will start with golf tournament on the Wednesday afternoon preceding our formal meetings. A general meal will be held Wednesday night and will be informal. 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. ACT will meet Thursday all day. Friday morning will start with the Junior College faculty meeting followed by tours or other interest items.

CALL TO ORDER: The 2003 Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by Marvin Cepica (TX TECH) at 8:30 a.m. on April 4, 2002 at SWT.

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 2003/2004 dues will be distributed to the member institutions at our Fall meeting. Dues will cover from September 1 to August 31 each year with October 1 as the due date. Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email (bobyoun@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 \$20,188 at TAMU and \$6994.77 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 29 to November 1, for 2003 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night for the Texas students attending. Angie Burkes (TX TECH) will coordinate these activities in cooperation with the following:

- 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 and decorations
- TAMU – pay the bills, booth reservation, room 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. **ACT will continue Texas night at the National FFA convention in Louisville and that ACT purchase two booth spaces.**

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>. Tom distributed a CDE revision timeline sheet which 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.

STATE FFA CONVENTION: Tom discussed the exhibit booth for the State FFA Convention. If ACT members wish to have a booth at the State FFA Convention, contact the State FFA office.

AASCARR/APS Joint Meeting by Bobby Lane

The non-land grant senior colleges of ACT are all members of The American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources. Board members of AASCARR meet annually in early March in Washington D.C. with Representatives from the Academic Programs Section of NASULGC. At the 2003 meeting, the draft NAREEE report sponsored by the USDA was represented. That report omitted data from the AASCARR institutions. The reasons for this were not given. Danny Britt, President of AASCARR, submitted a letter to the chief administrator, expressing concern regarding this omission and that we had limited opportunity to have input to the report. Marvin reported that this letter was well received by the administrator. Also, changes are currently underway within AASCARR. The board recently decided unanimously to discontinue our long-standing relationship with AASCU. AASCU has provided our advocacy support in Washington for several years. In light of our recent involvement with the Board on Ag and the Budget and Advocacy (B & A) Committee within APS, AASCARR is going to have to contribute financially to that effort. The board feels that our dollars are best invested with the B & A committee due to the size and strength of the lobbying effort. Consequently, board members decided to discontinue our contract with AASCU this June. Marvin also reported that junior and community colleges have representation on the USDA Advisory Board (NAREEE) and that USDA is finally putting much focus on workforce development issues that affect all of us.

CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (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. The CDE website has been updated to allow online contestant substitutions starting this fall. ASTs are encouraged to "log in" to the AgInTexas website to update their directory information. Clay is trying to move the ACT server where it would have emergency power when needed. This year, College Station and all of our Area lost electricity which slowed contest tabulation across the state. Users of the scoring programs are reminded to use the most current located on the ACT web page. Using old scoring programs would be like moving back to first version of Word. The software is getting better, but you must use the most current program. Also, ACT needs to think about buying its own server, so the number of problems showing up with a shared server, can be decreased. At present, Glen Shinn (TAMU) allows ACT to keep all of the ACT information on the TAMU AGED server.

FFA FOUNDATION – Aaron Alejandro reported that the foundation has started a 5 year/15 million dollar campaign. ACT members are invited to the reception to be held at the AG Science teacher's state conference in Wichita Falls in late July.

AGGIE AMBASSADORS – Hardin Rahe and Kelly Stone 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. It was moved and passed to give Kelly at SWT permission to contact S.A.L.E. on behalf of ACT to solicit funds to host the first annual conference for students in Texas.

FUNDING ACT – 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, Ted Ford, Rob Kinucan, Joe Townsend, Mark Robinson 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.

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. Bring your numbers to the ACT in Weatherford this Fall. We will also try to establish the directory on the ACT web-page.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting. Officers usually also meet at the Fall 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.

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.

TJCAA/ACT MEMBER SCHOOLS FOR 2003-2004: Includes all the above list except for Frank Phillips and Coastal Bend. All community colleges that teach agriculture transfer courses are encouraged to become members.

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 2003 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 was received from Duane Gardiner at TAMUK.

EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT

Spring Meeting
SWT University
April 12, 2003

The Editorial Board (E Board) met from 8:30-9:30 with the following Board members attending: Foy Mills, Alfred Parks, Tina Cade, Dale Perritt, Robert Kinucan, Randall Williams, Carlton Britton and Ashley Lovell.

Agenda items included:

1. Distribution of draft of Instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines (Britton and Lovell provided similar drafts, to be consolidated) - board members are requested to forward comments to Britton and Lovell.
2. Reviewed a draft of Responsibilities of Texas Journal of Agriculture and Natural Resources Personnel, emphasizing the role of the Associate Editors. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and were encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal as a publication outlet.
3. The membership of the E Board is complete with the addition of Tina Cade for SWT and the mailing list was updated.
4. Carlton Britton announced that this is his last year to serve as the Editor-in-Chief and encouraged individuals who are interested in this position to apply.
5. Since the Journal is going to an electronic format, a publication schedule was discussed. In the near term, 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-in-Chief and the lead author of the article.
7. The Board discussed page charges and decided that the current page charge of \$50 per page should continue until we develop financial experience with the electronic journal and with the developing higher education funding situation.

Issues submitted for ACT Board action included:

1. Resolving the account payable for publishing the 2001 issue with Automated Graphics Systems (AGS). The Editorial Board recommended that the ACT Board approve an attorney (preferably a TAMUS attorney) providing a letter to AGS. The letter is to request a detailed statement that substantiates the \$10,191.70 invoiced for the 2001 issue of the Journal and copies of amounts approved by Carlton Britton. Furthermore, the ACT Board is requested to provide Carlton Britton and Ashley Lovell with authority to review the AGS response and to pay any addition amount of the remaining \$2,177.10 balance that is justified.
2. After discussion of concerns about continued funding provided by Tarleton State University for the part-time Journal secretary position, the Editorial Board discussed the concept that ACT consider providing matching funding to keep the position. This position was presented to the ACT Board, which agreed to consider it at the September ACT 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 10,11,12
 2004 – TYLER JR. COLLEGE - SEPT
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FALL - FACULTY ONLY MEETINGS FROM NOON TO NOON

SPRING - FACULTY AND TJCAA STUDENT CONTESTS/MEETINGS