

ACT MINUTES
SPRING MEETING
Tarleton State University
April 14, 15, 16, 2004
Rob Kinucan, President ACT

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

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
April 16, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: The 2004 fall meeting of ACT was called to order by Rob Kinucan (Sul Ross) at 9:30 a.m. on April 14, 2004 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Ted Ford received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2004 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Ted, the staff at Tarleton were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page.

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

2005 SPRING MEETING: SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND BOBBY LANE WILL HOST THE SPRING 2004 MEETING ON APRIL 13-14-15, 2005- TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT APRIL 13

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. Sam Houston 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 tabletop 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 “get together” and pizza will be held Wednesday night at 7 pm. Thursday morning will start all the meetings and contests for TJCAA at 9 a.m. 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 be on the ACT webpage and will include a RSVP on numbers for contests, meals, buses, and tours. Specifics will be left to Bobby Lane at Sam Houston. All attending stated that they would stay for the Friday portion of the ACT meeting.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Spring ACT meeting at Weatherford College in Weatherford. Fall minutes were approved. 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 \$27,347.21 in funds with \$20,231.46 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 changing their budget. A position paper, developed by ACT, was written with job descriptions and benefits provided by these graduate assistants. Input was provided by each institution and solidified for the final draft. Ten universities receive money for these graduate students. **Marvin Cepica, Chair; Bobby Lane, Rob Kinucan, Gary Briers, Hardin Rahe, and Dr. Randall Williams is the committee that developed the summary.**

TEXAS NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Angie Burkes (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 27 -30, 2004 in Louisville, KY. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth and Texas Night, Wednesday, October 27 - 6:30 to 8 pm eastern time. Texas Night space will be coordinated by Tom Maynard. Act will purchase two exhibit booth spaces. Dr. Randall Williams moved that we continue with the combined booth and Texas Night at the National FFA convention. The motion was seconded and passed.

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 – Hardin Rahe (cr21@txstate.edu) –coordinating booth appearance
 SFA – Emily Payne – (emilypayne816@yahoo.com) 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.**

AG IN THE CLASSROOM – PARTNERSHIP WITH FARM BUREAU. Hardin Rahe suggested that ACT develop a partnership with Farm Bureau to spread the AG in the Classroom information to schools in their areas. Discussion centered around “participation by all” is necessary to provide the program. This program will be part of the total Ag Ambassadors program. Next step is to determine the level of support from ACT and Hardin's response to Farm Bureau. A “white paper” will be developed, approved by ACT and then taken to Farm Bureau. Hardin will lead this project. Members of this committee are Hardin Rahe- Chair, Ted Ford, Rob Kinucan, Joe Townsend, Mark Robinson, Tom Maynard and Ralph Ward will work on this idea. Hardin and Mark will take this idea to Farm Bureau.

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.

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. All users are encouraged to "log in" to the judgingcard.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 has moved 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.

RESOLUTION: ACT is pleased with and supports the continued use of the programs and services offered by Ewell and Associates. ACT recommends continued their use for Texas FFA CDE events.

Discussion included a draft of a written contract/agreement between ACT/FFA and Clay Ewell and Associates. The agreement will include licensing agreement, service, updating, backups, etc. An FFA/ACT committee shall review the contract before final approval. ACT recommended that the MOU (instead of a legal binding contract) that ACT signed last meeting be used. ACT institutions did not want to sign a legal binding contract about contests since ACT reps cannot sign a legal document for their institutions.

A committee composed of Don Topliff-Chair, Norm Hopper, Jerome Tymrak, Tom Maynard, Gerald Young and Paul Jordan will continue the discussions. Clay Ewell and Associates started sales of all CDE scan sheets on January 15, 2004. New scan sheets are available on the JUDGINGCARD.COM web-page and must be ordered from the web-page after the January 15, 2004 date. IMS discontinued 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 – This activity is "on-hold" until Hardin Rahe can finalize the 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. 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 we be around \$125 per student. Suggestions included having a constant state coordinator for coordination of the Leadership Weekend.

PERMANENT FUNDING FOR ACT - Also discussed were ways to provide 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 scheduled for summer 2005.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005: Officers are President- Mark Robinson (TVCC); President-elect –Hardin Rahe (Texas State); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2005 spring meeting, Hardin will become the new ACT President. Elections are held at the spring meeting each year.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting. Newly elected officers are:

Chair, Michell Gorhum –TX TECH, sweetraider7@hotmail.com

Co-Chairs

Amanda Beckford, WEST TEXAS, aj-beckford@yahoo.com

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TJCAA OFFICERS - Newly elected officers are:

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TJCAA/ACT MEMBER SCHOOLS 2003-2004: 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 2004-2005 year.

TOURS:

Wildcat Dairy – 2200 cows with a \$850,000 seventy-two cow rotary parlor. Mr. Frank Volleman and his wife were excellent hosts. They moved to Texas from Luxemborg to be in the dairy business. The farm is expanding to 3000 cows next year. The parlor runs for 3 eight hour shifts.

MillionHeir Classic – Trish Seely was our excellent host. The 3200 acre ranch is a horse breeding ranch that produces cutting horses. The innovative incentive breeding program is unique, exciting and in its 6th breeding season. Ranch services include year-round mare care, on-ranch breeding, cooled shipped semen, on-site embryo transfer, foaling, weaning, halter breaking and sale fitting.

Tarleton Agricultural Center – 600 acres includes student laboratories, meats lab, sheep & goat operation, feedlot, wildlife, poultry, swine, dairy, and equine centers.

TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – Ashley Lovell, TSU

1. Instructions to Authors/Publication Guidelines are included on the web at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~agcntr/TXJANR/TXJournalofAgSelection.htm>
2. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and are encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal.
3. The membership of the E Board is complete at the time of the fall meeting. See list on web site.
4. David Kattes is the new Editor-in-Chief.
5. The Journal has gone to an electronic format, and submission deadlines are April 1 and July 1. We are continuing the plan of publishing 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 written approval of the Editor and the lead author of the article.
7. The current page charge of \$50 per page will continue until we gain further 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. Tarleton State University provides funding for the part-time Journal secretary position. Due to state-mandated budget reductions for the current budgeting cycle, at the last Board meeting, ACT approved \$1800 in funding to come from the page charges. 25 percent of this supplemental funding for the position is distributed to the Journal secretary following each quarter of service.
9. Approximately 125 copies are printed for libraries, universities, extension, and authors. Estimated costs are \$8 per copy.
10. 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. The web page address is: <http://www.tarleton.edu/~agcntr/TXJANR/TXJournalofAgSelection.htm>
11. Ashley Lovell will follow-up with the Rights and Permissions Request from EBSCO Publishing to the Texas Journal of Agriculture & Natural Resources. ACT voted to link with EBSCO.
12. Managing Editor and Editor in Chief of the Journal will receive a \$300 honorarium each year. This cost will be paid by the page charges.

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

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Editor in Chief - David Kattes – Tarleton State University

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The Dispute Resolution Center – Susan Rulla. Susan visited with us about the service provided by the Texas Rural Mediation Services. This program is funded by the USDA and authorized by the State of Texas. The people employed by the Center work with resolving differences between agricultural borrowers and creditors of producers. Mediation also deals with persons directly affected by actions of the USDA. Costs are \$25 an hour for each side. Mediation is confidential and offers a simple and effective opportunity for mutual resolutions. The center offers internships for students enrolled in a college or university. For more information contact Susan Rulla at 1.866.329.3522. Their web address is www.co.lubbock.tx.us.

CAMPUS UPDATES – Members informed each other about the various activities on their respective locations. Kilgore College Agriculture celebrates their 40TH anniversary May 8, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and you are welcome. If you need a copy of course description for use of ag classes for core curriculum, Bobby Lane (SHSU) will share his with you. TVCC has a new rodeo arena. Texas Tech is hiring 100 new professors; Marvin Cepica was named Dean of the Agricultural Sciences College; MS of Agriculture at a distance; other Ag distance education programs and classes added.

SEE YOU IN TYLER!!!!

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