

ACT MINUTES
SPRING MEETING
West Texas A&M University
April 13, 14, 15, 2006
Hardin Rahe, President ACT

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Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer
Special thanks to Stanley Kelley (Sam Houston State)

April 26, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: The 2006 Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by Hardn Rahe (Texas State) at on April 6, 2006 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Don Topliff and Lance Keith received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2006 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Don Topliff and the staff at West Texas A&M were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page.

2006 FALL MEETING: COASTAL BEND – BEEVILLE - September 13-15, 2006 -

Todd Fuller Host - turf management workshop Wednesday. Fall ACT meeting. Sept 13-15, 2006. Hotel accommodations provided. Williams will pick people from Corpus airport, Todd will pick up at San Antonio Airport for those wishing to fly. For non golfers possibly have a dove hunt. If possible, have meeting early on Thursday to depart on Friday early. Field trips will be wildlife oriented with a BBQ and trap shoot Thursday night. Tours will be mid afternoon and evening.

2006 SPRING MEETING: ABILENE CHRISTIAN AND ED BROKAW WILL HOST THE SPRING MEETING ON APRIL 11-13, 2007- TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2007.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Fall ACT meeting at Frank Phillips in Borger. 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 (bobyoung@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 \$31,963.88 in funds with \$24,537.72 at TAMU and \$7,426.16 at Texas Tech University.

ACT OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007: Officers are President- Norm Hopper (Texas Tech); President-elect – Ed Brokaw (ACU); Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Townsend (TAMU). Following the 2006 spring meeting, Norm became the new ACT President. Elections are held at the spring meeting each year.

120 hour degree programs lead discussion by Dr. Randall Williams: Updated ACT on how 120 came before legislature. TAMU system has moved and acted upon the request. Accreditation and license could have up to 3-6 additional hrs. TAMU @ Kingsville has submitted changes. Junior Colleges can transfer 66 hrs to Senior College and this will change to 60 with the new legislation. TJCAA was concerned about SR Colleges taking only introductory courses of Ag. There was open discussion on transfer hours to SR Colleges from JR's and fulfilling the 120 hr load and advanced course load at SR College.

Ralph Ward discussed HLSR/TJCAA scholarships. Houston has eliminated funding for Outstanding Junior College Students. He asked his foundation board for funding and they agreed to assist for this year. However, following years is a concern and suggested ACT to consider supporting the scholarship since the student would be attending an ACT school. Hardin asked for any opposition from ACT members if we worked with TJCAA on getting support for subsequent years. It was discussed that the university of choice by the outstanding students to provide the funding for the scholarship and make it a semester by semester application with grade points and performance attached to the scholarship as requirements. Some universities were concern with the amount of 1250 vs. 750 per semester with the number of Ag courses and GP of the student. A motion by Williams stated that the ACT President and President elect for 2007-2007 look into the prospect of outside money to support the Scholarship, it was seconded by Don. Suggested that the University that the Outstanding Student attends also have some level of assistance and funding to the scholarship. Motion carried.

TEXAS DAIRY INDUSTRY: Don Topliff discussed the increase in **dairy industry** in the panhandle. New cheese plant in Dalhart will be needing 100k plus jerseys to supply milk to plant, opens in the fall 2006. The group discussed, dairy curriculum that would support the industry boom in the area. Great Plains dairy consortium is a proposed name for the focus group for the area. New Mexico and Kansas are interested in the group and its focus. Discussion on the role of ACT with curriculum and partnership in developing or providing educational components to provide technical support/course work through web courses, etc. Not that each university needs to provide the BS or degree in Dairy Science because the industry does not advocate a BS in Dairy Science but more of a Dairy Tech degree that may be an opportunity for JR Colleges. Don will respond to the industry group from ACT with what direction or needs they want.

MARKETING AGRICULTURE: Kilgore Show Team at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo discussed a bookmark concept to provide to Urban people while at show that list Ag topics and Stats, on back has ACT information with web pages. Mikel has accomplished this with the same concept and has been well received. Book mark and proposal will be addressed at the fall meeting.

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 has been reinstated. The HLSR education committee is changing their budget to eliminate the two Scholarships for TJCAA. 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 and HLSR. Joe, Chris, William and Bobby Lane attended meeting with board at HLSR on graduate assistantships. They pledge to continue their support and will go before the board to suggest continued funding. The tone was very positive and more positive than the past. No guarantees have been received. Suggest we need to have a standard reporting mechanism to provide to HLSR for continued justification of their money and how it is spent. Motion: Ask Dr. Chris to have her revitalize the HLSR initiative to collect information from previous grad student and their impact to society. Present document to HLSR on how their money has been spent. Report will be formal on "slick sheet" and ACT provides funds for the report and .5 time assistantship for 1 semester to assist with data collection. Passed.

TEXAS BOOTH NIGHT AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION: Norm Hopper (TX TECH) announced

that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 25 -28, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth. Act will purchase two exhibit booth spaces. Dr. Randall Williams moved that we continue with the combined booth at the National FFA convention. Texas Night will be discontinued. Funds for Texas Night will be used to enhance booth exhibit. Joe Townsend will send the hotel information will be sent next week.

TX TECH – Kayla Rathman - invitations, publicity and response cards
 TARLETON – Sarah Griffeth – (griffeth@tarleton.edu) -door prizes, brochures, schedule
 TEXAS STATE – Yolanda Quintanilla (yq10@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 – JoBeth Forrest (A&M)– 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 Sarah Griffeth at Tarleton. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to (Tarleton). Hardin visited about Delta Conference through National FFA. Tom will assist with providing this to ACT.

CDE’S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION: Clay Ewell (cewell@www.JudgingCard.com) of *Clay Ewell Educational Services* maintains the ACT web page to include the ACT brochure and minutes. The www.JudgingCard.com includes 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 to update their directory information. Clay has two large servers; located in commercial server hosting businesses in College Station and Houston.

1. Registration and multiple team entries from one school. To date, we have been assigning new team numbers for additional teams. This is a problem for schools that bring the new “precoded” scan sheets. New concept would be a chapter or county can bring as many contestants and enter them under one team number, however, the contest would only use the top 3 contestants as the team score, the remaining would not be counted as a team, but would compete for individual awards. This concept prevents large schools or “power” schools from dominating the team awards. Another option is for everybody to use the “Code” section of the scan sheet to differentiate between multiple teams. To alleviate problems, it is important for all hosts be consistent. No decision was made.

2. Credit card payment and Contest Management. Hardin discussed how *Clay Ewell Educational Services* managed registration, group formation, and entry fees at Texas State, Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, and Texas A&M. Clay has processed 370 credit cards or about 25% of the chapters. The universities listed have taken advantage of the new capabilities provided by Clay Ewell Educational Services. Uniform registration online has alleviated registration problems with state procedures, cash flow, and support staff time. Use of the registration system allows teachers to do all registration at one time, in one place, and make one payment to Clay. Clay sends all entry fees to host for every registered team, which eliminates the problem of unpaid entries. With walk up registration, schools can judge but they have to pay Clay and he collects later. The week before the contest, Clay sends registration packets to host that include each chapter’s statement of account and stickers that separate contestants into appropriate groups for judging.

3. 4-H Judging Contests. For universities hosting invitational and district 4-H judging contests (meats, horse, livestock, etc.), Clay will be creating uniform procedures for conducting and scoring 4-H contests. This year there were numerous scoring errors/problems/frustrations that can be alleviated by standardization. This will include using the Universal Form A, instructions for issuing and marking team/code/contestant numbers on scan sheets, procedure for handling Reasons, standardizing awards that will be given, etc. Clay will work with 4-H District CEAs to put together the list of recommendations, and this will be emailed to all

contest hosts this Fall. All universities are encouraged to work with their contest superintendents, 4-H leaders, CEAs, etc, to follow the standard format.

4. ACT CDE committee: Norm Hopper (Tech), Don Topliff (WTAMU), and Dr. Randall Williams (TAMUK), chairman, were asked to evaluate CDE entry fees at Invitational, Area, and State CDEs. The committee will look at the variations in entry fees between contest hosts. Registration for all Area and State CDEs should be standardized. There seems to be some major differences among universities. Items to be discussed include: increasing contest entry fees to cover host expenses for contests, standardization of all Area and State fees, and adding a registration surcharge to pay for Clay's services (handling entry money, credit card fees, and group section label packets). Because the decision involves increasing entry fees, Tom Maynard will take discussion to the CDE committee this summer at the Ag Teacher Convention. Tom encouraged each university to itemize some contest expenses to help justify the increase (cost of awards, contest animals, products, copies, facilities fees, scanner/scoring equipment maintenance, etc.)

5. Code of Ethics. The committee named above will also evaluate the addition to the Statement of Agreement between the ACT & Texas FFA concerning the Code of Ethics for CDEs/LDEs. CDE's and teacher behavior was discussed. According to UIL if a coach is ejected from a game there is disciplinary action. Include dialog with William's committee on registration fees to include dialog about teacher code of ethics and honor on behavior. ACT asks that a policy be developed by CDE/LDE committee and report back to ACT through email. Norm moved such. Seconded by Williams. Passed.

6. CDE's - Five year cycle. Rotation of CDE Teacher Committee on five-year cycle. Changes including all contests are completed in the industry and at National FFA Contests. All revisions were implemented in 2006 and be used in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at West Texas to assist with the junior college contests. West Texas A&M 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 the McMillan Foundation. 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.**

SPRING MEETING FORMAT: The spring meeting will start with a turf management workshop 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. CASA members will serve as judges for the TJCAA contests. 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 (judgingcard.com) webpage and will include a RSVP on numbers for contests, meals, buses, and tours. Specifics will be left to Don Topliff at WTAMU. Tours will Friday morning of the ACT meeting.

TEXAS STATE FAIR: Please contact Mr. Real if you want to advertise in the State Fair information. They are changing the format of the State Fair Book. He can be contacted at dreal@bigtex.com. As we know, Texas Tech sponsors a reception for the FFA, 4-H and FCS.

TEXAS CASA: CASA meets at each spring ACT meeting. CASA members met with the ACT meeting to explain the direction of TX CASA. The future will include: State Officers will be State President; VP for fund raising; VP for activities; VP for

1. CASA Web site
2. Publication to be developed
3. Advertising for CASA; web based to promote higher education in agriculture.
4. increase recruiting of junior and community college students during the year
5. recruit across the curriculum
6. meetings at State FFA convention and ACT Fall meeting
7. more involvement with TJCAA during Spring meeting
8. need for an adviser for TX CASA
9. CASA officers can serve more than one term
10. Lance Keith (WTAMU) will serve as TX CASA adviser for the next three years.

Newly elected officers will be announced at a later date. Last year's CASA officers were:

State President, Brandon Griggs from Tarleton State University.
Vice President of Record, Whitney White from West Texas A&M University.
Vice President of Public Relations, Brenna Ellison from Abilene Christian University.
Vice President of Funding, Leslie Garcia from Tarleton State University.
Vice President of Membership Activities, Jarrod Foster from Texas Tech University.

CAMPUS UPDATES – Members informed each other about the various activities on their respective locations. Randy Tidwell is now at Panola College.

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

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ACT JOURNAL: MANAGING EDITOR REPORT*

SPRING, APRIL 3, 2006

1. Ms. Jessica Richmond now serves as the secretary for the Journal. Her telephone is 254.968.9927 and email address is jhrichmond@tarleton.edu. We are pleased to have Jessica in this position and the impact she has made in getting the publication process back on track. Thanks to those who have been patient, due to difficulties of adjusting to three secretaries in less than a year.
2. 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.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/manuscript.html>. We expect to post an updated copy of the instructions in the near future.
3. Associate Editors provide the gateway for manuscript submissions and are encouraged to contact faculty and administration of their respective institutions to publicize the Journal. The Editor-in-Chief and I share the view that the annual issues of the Journal should more closely track the calendar year. However, to maintain the traditional page length of the Journal, the number of manuscript submissions must increase. Additionally, authors are requested to turn around resubmissions more promptly.
4. Please advise the Managing Editor of changes to membership of the Editorial Board as well as address and related changes. The Editorial Board is located at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr/manuscript.html>
5. The page charge is \$50 per page for ACT members and \$100 per page for non-ACT members (double the ACT member charge).
6. The financial condition of the Journal continues to improve:

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Thanks in advance, for questions or suggestions regarding the managerial activities of the Journal for which I am responsible.

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