

ACT MINUTES
FALL MEETING
COSTAL BEND COLLEGE -BEEVILLE
September 13, 14, 15, 2006
Norm Hopper, President ACT

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

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer September 15, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: The 2006 Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by Norm Hopper (Texas Tech) at on September 14, 2006 at Coastal Bend in Beeville, Texas. Dr. Brockman, President, welcomed the ACT group. Minutes were approved as read.

ACTION ITEMS: Please email to Joe Townsend a directory page for your school. He will gather all the pages and produce an electronic directory that can be printed from the ACT web page. Also, please update 12th day enrollment figures and email to Joe Townsend.

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Todd Fuller, Dr. Brockman, and Paul Juare received accolades for hosting the ACT Fall 2006 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Todd Fuller and the staff at Coastal Bend College were excellent hosts. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page. Special thanks was given to Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance for sponsoring lunch and dinner for the entire group. David Kecheval, Ag Workers Rep, discussed the addition of Worth Insurance Company.

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. ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 28, 2007.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Joe Townsend (TAMU), Secretary/Treasurer, distributed the minutes and treasurer's report from the Spring ACT meeting at Western Texas A&M in Canyon.. Spring 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 (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 \$33,963.88 in funds with \$26,360.25 at TAMU and \$7,426.16 at Texas Tech University.

2007 FALL MEETING: TEXARKANA COLLEGE – TEXARKANA - September 12, 13, & 14, 2007
Royce Granberry Host - turf management workshop Wednesday. Fall ACT meeting. September 12, 13, & 14, 2007.

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

Hardin Rahe was presented with the ACT president plaque for a great job for serving the ACT as president. Randall Williams made the presentation.

ACT TOURS: Two tours were included and the temperatures ranged from 95 degrees to -35 degrees. Visited the CC Port; saw ship one being loaded with pinto beans from Montana being shipped to Cuba, ship 2 was chicken legs to Cuba; and ship 3 was pig skins to Mexico. CC Port is getting into the food business in a hurry. 95% of their work is oil and gas.

Second tour was to a White Tail Deer breeding farm. Big Business in Texas; does selling for \$1000 to \$20,000. Bucks selling for \$25,000 to over \$300,000. WOW! Most breeding is with Northern semen to try to increase size of Texas deer and improve the size of horns. Must have a breeding license.

ACT MEETING BUDGETS: Discussion of monies to provide for better transportation for tours, etc. at ACT meetings. Brain May suggested that we put the cost as a regular budget item for the ACT account. Brain May moved that \$500 be budgeted for Fall and Spring meetings for the host institution; if sponsorships pay for the costs; the hosting institution can keep the money; starting with the fall 2006. Motion carried. Marvin Cepica suggested we move some of our money to the interest bearing account at Texas Tech. Joe Townsend is to move money after National FFA expenses are paid.

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. Members were reminded that a communications requirement was not included in Texas Core Curriculum which mandates that 42 hours included. Also discussed is that if students meet core curriculum at their community college; they are not required to complete additional core requirements at their new school. Todd Fuller (Coastal Bend), Barry Jones (Weatherford Jr. College), Reed Richardson (Texas State) & Bob Williams (TAMU-Commerce) were appointed to the transfer committee to recommend transfer policies to the ACT.

TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – Nine community colleges were represented. Wanting to move scholarships to outstanding students at the Spring ACT meeting– 3 awards the most outstanding Community College students for a total of \$7000- (4000, 2000 and 1000) awarded to 3 different students. Last year, the two outstanding two-year college students won a \$5000 and \$2500 scholarship from the McMillan Foundation. Norm Hopper and Ed Brokaw will look for money for support of the total of \$7000 for three outstanding students. Houston has eliminated funding for Outstanding Junior College Students. It was suggested that 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. Suggested that the University that the Outstanding Student attends also have some level of assistance and funding to the scholarship.

STATE FFA: Tom Maynard explained success of Marketing of FFA to have a \$70,000 balance going into the State FFA in Corpus Christi. FFA and the FFA Foundation are looking into sponsorship of Cedes and LDEs. Code of Ethics was discussed and needs to be addressed. Dress code will be decided by FFA and not by hosting institutions. FFA is also involved in long term plan for Teacher Education in Texas. Tom Maynard was optimistic about the future and cooperation of schools and the FFA.

HLSR Funding for Graduate Assistants at ACT schools: 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. HLSR has pledged to continue their support. Suggest we need to have a standard reporting mechanism to provide to HLSR for continued justification of their money and how it is spent. Must revitalize the HLSR initiative to collect information from previous grad students and their impact to society and present the results to HLSR. 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. Joe Townsend will check out taking all of ACT graduate students to HLSR for a meal to meet and greet. Check on timing (fall or spring) and ACT expenses to cover meal; individual schools will provide travel. Check out annual meeting time and sponsorships. Kayla Rathmann volunteered to be the point person.

TEXAS RECRUITING BOOTH 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. Joe Townsend will send the hotel information.

TX TECH – Kayla Rathmann – (kaylarathmann@txtech.edu) invitations, publicity/response cards

TARLETON – Amber Stuteville (stuteville@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 – Jo Beth Forrest (A&M) – (jbforrest@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 Stanley Kelley at Sam Houston. Also, **TWO** good door prizes should be sent to Stanley Kelley at Sam Houston.

COLLEGE DAY at S.A.L.E. –ACT is asking for a one day get together to showcase college information. Talking to Glenn Allen Phillips during youth days and market shows. HLSR location in 2007 will be located next to the champion animals in the barn. Stanley Kelley and Kayla Rathmann are coordinating this.

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 purchased a new large server and it is located in a commercial server hosting business in 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 group 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 try to create uniform procedures for conducting and scoring 4-H contests hosted by ACT schools. 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. State 4-H entered a contract with another web based registration system. 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 Toppliff (WTAMU), and Dr. Randall Williams (TAMUK), chairman evaluated CDE entry fees at Invitational, Area, and State CDEs. The committee looked 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). **State Ag Science Teachers voted to go up \$10 per team per contest for State FFA Contests. ACT moved, seconded and passed to give Clay \$5 of the increase for State and Area FFA contests per team for computer support.**

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.

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.

7. New Discussion of joining together to purchase awards for the contests. Tom Maynard suggested that we look into common awards for Area and State Contests to save money and make State FFA awards consistent. Committee formed to discuss possibilities (members are Clay Ewell, Ted Ford, Bobby Rosenbusch, Norm Hopper and Steve Frazee).

SPRING MEETING TJCAA CONTESTS: Each four year university is to bring two to five of their students to the Spring ACT meeting at ACU to assist with the junior college contests. ACU 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. 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 Foy Mills and Ed Brokaw at ACU. Tours will Friday morning of the ACT meeting. TX CASA students will be judges and presenters at the TJCAA banquet. See attached sheet from ACU.

TAX FREE STATUS: Tyree Collier, Dallas attorney, was involved in a conference call to establish the tax free status for ACT. Members agreed to continue with plans to become a tax free organization. Documents were distributed to members and discussed. Asked about indemnity Article 7 on page 2. Covered by Article 7. Tax return will be required but will be a 501(c)(3) organizations do not have to file the form 990 with IRS. Will file a one or two page form each year. ACT will make it easier to accept donations for events, scholarships, etc. Tyree will file documents with the Secretary of State; then email final bylaws to directors for signatures. Goal is next week September 22, 2006 to get an employee ID number. Next, will be the exemption will be 2 months after filing. Bob Williams moved approval of ACT filing second was obtained and the vote was unanimous to file. Filing fees are about \$50 which will be paid by ACT – IRS fee is \$750 if ACT has over \$10,000 in annual receipts. Needs email and fax of each directory. Motion moved and passed to pay the \$800 for the costs.

TEXAS CASA: Some individual discussions concerning purpose or need for CASA that meets at each spring ACT meeting. Students hope to do the following:

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

Tx Casa Officers for 2006/2007:

State President, Kyle Gilliam, TX Tech
Vice President, Jessica Clay, TX Tech
Vice President, Tyler Koch, TAMU
Vice President, Jennifer Largent, Sam Houston
Vice President, Megan Parr, Tarleton

CAMPUS UPDATES – Members informed each other about the various activities on their respective locations

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

Discussion centered around getting reviewers for articles. Associate Editors must do a better job of getting reviewers on each campus. David Kattes will forward list of everything needed review and associate editors need to find reviewers. Suggested that David Kattes assign articles at certain institutions to get reviewers.

Also, each September institutions should send a list of faculty expertise at the different campuses and experiment station faculty.

Managing Editor – Ashley Lovell – Tarleton State University

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ACT JOURNAL: MANAGING EDITOR REPORT
FALL 2006 ACT BOARD MEETING *
 September 12, 2006

1. The Editor-in-Chief and I share the view that the annual issues of the Journal should more closely track the calendar year. However, numerous factors over which we have limited control determine the final wrap-up date of an issue. At this time, the 2005 and 2006 issues are in process and the number of manuscript submissions has increased. As Dr. Kattes has indicated, it is incumbent for those involved in the review, revise and resubmit process to be sensitive to turnaround commitments. We are appreciative to all who are contributing to the publication of the Journal.
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. Additionally, we solicit the assistance of the Associate Editors in identifying faculty members to serve as reviewers, in response to Dr. Kattes earlier requests.
3. The financial condition of the Journal is stable and sound:

Date	Balance
09/01/01	\$-1,557.93
08/31/02	2,837.36
08/31/03	1,384.74
08/31/04	4,063.24
02/28/05	5,086.29
08/31/05	6,116.97
02/28/06	7,054.33
08/31/06	\$ 6,543.14

4. The page charge is \$50 per page for ACT members and \$100 per page for non-ACT members (double the ACT member charge).
5. Ms. Jessica Richmond continues as the secretary for the Journal. Her telephone is 254.968.9927 and email address is jhrichmond@tarleton.edu.
6. 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>.
7. 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>

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

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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 (WTAMU)
 1983 ASU
 1984 SWT
 1985 TEXAS A&I (TAMUK)
 1986 SFA
 1987 TEXAS TECH
 1988 WEST TEXAS
 1989 SAM HOUSTON
 1990 SWT (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 - SEPT 12, 13, 14
 2008 ODESSA - SEPT 10, 11, 12
 2009 TOMBALL – SEPT 9, 10 ,11
 2010 CISCO – SEPT 8, 9, 10
 2011
 2012

SPRING

1978 NO MEETING
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 1980 NO MEETING
 1981 SWT
 1982 SHSU
 1983 SWT
 1984 SHSU
 1985 AUSTIN
 1986 AUSTIN
 1987 AUSTIN
 1988 HLSR
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 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 SWT (TEXAS STATE)
 2004 TSU
 2005 SAM HOUSTON
 2006 WTAMU
 2007 ACU – APRIL 11, 12, 13
 2008 TAMU – APRIL 9, 10, 11
 2009 ASU – APRIL 8, 9, 10
 2010 PVAMU – APRIL 7, 8 , 9
 2011 TAMUC – APRIL 6, 7, 8
 2012 SUL ROSS – APRIL 4, 5, 6
 2013 TEXAS TECH – APRIL 10, 11, 12

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