

**ACT MINUTES**  
**SPRING MEETING**  
**Texas A&M University**  
**April 9, 10, 11, 2008**  
**ED BROKAW, President ACT**

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

Submitted by Joe D. Townsend - ACT Secretary/Treasurer April 11, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 2008 Spring meeting of ACT was called to order by Ed Brokaw (ACU) at on April 10, 2008 at A&M. Minutes were approved as posted.

**THANKS FOR HOSTING:** Katherine Mabry (A&M) received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2008 meeting. The meeting was the result of much time and hard work. The tours, meals, meeting rooms, and accommodations were excellent. Be sure to send *Thank You* letters to the hosts and sponsors listed on the last page. Special thanks to Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance for sponsoring a portion of the conference.

**2008 FALL MEETING: MIKEL LEMONS ([MLEMONS@ODESSA.EDU](mailto:MLEMONS@ODESSA.EDU)) AND ODESSA COLLEGE WILL HOST THE SPRING MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 25 & 26 2008;**

**TURF GRASS MANAGEMENT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008.  
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**TREASURERS REPORT:** Norm Hopper (TX TECH) Treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report. ACT has \$41,651.60 as of March 31, 2008. Dues will cover from October 1 to August 31 each year with November 1 as the due date. All monies are kept at Texas Tech University.

Two year/Junior/Community colleges dues are coordinated by Bob Young (Kilgore) at 903-834-6255 or email ([bobyoung@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org](mailto:bobyoung@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org)). ACT dues for TJCAA were reduced from \$2000 per year to \$1000 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).

**ACT OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009:** Officers are President- Doug Pierce; President-elect – Brian May (ASU), Secretary – Joe Townsend (TAMU); /Treasurer-Norm Hopper (TXTECH). Elections are held at the spring meeting each year and officers assume their roles following the spring meeting.

**ACT TOURS:** A tour of the Animal Science complex and the FIVS program were included.

**TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – Ten** community colleges were represented at the Spring ACT/TJCAA meeting. Scholarships are awarded to the top three 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. The McMillan Foundation stepped up to fund the first two scholarships. ACT will cover the \$1000 scholarship for the third place contestant. All contest winners were recognized at the TJCAA banquet held in Reed Arena.

**STATE FFA:** Discussion about moving all FFA State Contests to one location. ACT voted to write Tom Maynard and the FFA Board of Directors, that ACT doubts the sustainability of having all FFA CDE's at one location.

**TEXAS RECRUITING BOOTH AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION:** Rachel Bobbitt (TX TECH) announced that the National FFA Convention would be held on October 22-25, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. ACT will sponsor an exhibit booth. ACT will purchase one exhibit booth space with Texas Tech and A&M purchasing a booth on either side of the ACT booth.

**CDE'S AND ON- LINE REGISTRATION:** Clay Ewell ([clayewell@gmail.com](mailto:clayewell@gmail.com)) of *Clay Ewell Educational Services* (CEES) maintains the ACT web page to include the ACT brochure and minutes. The webpage 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](http://www.judgingcard.com) to update their directory information.

ACT voted that CEES is to receive \$5/per team for all FFA and team contests that register online at [judgingcard.com](http://judgingcard.com) and CEES prepare packets for (includes state, area and any others). ACT also agreed that if CEES does not make packets, CEES should keep \$1 per team to try to cover the credit card costs. For “Invitational” contests that only enter individuals, costs should be decided by CEES and that school.

Also, ACT voted to pay CEES \$500 to develop and run a registration program for the two ACT meetings per year (fall and spring). ACT determined that something similar to the NCATA registration program would be great; but CEES has the okay to be creative in the development. Clay is to check with Joe Townsend for the TJCAA contest registration material.

ACT also voted to write Tom Maynard and the FFA Board of Directors, to express our support for CEES program and that the ACT schools would only utilize CEES programs for judging and CDE events.

**SPRING MEETING and TJCAEA (faculty) & TJCAA (students) CONTESTS:**

ASU 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, AGEK, AG MECH, ENTO 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. Concerns for TJCAEA – lost Coastal Bend as an ag member.**

**TAX FREE STATUS:** Tyree Collier, Dallas attorney, established the tax free status for ACT. ACT is a 501(c)(3) organizations. ACT does not have to file the form 990 with IRS. Ralph Ward suggested that ACT may want to donate more monies in the form of scholarships.

**TEXAS JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – David Kattes, Tarleton** <http://www.tarleton.edu/~txjanr> Also on agintexas.org webpage.

Finding reviewers for articles is a problem. Associate Editors at each campus 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. ACT 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. Authors will have 60 days to revise based on review comments to return modified article to TSU for publication.

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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 WTAMU  
1983 ASU  
1984 TEXAS STATE  
1985 TAMUK  
1986 SFA  
1987 TEXAS TECH  
1988 WEST TEXAS  
1989 SAM HOUSTON  
1990 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  
2008 ODESSA - SEPT 24, 25, 26  
2009 TOMBALL – SEPT 9, 10 ,11  
2010 MCC – SEPT 8, 9, 10  
2011  
2012

**SPRING**

1978 NO MEETING  
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1981 TEXAS STATE  
1982 SHSU  
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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 TAMUK  
2003 TEXAS STATE  
2004 TSU  
2005 SAM HOUSTON  
2006 WTAMU  
2007 ACU  
2008 TAMU  
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 TX TECH – APRIL 10, 11, 12

**SEE YOU at Odessa College!!!**

**Folks to Thank**

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