

ACT MINUTES
SPRING MEETING
Sul Ross State University
April 7, 2011
Dale Perritt, President ACT

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

CALL TO ORDER: The 2011 spring meeting of ACT was called to order by President Dale Perritt (SFA) in the Espino Conference Center, University Center on the SRSU campus at 9:00 am on April 7, 2011, following a welcome to SRSU by President Ricardo Maestas and the opening session of TJCAA.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Dr. Stanley Kelley moved to approve the Minutes of the spring 2010 ACT meeting held at MCC, as printed. Motion was seconded by Dr Ted Ford and was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rachel Bobbitt of TTU made a presentation and for the ACT recruitment booth at the National FFA Convention Career Show. Everything went well. Brochures are available for next year as well. Expenses for running the booth were distributed.

The scholarship winners were Cheyenne Ramiriz from Wells Point, TX, and Danielle Fidnell from Weyauweg, WI.

The application process for student workers worked well and Rachel recommended that it be used again. Stanley Kelley moved that we continue the booth next year and approve the budget as presented. Second was made by Dean Hawkins. Motion passed unanimously. Some supplies will need to be purchased and schools will need to bring give-aways (two nice ones and small ones to put in bags).

TREASURERS REPORT: Dr. Hopper of TTU, ACT treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report and gave an update of the ACT balance (\$41,930.74, see balance sheet for details). Assessments for four year schools have not been mailed yet. He will do it as soon as he returns home from the meeting.

An update was given on the status of the TJCAA scholarships. It was suggested that we approach HLSR to support one of the scholarships. Funding has not been received from the MacMillan Foundation for last years. It was suggested that a memorial scholarship be set up to honor Ralph Ward. Bob Young will follow up on these issues. Norm Hopper recommended the ACT set up a scholarship committee to address these issues. Tom Maynard informed us that Candi Sigust is no longer with HLSR. Ted Ford moved we set up a scholarship committee for the ACT. Norm Hopper seconded the motion. It was approved. President Perritt appointed Stanley Kelley, chairman and Norm Hopper, Cindy Akers & Tom Maynard as members. It was moved (Ted Ford) to approve the Treasurers report and seconded (Stanley Kelley). Motion passed.

Norm Hopper announced he will retire on August 31. He introduced Cindy Akers who would be willing to serve as treasurer.

Dues 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 e-mail (bobyong@kilgorecollegeagfarm.org). ACT dues for TJCAA are \$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).

IN ATTENDANCE: Norm Hopper, Rachel Bobbitt & Cindy Akers, The Texas Tech University; Dale Perritt, SFASU; Stanley Kelley, SHSU; Ted Ford & David Kattes, TrlSU; Ed Brokaw, ACU; Will Dickson, ASU; Charles Nunnally, TVCC; Tom Maynard, Texas FFA.

Mr. Tom Maynard of TX FFA/ Austin visited with the group about issues concerning Texas FFA. A handout with details of each issue was handed out.

Issues discussed:

They have developed an ethics policy.

They have revised the adult recognition policy.

FFA Convention will be in Lubbock. Hotel reservations are filled at this time. Waiting list is not as long as you might think. Contact Amy Zientek, 808-747-5232 if you need assistance.

Membership is 81,742, based on Ag Science enrollments. This results in lowers costs per student and indications are they are having increased participation. They now provide an electronic news page online. FFA magazine is now online and not published as a hard copy. (news.texasffa.org)

They are addressing issues in the system that limits participation. ACT needs to be at the table as this process proceeds.

Several new programs were added this year, including private schools such as Faith Academy and Happy Hill Farm.

Problem issues in leadership development concerning agenda and minutes are things that we can help them by training our student organizations to do it well.

Eight five per cent of programs are involved in Fall leadership development events. Goal is to achieve 90% participation.

Revisions of CDE policies will be addressed. Cycle has been adjusted due to Nationals schedule. Next year revisions will be implemented. We will address these changes at our fall meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed. Section 5 General Provisions state it will be reviewed every five years. Tom will send an electronic copy for us to look at changes that need to be made. Comments need to be returned to Tom as quickly as possible and the new agreement will be approved and signed in the fall.

Multiple team entry concepts have been explored to see what effect it would have on number of possible team entries.

*****THE ACT JOURNAL:** Dr. David Kattes of TSU and the TJANR gave a report on the ACT Journal and distributed copies of the report on the current status of the journal and procedures used in publishing the journal. Budget balance is \$13,803.64. Volume 23 has been completed and Volume 24 will commence immediately. Recommended we keep page rates the same, \$50 for members and \$100 for nonmembers. President Perritt commended David on the good job that is being done. The secretary contract was discussed. David will make any recommendations for changes and the group was inclined to accept whatever adjustments are needed.

Research Symposium: David Kattes reported on the development of the Research Symposium. Twenty three abstracts were submitted representing six universities. A \$15 dollar entry fee was charged and proceeds will be used for awards. A question was raised about publishing the abstracts in the ACT Journal. He made a plea for more judges. David expressed his appreciation to the president and SRSU for their assistance in setting up this new program.

Directory Updates: Some schools that have not paid dues have been dropped. Concerned was expressed about the constant flux in the junior college membership roster.

Campus Updates: Although usually a fall activity, some universities had sheets to share and brief updates were given: TTU, SFASU, ASU, ACU, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, TVCC, SHSU.

Officer Election: Norm Hpper nominated Stanley Kelley, President; Cindy Akers, Treasurer; and Ed Brokaw, Secretary for the coming year and moved that they be elected by acclamation. Second made by Dean Hawkins. Motion passed. Norm Hopper nominated Dean Hawkins, WTAMU as President-Elect. Ed Brokaw moved that nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation. Second was by Ted Ford. Motion passed.

The ACT fall Business Session was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

ACT TOURS:

Fort Davis Historic Site

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Rob Kinucan received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2011 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.

FALL MEETING: North Central Texas College will host the fall meeting. Dates TBA

**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 PARIS JC – SEPT 23, 24, 25
2010 MCC – Sept. 8, 9 10
2011 NCTC – Sept. TBA
2012 Northeast Texas CC
2013 Blinn
2014 Lon Morris

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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
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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 TEXAS STATE
2004 TSU
2005 SAM HOUSTON
2006 WTAMU
2007 ACU
2008 TAMU
2009 ASU – APRIL 1,2, 3
2010 TAMU-Commerce – APRIL 7, 8, 9
2011 SUL ROSS – APRIL 6, 7, 8
2012 TX TECH – APRIL 4, 5, 6
2013 TAMUK
2014 SFA
2015 TSU
2016 Tarleton

SEE YOU at Northeast Texas Community College!!!

Folks to Thank

Ag Workers
Sul Ross State University
Rob Kinucan

Respectfully submitted:

Ed Brokaw