

ACT MINUTES
SPRING MEETING
Texas Tech University
April 5, 2012
Stanley Kelly, President ACT

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CALL TO ORDER: The 2012 spring meeting of ACT was called to order by President Stanley Kelly (SH) in the Masked Rider Room of the Student Union Building on the Texas Tech campus at 9:30 on April 5, 2012 following a welcome to TTU by President, Dr. Guy Bailey and Dean, Dr. Michael Galyean at the Opening Session of the TJCAA.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ted Ford moved to approve the Minutes of the fall 2011 ACT meeting held at NCTC, as printed. Motion was seconded by Dale Perritt and was approved by unanimous vote.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cindy Aker of TTU, ACT treasurer, distributed the treasurer's report and gave an update of the ACT balance (\$39,648.33, see balance sheet for details). Motion was made by Dale Perritt and seconded by Ted Ford to approve the report. Motion Passed.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Akers, The Texas Tech University; Dale Perritt, SFASU; Stanley Kelley, SHSU; Ted Ford, Mark Yu & David Kattes, TrlSU; Ed Brokaw & Foy Mills, ACU; Hardin Rahn, TSU; Staci Frerich, TAMU; Rob Kinucan, Sul Ross; Dean Hawkins, WTAMU; Bob Williams, TAMU-C

*****THE ACT JOURNAL:** Dr. Mark Yu 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.

He distributed a list of manuscripts needing review. Dr. Yu is working to speed up review process. Secretary is helping clean up formats and references before sending to reviewers which helps speed up the reviewing of the manuscripts. Question about page costs were raised but board felt they were appropriate.

David Kattes is setting up the poster review process. He needs judges for that activity.

We need to support the presenters by providing traffic at the session.

Acceptance rate for the journal was 85% for 2011.

JUNIOR COLLEGE REPORT: Jeannie Lafferty gave a report on the status of agriculture programs at junior colleges across the state. She updated us on future hosts. Blinn will host fall 2012 on Sept 5-7. Lon Morris will host 2013 and Northeast will host 2014.

Northeast Texas and North Central have contests on first week of April. Community college numbers are dwindling. They feel it would be beneficial to attendance to move the convention the second week. Kingsville will be contacted to see if the convention to April 10 – 12. She asked about scholarships and it was noted that ACT has agreed to provide \$1750 to fund them.

Junior College agriculture programs are experiencing budget cuts universally. Some programs are being cut as a result. When faculty retirements occur decisions are made to discontinue the programs. Jeannie expects that many of the junior college agriculture programs will not survive. Act is willing to write letters of support if needed.

Cindy of TTU made a presentation and for the ACT recruitment booth at the National FFA Convention. New brochures will need to be printed next year. They need to be updated and will be used for two years. They have worked well. Remember to bring items for give-aways to the fall meeting. Lindsey Martin from Maud, Tx received the scholarship but we have not heard from her.

Motion to continue brochures as we have in the past, continue to provide two scholarships as in the past and have Rachel will continue to manage the booth was Cindy . Seconded by Bob . Motion passed.

Ted Ford presented a report on CDE rules and scoring updates. Scan sheet issues have been found in the Poultry sheets. Everything else seems to have worked out. Meats has some issues as well. Rules are imperfect and there will be a push from teachers for another revision next year. Communicate to Tom Maynard or the chairman of the CDE committee your thought on this issue.

Are host institutions concerns being heard by the committee? Ted felt we were involved but it was very much teacher driven and so involvement varied from contest to contest and institution to institution. We need to be more proactive in future revisions so we can have more direct input. Dean Hawkins made a motion that Ted Ford be named as our representative to Texas FFA CDE Committee. Notification of this appointment will be sent to Texas FFA and the VATAT. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Costs are increasing as well. Tarleton reported that the contest supervisors of each contest spend on average 40 hours conducting them. Institutional regulations are creating additional concerns.

Concerns were expressed about new score sheets creating scanning problems. New versions of scan man are required.

Fees were discussed. They vary from university to university. They range from \$6 to \$12 per entrant.

Obtaining animals and the costs associated with livestock contests are escalating.

Setting dates around testing dates is challenging.

Fee Structure: Rob Kinucan raised the question of linking membership fees to enrollment at the member institutions. After discussion the question was tabled to be reconsidered at the fall meeting

Campus Updates: brief updates were given: SUL ROSS, TAMU-C, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, TSU, TAMU, WTAMU, SFASU, ACU, & SHSU.

Officer Election: Bob Williams moved and Rob Kinucan seconded the motion to elect Dean Hawkins President for 2012-2013. Cindy Akers, Treasurer; and Ed Brokaw, Secretary were reelected for the coming year.

Ted Ford nominated Bob Williams as President Elect . Dean Hawkins moved that nominations cease, Rob Kinucan seconded the motion and motion passed.

The ACT Spring Business Session was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

ACT TOURS:

American Cotton Growers Denim Mills

THANKS FOR HOSTING: Cindy Akers and Rachel Bobbitt received accolades for hosting the ACT Spring 2012 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: Blinn will host the fall meeting, Dates September 5-7.

SEE YOU at Blinn !!!

Folks to Thank

Ag Workers
Texas Tech University
Cindy Akers
Rachel Bobbitt

**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 Blinn
2013 Lon Morris
2014 Northeast Texas CC

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1978 NO MEETING
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1981 TEXAS STATE
1982 SHSU
1983 TEXAS STATE
1984 SHSU
1985 AUSTIN
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1987 AUSTIN
1988 HLSR
1989 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

Respectfully submitted:
Ed Brokaw