

## **RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATORS SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 24, 2006  
KSU SEARC Office Building  
Parsons, Kansas

The Executive Committee of the Research Center Administrators Society held their fall 2006 meeting at the above site and date. Members in attendance were: Vaughn Skinner (AR), Don Hubbel (AR), Fred Swanson (CA), Stan Jones (GA), Billy Mills (GA), Rod Yager (GA), Bob McNeil (GA), Bob Dunker (IL), Lyle Paul (IL), Jim Beaty (IN), Lyle Lomas (KS), Bill Peterson (KY), Allen Nipper (LA), Joe Street (MS), Clyde Bogle (NC), Sandy Maddox (NC), Floyd Wiggins (NC), Jeff Anderson (NC), Phillip Winslow (NC), Ken Scaife (OH), Rick Matheson (OK), Josh Massey (OK), Brent Westerman (OK), Chris Stansberry (OK), Bob Heinemann (OK), Erich Whrenberg (OK), Rocky Walker (OK), Robert Havener (OK), Thomas Pickard (OK), Merritt Taylor (OK), Rob Ellis (TN), Barry Sims (TN), Walt Hitch (TN), John Hodges (TN), Blake Brown (TN). Officers present were Randall Rawls (AL), President; Mike Phillips (AR), Vice President; Denny Thompson (NC), Executive Treasure; Paul Sebesta (TX), Communications Officer; and Ray Cartee (UT), Secretary.

President Randall Rawls called the meeting to order at 3PM. Lyle Lomas presented an itinerary for the meeting. He then introduced Fred Cholick, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Experiment Station, who gave an overview of Kansas agriculture and the importance of their Research Centers. He introduced Daryl Buchholz, Associate Director of Cooperative Extension who defined the role of their programs in Kansas. President Rawls asked all of the members to stand and introduce themselves.

The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held February 5, 2006 in Orlando, Florida were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Joe Street and seconded by Bill Peterson and was approved by voice vote. The Business Meeting minutes from Orlando were also reviewed. Merritt Taylor moved to approve and it was seconded by Bob McNeil. The motion was approved by voice vote.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Business Manager**

Denny Thompson presented the financial statement (handouts). A motion was made by Brent Westerman and was seconded by Lyle Lomas to accept the report. The membership approved by voice vote. John Hodges moved to retain the security box and Bill Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. A motion by Jim Beaty and seconded by Paul Sebesta to reimburse Denny Thompson for the lunches he purchased for the wives tour in Orlando was approved by voice vote.

#### **Financial**

Allen Nipper presented the Financial Committee report (handout), and moved to accept the report. Lyle Lomas seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

#### **Membership**

Membership Committee was not present. It was announced that Findlay Pate passed away since the Orlando meeting.

**Proceedings**

Sandy Maddox reported that the program proceedings for the 2004 meeting in Arizona were in route to the Best Western Motel. They did arrive and were distributed.

**Awards**

John Hodges announced three nominees for the Distinguished Service Award. The committee recommendation was forwarded to the officers and approved.

**Meeting Site Selection**

Allen Nipper reported meeting sites are set through the summer of 2008. They are as follows: South Island Texas – winter 2007; Georgia – summer 2007; Dallas Texas (SAAS) – winter 2008; and Utah – summer 2008. Future SAAS winter meeting sites are Atlanta Georgia – 2009 and Orlando Florida – 2010.

**Nominations**

Paul Sebesta indicated nominations will take place at winter meeting.

**RCAS Historian**

Brent Westerman indicated he needs information for each site we have had meetings.

**Tax Committee**

Bob Dunker reported that RCAS is now listed as 501C-5 and are tax exempt. However, outside donations to RCAS will not be allowed as a charitable deduction.

**Committee Assignments**

President Rawls appointed Joe Street (MS) to the Finance Committee. All other Committees will remain the same.

**WINTER MEETING****Local Arrangements**

Paul Sebesta passed out Hotel, Travel and Tour arrangements for the meeting in South Padre Island Texas, January 27 through February 1, 2007.

**Program**

Mike Phillips presented some ideas for presentations: Overviews by the Texas A&M Experiment Station Director, the ARS Regional Director and the Mexico Director. Some subjects of interest were Bio-fuel, Immigration, Insects and Quarantine Measures.

There was no other business discussed and the meeting was adjourned by President Rawls at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ray Cartee  
RCAS Secretary