

## WAPAC ANNUAL MEETING

**Call to Order:** The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of WAPAC was called to order at 12:50 p.m. on February 28, 2018 at the Sheraton in Madison, WI.

**Amendments to Agenda:** President Bill Stangel called for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to close amendments to the agenda by Tom Novak and seconded by Chuck Bolte.

**Secretary's Report:** A copy of the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes was provided via email and hard copy, reviewed and approved. A note was made to keep nutritionists a part of WAPAC. Motion was made by Steve Hoffman and was seconded by the floor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the 2018 Annual Treasurer's Report was included in the packet provided via email and hard copy. Total income \$35,214.65, total expenses were \$5,061.26. Collected \$16,375.00 for lobbyist. Question on membership dues paid was asked from the floor. Melisa responded approximately 75 members were current for WAPAC. There was a question regarding the annual Consultants' Breakfast loss. This included the \$500 for WABA dues in order to use the rooms at the Alliant Energy Center during The Classic. Stangel felt it should be classified into a different category. 17 contributions from entities were donated for lobbyist. Motion by Chuck Bolte seconded by Nathen Nysse to accept the report. Treasurer's Report accepted.

**Membership Note:** Carrie Laboski left the meeting at 1:00 PM.

### Committee Reports

#### Legislative Issues

Spring hearings were discussed. Neonicotinoids and karst features setbacks were topics on the conservations agenda<sup>[NN1]</sup>. Membership should stay active on these items.

#### Jordan Lamb Update

Legislative connection was 15 representatives involved in farming in previous years. Currently, we are at 4 representatives that talk for farming. Budget Bill, State Budget, Wetland Reform, Watershed Grants were increased, proposed WPDES CAFO move to DATCP, NR151 and a variance procedure, ATP 50, adoption of new 590 standard, and ATP 51 livestock odor rule were topics discussed with this past month's lobbyist activity.

**Membership Note:** Carrie Laboski entered the meeting at 1:26 PM.

### WAPAC Resolutions

Legislative Committee met and opened up discussion for WAPAC's Resolutions. Resolutions were included in the packet, but due to time constraints, were not completely reviewed. Eric B. made a motioned to approve the resolutions as presented. Steve Hoffman seconded the motion. Members were all in favor.



**Scholarship Committee:** A total of one (\$750) scholarship was to be provided for the 2017 year. Ted Hoffman (UW Platteville) received this year's scholarship and was presented with his award by Robert Mickelson representing the Committee. This year, we had 7 applications and the committee unanimously voted for Hoffman via a blind process.

**Membership and Recruitment:** Haily Sand reported that the Board heard concerns regarding the membership application being too long and time-consuming which was prohibiting potential good candidates from applying. The Committee reviewed and condensed the application. The new application was approved by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting. This application can be seen on the WAPAC website. Sand asked all members in attendance to write down 2 names of potential members. She collected the names and will be contacting them to encourage membership. Sand suggested having a field day this summer to recruit new members.

**Program Committee:** Paul Sturgis reported. The 2017 Annual Meeting at the Wintergreen had 65 attendees. There were 36 attendees at New Horizons held at the Wintergreen in December 2017 and there were 51 attendees at the 2018 Consultants' Breakfast in January. Sturgis encouraged anyone who had ideas for meeting topics or events should contact him or someone on the Committee.

**Research Committee:** Bill Schaumberg, Paul Knutzen, Tom Novak, Phil Stern and Paul Sturgis met and developed some recommendations. These were provided via email and hard copy. They recommended based on several factors that corn trials be discontinued. Membership agreed. They came up with several suggestions for potential research: 3 foot soil testing, nitrogen on winter wheat, alternative for crop production, cover crops and yield/profitability. Laboski offered her expertise.

**Communications Committee:** Melisa Skwor reported for Steve Woodford who had to be absent. Melisa has been doing a monthly review/newsletter since September. All are available on the website. Up until now, the newsletters have been fairly generic due to her limited knowledge in the field. She is asking for content suggestions to include in the newsletters moving forward. The Committee and Board would like the newsletter to have more relevant information as opposed to just being a generic update/calendar. Eric Birschbach asked if Board Meeting minutes could be included in this newsletter for members to review.

**Ad Hoc NMP Committee:** This committee has been focusing on several topics such as soil changes in T, county LCD uniformity, DNR review process and soils mapping. The Ad Hoc NMP committee has set up a meeting in February that Steve Hoffman, Eric Birschbach. and Bill Stangel have attended and they will keep the group informed about updates working with Jason Nemacheck at the NRCS.

## **Old Business**

### **Constitution and Bylaws**

Proposed bylaws changes were provided to the Board with the appropriate 30 day advance notice of the Annual Meeting as stipulated in the Constitution. These changes were provided to the membership via email and hard copy. The changes are as follows:

### **Constitution Change #1**

Current:

Article III. Membership:

Section B. Non-Voting Members

Item 5. The Treasurer's Reports, checkbook and all financial documents shall be audited annually by an outside accounting firm hired by the Board of Directors.

*This has mysteriously appeared in the wrong area, probably a result of an errant cut and paste efforts of a previous revision. Propose moving and changing the language to read as follows:*

Proposed:

Article IV. Administration

Section F. Duties of the Treasurer

Item 3. The Treasurer's Reports, checkbook and all financial documents shall be reviewed annually by an outside firm or entity selected by the Board of Directors.

**Constitution Change #2**

Current:

Article IV. Administration

Section A. Board of Directors

Item 4. The Board of Directors shall appoint a faculty adviser from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with either crop or livestock expertise. The faculty adviser shall serve a three-year renewable term and shall be a voting member of the Board.

Proposed:

Article IV. Administration

Section A. Board of Directors

Item 4. The Board may engage an ex officio advisor from the University of Wisconsin system to serve on the Board. This person will serve as a liaison to connect WAPAC and its members with campus activities, research and policies of interest to the agricultural consulting community. This is a non-voting position and the term is maximum of three years with no term limits.

Paul Sturgis motioned to accept as presented. Chuck Bolte seconded. Motion carried.

Additional changes need to be made to match the new Membership Application, but an email ballot sent for this as it was not presented to the Board in time for this meeting.

**WAPAC Name Change**

Decision went back to the Board. The Board decided there wasn't a name that everyone really liked, so the decision was to keep it the same for now.

### **New Business**

The Board presented 3 candidates for the open Board positions. Chuck Bolte, Tom Novak and Nathan Casper agreed to run. Scott Fleming was nominated from the floor by Tom Prosser. Votes were cast via ballot with Melisa Skwor and Haily Sand counting. Bolte, Novak and Caspar were voted as our new WAPAC board members.

Stangel presented awards to the Chuck Bolte as an outgoing Board Member. Steve Woodford and Doug Kapral were not in attendance but thanked for their service to WAPAC. The gavel was passed to incoming President Haily Sand who presented a plaque of appreciation to Bill Stangel as outgoing President and thanked him for his service to WAPAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM