

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association
Minutes for 2016 Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet
Inn on Barons Creek, Fredericksburg, TX

President Albert Reyna welcomed members and guests to the 25th Anniversary Celebration, recognized the Silver Committee of Edie Bartos Canale, Bobby DeLeon and Mark Stutler for their efforts in planning and arranging the celebration. He also recognized the two Anniversary Sponsors, Jain Irrigation and Aluminum Metal Products.

Following a prayer by Mark Stutler, a German buffet was served by My Own Chef Caterers.

After the meal Bobby De Leon introduced the speaker for the evening, John Farner of the Irrigation Association. He outlined some of the different positions on ag issues of the two presidential candidates, Clinton and Trump. John reviewed the freshwater availability on a world basis and the various facets of water use. He noted that due to increasing world population the cropland per person is steadily declining, currently less than 0.2 ha (about 0.5 acre) per person.

John pointed out the importance of irrigated agriculture in Texas, being third in the US in terms of irrigated acres. He said that the IA's mission is to promote efficient irrigation and its vision is to be the recognized authority on irrigation. IA is attempting to do that through core strategic initiatives, one of which is professional development through education, training and certification. (TAIA is a member of the IA.)

John finished up by talking about the IA show to be held this year in Las Vegas in conjunction with Groundwater Week. He also introduced a brand new magazine entitled *Irrigation Today*.

Following the speaker, Albert called the annual meeting to order at 8:15.

Secretary-Treasurer John Taylor briefly reviewed the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting, stating that the detailed minutes were available for review on the Website. Minutes were approved. John presented the following financial report:

Financial Report

Regular Account

Income 2016 (thru September)	\$10,325
Expenses 2016 (thru September)	\$14,761.59

Net for year - \$4,436.59

Scholarship Account

Income 2016 (thru September) \$0.00

Expenses 2016 (thru September) \$1,500

Net for year - \$1,500

September balances

Checking Account \$100

Sweep Account \$29,945.47

CD \$32,361.11

Total \$62,406.58

Scholarship Account \$50

Sweep Account \$6,251.87

CD \$15,743.95

Total \$22,045.82

Total for all accounts: \$ 84,452.40

John noted that the negative balances were due to having the Annual Meeting in October prior to the income to occur in later months.

Albert reported on the membership status as follows:

2016 Regular Memberships Paid 59

2015 Associate Memberships Paid 32

Total Membership 91

2016 Scholarship Committee of Eddy Riggins, Kenneth Ewings, and Bobby De Leon reported on status of scholarship as follows:

Luke Stutler –TTU

Kaylee Ites – Texas A&M

Emily Wade - TTU

March 1st 2017 deadline for 2017 scholarship applications. Forms are available on the Website.

Albert reviewed the events of 2016:

2016 High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show, Feb 4, Amarillo Civic Center; 100+ attendees, 22 exhibitors.

3rd Biennial North Texas – South Plains Water Conservation Symposium, February 24, Amarillo Civic Center. TAIA was a sponsor for this event and had a booth.

WATTS Conference, Lubbock, March 22. TAIA was one of the sponsors and had a booth.

Upcoming Events

High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show, February 15, 2017, Amarillo Civic Center. Details of program are currently being finalized.

Officer and Board nominations for 2017

The Nomination Committee of Matt Laursen and Bobby De Leon presented the following slate of officers and board members for 2017:

VP Kenneth Ewings to President (Senninger)

Secretary-Treasurer John Taylor to Vice President (Equipment Supply)

Secretary-Treasurer - Bobby De Leon, (Jain Irrigation)

East Region Representative – Roger Schulze (ATS Irrigation)

South Region Representative– David Lott (Fresno Valve and Castings)

At-Large Representative – Eddy Riggins (Equipment Supply)

It was moved and seconded that this slate be accepted. Motion carried.

Call for committee volunteers resulted in the following:

Scholarship: Mark McCormick, Greg Sokora and James Prochaska

Nominations and Audit still to be filled.

Dr. Guy Fipps announced Irrigation Conferences and Trade Shows to be held in South Texas in February and October next year, indicating that TAIA members could register at a reduced price.

Drawings for the door prizes donated by Aluminum Metal Products, Jain Irrigation, ABM Irrigation, and Valley Irrigation were held.

Albert introduced incoming president for 2017, Kenneth Ewings.

President Kenneth Ewings thanked outgoing president Albert for his work and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.