Minutes of the
NYSACAA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
10:00 am, Roberts Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by Audrey Reith.
Present: Paul Ceresaletti, Jerry Bertoldo, Joan Petzen, Audrey Reith, Joe Lawrence, Lee Telega, Chuck Schmitt, Dale Dewing

Minutes from January 30, 2012 were distributed and approved with corrections.
Motion by Joan, seconded by Jerry

Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Sandy Buxton was distributed and accepted. Joan asked about the need to do an internal audit. Audrey appointed Chuck to recruit a committee of three members to complete an audit. Motion by Joan, second by Joe

Committee Updates: Jerry Bertoldo
Jerry submitted the roster of NYSACAA State Committee Chairs for 2012.

Update from Albany: Lee Telega
Lee reported on NY State funding for Cornell and CCE. There were several areas that will receive small increases, most stable at previous levels. The most significant change is the addition of new 224b funds, this is a funding area that has been worked on for many years are new funds in addition to the regular 224 funds.

Cornell Campus Update: Chris Watkins & Paul O’Connor
Chris and Paul expanded on the discussion of the new 224b funding. These funds will be used to support the addition of three new regional positions based in Western NY; Dairy Modernization, Dairy Processing, and Ag Economic Development/Local Foods. The criteria used to select these areas were; need to show immediate impact, based in Western NY, and having a strong Cornell campus connection.

It is expected that the funding for 224b is likely to expand in the future and the vision is to support county based regional efforts in a similar way to Cornell Teams. Likely areas for expansion seem to be North County and Hudson Valley.

Paul also reported on County funding for Associations. In the last budget year, county support state wide was down a net $1.3 million, following a trend of losses between $1.2 and $1.5 million per year the last four years. Twenty two (22) counties received cuts in county funding, 2 counties receiving cuts of over 40%, 30 were level funded and 5 counties received small increases in funding.

Directors’ Reports:
- Capital District: Chuck Schmitt
  The most recent joint district agents meeting in the capital district was on 3/29/2012 and included a presentation on Logic Models for program planning.
- Northern: Joe Lawrence
  There are several staffing changes happening in NNY, Franz Vokey will be leaving extension this spring, new educators with regional responsibilities for St Lawrence, Franklin, Essex, and Clinton counties will be starting this spring as well.
• Central
  No report

• Western: Joan Petzen
  Joan opened a discussion of the NYSACAA Annual meeting and Conference to be hosted by the Western District Agents. Plans are for the event to be based at Camp Wyomoco, in Wyoming County, and to include a tour with potential stops at a dairy farm with innovative use of separated solids, Hurd Orchards with a focus on Agro-tourism. Tentative date for September or early October

• Southeastern: Audrey Reith
  Orange County is recruiting a new Ag Program Leader; there are plans to hold a district meeting in May or June.

**NACAA Report:** Submitted by Steve Hadcock

• GALAXY Update
  Plans for the National Galaxy conference to be held in PA in 2013 are progressing well. NY will be helping as needed. Fundraising for the Ag portion of the conference is underway. All members are encouraged to send letters requesting small donations from and area agribusinesses. Leads for larger donations should be coordinated with Steve Hadcock.

**Old Business**

• Members Welcomes/Recruitment; all are reminded to contact new hires in their areas to encourage them to become members of the NYSACAA.

• Website & Listserv Updating; the website has recently been updated, all are encouraged to check the site and get any suggestions for additional changes to Audrey. Audrey will also be updating the lists published there.

**New Business**

• NYS FFA Convention at VVS request for support; NYSACAA will be supporting this as previously discussed. Audrey will have Sandy send a check.

• Awards Update
  Nominations were discussed for upcoming awards: In House Award, Friend of Extension, and Hall of Fame

**Next meetings:**

• PILD – April 15 - 18, 2012; Westin Alexandria, VA
• NACAA AM/PIC - July 15-19, 2012 - Charleston, SC
• NYS Annual Meeting – Western District September 2012

**Adjourn:** 3:00 pm