

**National Association of Economic Educators
Executive Committee**

**Meeting Minutes*
October 11, 2008 (12:00 pm, CDT)**

Executive Committee members present: Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz, Helen Meyers, Helen Roberts, Sue Lynn Sasser, Abbejean Kehler, Curt Anderson

- I. Review of 2008 fall conference and looking ahead to the 2009 fall conference with the NAEE Conference Committee Sue Lynn Sasser
- A. Thanks and appreciation to all, especially Pam Smith and Gwen Pajotte
 - B. Considerations for the future
 - 1. Conference Committee and Executive Committee members likely will have to staff the registration desk during the 2009 fall conference in Washington, D.C. since there will not be a state council host able to necessarily arrange for additional staffing as has been done for both the 2007 fall conference in Denver and the 2008 fall conference in Biloxi
 - 2. Expressed desire for more management and council management concurrent sessions
 - a. Needs to begin at the grass roots level with more session proposals for those types of sessions
 - b. Physical capacity constraints in terms of number of rooms available for concurrent sessions, and there are proportionately fewer council-related conference attendees than center-related or classroom teacher attendees
 - 3. ***"Hot Topics and Current Events"—NAEE Executive Committee to develop a concurrent session proposal to submit in response to call for proposals for 2009 fall conference and to then be prepared to make sure there are adequate presenters for the session at the time of the conference
 - 4. Suggestions for classroom teacher sessions—schedule them for Friday as much as possible and spread them out evenly throughout the day
 - C. Conference Evaluations to be sent out online to conference attendees as a trial this year given how poor submissions have been in the past when a hard copy evaluation has been included in the conference packets
 - D. 2009 NCEE/NAEE/GATE Conference—Washington, D.C.
 - 1. Time for Capitol Hill visits likely to be built into the schedule on Wednesday
 - 2. Possible reception with legislators—likely to have inefficient results given how Washington works (staffers invited to multiple of these types events a night)
 - 3. Need training prior to Capitol Hill visits and for everyone to have the same primary talking points
 - E. Session attendance
 - 1. Trade-offs between the number of concurrent sessions offered in any given slot and the number of attendees actually present in each of those sessions
 - 2. From overall conference attendance perspective by center/council directors affiliated with universities, however, universities increasingly may not approve travel requests if the individual is not on the conference program as a presenter
 - a. Hence, offering fewer concurrent sessions could create lower overall conference attendance as an unintended consequence
 - b. As an experiment, could possibly add poster sessions to open up greater presentation opportunities

- II. NAEF Discussion Group Sue Lynn Sasser
- A. Concern expressed about the limited number of fundraising and council management concurrent sessions offered to justify perceived worth of conference attendance by council directors and staff
 - B. Need ad hoc task force to coordinate/develop more of this type of proposals for concurrent conference sessions in the future
- III. International Committee Helen Meyers
- A. Raised question about whether there would be a benefit to NAEF members if an email were to be sent out a few days in advance of the fall conference informing everyone who the international attendees were going to be and encouraging everyone to seek out the international attendees and make them feel welcome and engaged
 - B. In the past, small groups of NAEF members were “assigned” to seek out international attendees to greet, so this may be a preferred approach
 - C. Raised question of whether NAEF should consider changing its name in light of NCEE changing its name to the Council for Economic Education
 - 1. NAEF membership issue
 - 2. Need to wait to see in what direction the Task Force on Membership is going to head with this and other issues
 - D. Raised question of whether the NAEF workbench could include files of relevance to international counterparts
- IV. Research Committee Helen Roberts
- A. For the NAEF website, would like to add new research paper award with a link to the paper
 - B. NCEE website also might provide a link to the award winning paper
 - C. New research paper award worked well this year and no obvious need for changes
- V. Professional Development Committee Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz
- A. Sessions largely mapped out for the 2009 Spring conference
 - B. If anything, there is interest in having too many sessions given time constraints
- VI. Task Force on Membership Sue Lynn Sasser
- A. **White paper drafts to be distributed to the Executive Committee now that the Task Force on Membership has had a chance to review them
 - B. **Desire to see if Shelley can send a confirmation email that welcomes new members so that they know their membership has been recorded and to include information about the following
 - 1. NAEF workbench
 - 2. NAEF chat
 - 3. NAEF website
- VII. Awards Committee—working on implementation of Rising Star Award Curt Anderson
- VIII. Publications Committee—planning on proposing session about becoming a writer Sue Lynn Sasser
- IX. Longer term NCEE/NAEF relationship and membership issues—Train Sue Lynn Sasser
Train the Trainers program/international program
- A. This program is facing some of the same succession issues facing NAEF membership

- B. Need to begin thinking about program for training future trainers of trainers
- C. **Perhaps can request the International Committee to present an extended overview of the international program and ways to become involved as a pre-conference session during the 2009 fall conference
- D. **Perhaps explore the possibility of launching a Train the Trainers program in the U.S. for newer Center and Council directors
 - 1. Perhaps offered at multiple sites across the country
 - 2. Perhaps offered in compressed format, taking into account the people involved should be well-grounded in economic theory
 - 3. Funding issues to be resolved—whether to offer the program at cost or to attempt to seek funding for stipends
 - 4. Draw on veterans to do the presenting
 - 5. **Curt Anderson and Abbejean Kehler agreed to start having informal conversations with others to explore the level of interest in such an idea

X. Meeting adjourned, 1:30 pm

Sue Lynn Sasser

*Minutes recorded by Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz

** Indicates action needed prior to next meeting/conference call

