

CCA Meeting March 24, 2017

9: 00 AM Introductions: Thia Walker, Brad Walker, Lanny Huston, Dave Green, Thaine Kramer, Kierra Jewell, Wes Pollart, Mike Rigiroszi. Troy Bauder attended via phone.

- Review and Accept last meeting minutes: Dave motioned to approve minutes from last meeting. Thaine seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes pass.
- Review Board membership
 - Fertilizer & Ag Chem. Dealers & Suppliers – Lanny Houston
 - Welcome to new member Lanny.
 - Bob Leisy has moved companies but still wishes to be on the board. He will move to be our RMAA person.
 - At large – Jason Webb. Suggested for Jason to be a member at large. Brad will double check with him or will check with Patrick O’Neal who has expressed interest as well.
 - Dave motioned to approve new members and moving of Bob. Lanny seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- Committee Reports
 - Exam -Troy
 - Exam – Results
 - 42% passed the Colorado Test. A little lower than normal but only 12 people took the test.
 - Cut score was 67%
 - 1462 people took international test overall. Pass rate was 46%
 - We received good information and descriptions with the statistics on the questions this time. The exam committee will take those stats into consideration during the fall exam creations.
 - Overall it looks like the test was a good one and we had good questions.
 - CCA HQ would like the pass rate to be 50%. They said our test performed worse than last year but we didn’t change much about the test from last year.
 - We have about 11 questions to look at for next year’s test.
 - Stats are hard because there are only 12 test takers.
 - Exam – Feedback
 - Kierra received feedback from one person that passed the test but wanted to know how he did in each of the sections.
 - The board was under the impression that no examinee received any sort of information like that but from a letter from another test taker (below) it sounded like he knew that he didn’t pass a section.

- Kierra will check with HQ about what is provided to examinee's and make the suggestion that some sort of information is provided to them.
 - Test Feedback from individual that did not pass- Wrote letter to Troy, Ron and Kent and then another letter directly to Thia (has connection to BSPM)
 - He has taken test twice and failed both times. This second time he seems to know that he missed the crop management section.
 - He wanted to appeal the exam to be passed so that he could be a CCA anyway.
 - Board denied request although HQ verified with us that there could be no appeal anyway.
 - Thia and Troy both wrote him a letter that explained the process and that we cannot pass him.
 - Finance - Brad
 - CCA Crop clinic donations- \$750 was deposited to our account from Ron's account on Jan. 24, 2017. These were the three donations for \$250 each.
 - Our budget is trending up which is the way we need it to.
 - Annual fees are up \$5.
 - We will keep an eye on the budget and just make corrections as necessary.
 - Standards and Ethics- Thaine
 - Membership for last 5 years (if data available)
 - Memberships are steady
 - 2 new CCAs applied and were granted
 - 1 other approval was granted (continuation)
 - We should be getting the list of appeals for anyone short on credits soon. We can vote via email on that list when we get it. We usually allows the appeals to go through, and the CCA gets another year to finish credits along with new credits.
 - Education
 - Can we host modules on our own site? Does it have to be through HQ's site? Could we do it through eXtension?
 - Thia is going to wait until July when she can test her site through eXtension. If it goes well, we can try to sell our modules though her store. Then money can go straight to us rather than HQ taking a cut.
- New Business
 - ICCA meeting
 - Saskatchewan in 2017. In September. We have \$1000 towards anyone who wants to go.
 - Brad is asking if anyone wants to go to let him know in 30 days.
 - Up-date on WPS affecting crop advisors. EPA exemption -Thia Walker

- Certified CCAs and NAICC advisors will be exempt from some parts of the WPS.
- Need to let our members know this. This could be a driving factor for people to get certified through CCA.
- Those that are CCAs right now will need to take a module to pass the part about WPS so they can have the exemption waived. This will send list to CDA/Mike. CCA will keep track of which ones have passed.
- Colorado will need to cover new WPS in study materials and in the exam.
 - New questions
 - Can national pay us to put these training materials together and create test questions and share with other states?
- We should create a flyer to let our current CCAs know about this benefit. Brad will create information and send to Kierra to put together.
- Specialty certifications – Brad
 - We had two people take two of the three specialty exams. Both passed. These could be more popular in the future.
- CCA Crop Clinic for 2017
 - Could still be income for us
 - Need to get donation flyer out earlier so we can get more
 - Need to speak with Wilma. Do we get input into what is needed? Should we help find speakers? Do we get a portion of the fees?
 - There may not be any profit to spread around since the fees are so low in order to draw people to it
 - Brad will talk with Wilma about it and see what we can do for her this year and going forward.
- Fall Meeting: October 27th 9am at adams cty fairgrounds.
- Kierra will update the website with
 - Mike on Ethics committee
 - Lanny as chair of Marketing committee
 - Wes as part of Education committee
 - Adding new members
 - Take off Jeff from committees along with Tom. Tom can stay on board list because he is past president still.
- Kierra will order jackets for new members.

11:15 AM Adjourn