

**SAAS Board of Directors
Breakfast Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 03, 2009 – Atlanta, GA**

Call to Order by President Robert (Bob) Whitson in the Vinings Room at 7:30 am on Tuesday, February 03, 2008.

Roll Call was done by sign-in sheet and personal introduction of each attendee. In attendance were:

Executive Committee: Mark Legendre, Bob Whitson
Ag Communications: Johnny Morgan and Blair Fannin
Ag Economics: Hector Zapata
Ag Education: John C Ricketts and Dennis Duncan
Agronomy: M. Wayne Ebelhar and Carl Crozier
Animal Science: Beth Kegley and David Morrison
Plant Pathology: Bob Kemerait
Research Center: Merritt Taylor and Ray Cartee
Guest: Rick Conner from "Meeting Your Needs"

A quorum was established.

The future locations were discussed very briefly as:

2010 – Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando, Florida (Feb 06-09)
2011 – Omni Hotels – Corpus Christi, Texas (Feb 05-08)
2012 – Sheraton Hotel – Birmingham, Alabama (Feb 04-07)
2014 – Sheraton Hotel (Adam's mark) – Dallas, TX (Feb 02-05)

Mark Legendre introduced Rick Conner, "Meeting your Needs," as the third party hotel locator. He made a brief presentation on the comparison report on meeting at the Atlanta Westin or the Wyndham Orlando Hotels in 2013 and 2015. After some discussion, it was approved to meet in Orlando in 2013 and Atlanta in 2015.

There was a brief discussion on the multi-discipline session and breakout sessions. The general concurrence was that multidisciplinary session is a great idea and is needed on current issue/topic, but the Monday breakout session did not work and was poorly attended. After a brief discussion, the Board recommended that the multi-discipline session should be kept during the General Session and breakout sessions should not be scheduled at that time. Appreciation was given to Virginia Morgan, Ag Communication; H. L. Goodwin, Jr., Ag Economics; and Anna Kleiner, Rural Sociology, for helping with this year's session.

Acting President Bob Whitson lead a discussion on reviewing and updating SAAS's By-Laws just to make sure that the By-Laws reflect what SAAS is actually doing. Dr. Whitson was to appoint a small sub-committee to address the issue.

The question was raised by Dr. Whitson on the possibility of adding additional groups/disciplines to meet with SAAS. All were agreeable and need to work their contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

Submitted by:

Mark Legendre
Secretary/Treasurer