



**SAIA Summer Meeting
Business Meeting Agenda
Lexington, KY
June 12-15, 2017**

Chairman – Darren Maddox, Alabama
Vice Chairman – Rusty Wannamaker, South Carolina
Secretary – Wes Lee, Mississippi

Minutes of Business Session

- The Southern Area Instructors Association (SAIA) Summer Meeting was held at Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky.

- **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chairman Darren Maddox (AL) at 8:32 AM on June 13, 2017.

- **Invocation**
 - Don Harbuck (SC) led the group in our opening prayer.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Doyle Totty (TN) led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Presentation of Colors and National Anthem**
 - The Presentation of Colors and National Anthem was conducted by Mr. Kendal Bush (KY).

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Clarence Green (KY) welcomed the group to the host state of Kentucky.
- **Approval of the 2016 Fall Meeting Minutes**
 - Kenny Guffey (OK) made a motion to approve the minutes of the Fall 2016 Meeting in San Antonio, Texas with a second by Glenn Cunningham (GA). Voice vote approved the motion.
- **New Members**
 - The following applications were presented by Vice Chairman Rusty Wannamaker (SC) for membership into SAIA. Motion to accept was made by Micheal Weltzheimer (MS) and seconded by Jason Saunders (AL). Voice vote approved the motion.
 - Trey Piel (Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi)
 - Matt Thomas (Blue Grass Energy Cooperative)
 - Charlie Lewis (Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives)
 - Tracy Geddings (Black River Electric Cooperatives)
 - Buster Bishop (Alabama Rural Electric Associations)
 - Dustin McGraw (Palmetto Electric Cooperatives)
 - Eric Turner (Alabama Rural Electric Associations)
 - Jeff Whatley (Alabama Rural Electric Associations)
 - Gene Hale (Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative)
 - Billy Porter (Gibson Electric Membership Cooperative)
 - Todd Neville (Florida Public Utilities)
- **Business Meeting Suspended**
 - Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) entertained a motion to suspend the business meeting until Thursday, June at 15 9:15 a.m. made by Kenny Guffey (OK), seconded by Micheal Weltzheimer (MS). Voice vote approved the motion.
- **Business Session II Thursday June 15, 2017**
 - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chairman Darren Maddox (AL) at 8:56 AM.
- **Web Site Update**
 - Michael Weltzheimer (MS) gave the group an update on the website (southernareainstructorsassociation.org). He presented the website and gave instructions on how to utilize it. Michael mentioned that the programs shared will also be placed on the website.
- **Directory Update**
 - Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) thanked David White (KY) for his work in keeping the directory updated. David spoke the group about passing the Directory along. David has left his position with KAEC and will no longer

- Wes Lee (MS) volunteered to take over the directory.
- **New Business**
 - Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) reminded the group to keep SAIA informed of any members that have retired or are planning to retire. The group would like to show recognition to these individuals. At this request, Norman McDugle (OK) and Jim Wright (GA) were announced as retirees.
 - Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) recognized the nominating committee which consists of the past three chairmen of SAIA. They are David White (KY), Aarron Graham (LA), and Greg McKoy (GA) who will serve as chairman. This committee will announce their nominations at the Fall Meeting.
 - Chairman Maddox then recognized the Ray Pantel Award Committee which consists of Bill Graham (OK), Aarron Graham (LA), and David White (KY)
- **Ray Pantel Award**
 - Aarron Graham (LA) was called on to announce the winner of the 2017 Ray Pantel Award which is Greg McKoy (GA). There will be a ceremony and award presentation at our Fall Meeting.
 - Graham also proposed to the group that the SAIA group present the Pantel Award at the beginning of our Summer Meeting in lieu of the NUTSEA conference. The winner will be announced at NUTSEA, but the physical award will be awarded at the Summer meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting Sites**
 - 2017 Fall Meeting - New Orleans, Louisiana
 - 2018 Summer Meeting – Savannah, Georgia
 - 2019 Summer Meeting – Kansas City, Kansas
 - 2020 Summer Meeting – Daytona, Florida
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion made by Kenny Guffy (OK), seconded by Micheal Weltzheimer (MS), was made to adjourn. A voice vote approved the vote.