



**SAIA Fall Meeting  
Business Meeting Agenda  
New Orleans, LA  
September 18, 2017**

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

**Minutes of Fall Business Session**

- The Southern Area Instructors Association (SAIA) Fall Meeting was held at the Hilton Riverside hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- **Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL).
- **Invocation**
  - Greg Hambrick (OK) led the group in our opening prayer.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Presentation of Colors/Pledge/National Anthem was held in conjunction with the NUTSEA meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Approval of 2017 SAIA Summer Meeting Minutes (Lexington, KY)**
  - Mr. Kenny Guffey (OK) made a motion to approve the minutes of the summer 2017

Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky with a second by Wade Hurst (OK). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **Present/Accept New Members**

- The following applications were presented by Vice Chairman Rusty Wannamaker (SC) for membership into SAIA. Motion to accept was made Aarron Graham (LA) and seconded by Glenn Cunningham (GA). Voice vote approved the motion.
- The following members we voted in:
  - Chad Lewis (Southern Pine Electric)
  - Greg Tisdale (Santee Electric Cooperative)
  - Jeremy Gadberry (Arkansas Electric Cooperative)
  - Barney Toy (Clark Energy Cooperative)
  - Neal Fletcher (Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative)
  - Travis Roseberry (Arkansas Electric Cooperative)
  - David Smith (Okefenoke EMC)

- **Ray Pantel Award**

- Will be presented at the summer meeting in Georgia.
- Will be in the NUTSEA brochure and announced at awards banquet.
- The 2017 winner was Mr. Greg McKoy (GA).

## New Business

- **Report from the Nominating Committee**

- Aarron Graham (LA) gave the report to present the slate of officers for 2018. No other candidates were nominated from the floor.
- Rusty Wannamaker (SC) was nominated for Chairman. Motion was made to accept by Glenn Cunningham (GA), second by Kenny Guffey (OK). Voice vote approved the motion.
- Wes Lee (MS) was nominated for Vice Chairman. Motion was made to accept by Doyle Totty (TN), second by Todd Mosley (AL). Voice vote approved the motion.
- Robert Thornton (KY) was nominated for Secretary. Motion was made by Glenn Cunningham (GA), second by Stan Rucker (MS). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **Request for New Business**

- Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) asked the floor if there was any new business to be heard. Glenn Cunningham (GA) mentioned that the “passing of the hard hat” will be done twice to help the victims of both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

- **By-law Committee**

- Mr. Chairman Maddox (AL) appointed a committee to review the by-laws.
- That committee consisted of the following:

- Greg Hambrick (OK)
  - Micheal Kelley (AL)
  - Todd Carter (SC)
  - Mike Bergeaux (LA)
  - Robert Thornton (KY)
  - Wes Lee (MS)
  - James Thomas (GA)
- **Passing of the Gavel**
    - Chairman Maddox (AL) thanked everyone for their support during the past 3 years.
  - **Introduce Host State**
    - Chairman Wannamaker (SC) introduced Georgia as the host state for the 2018 Summer Conference.
    - The meeting will be held June 19-21 in Savannah, Georgia.
  - **Entertain motion to adjourn**
    - Chairman Wannamaker (SC) made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Aarron Graham (LA).