



**SAIA Summer Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 21- 23, 2016**

**Chairman- Greg McKoy, Georgia
Vice Chairman- Darren Maddox, Alabama
Secretary- Rusty Wannamaker, South Carolina**

Minutes of Business Session

- The Southern Area Instructors Association (SAIA) Summer meeting was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg McKoy (GA) at 8:00 am on June 21, 2016.

- **Invocation**

- Greg Hambrick (OK) led the group in our opening prayer.

- **Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance**

- The Presentation of Colors was presented by Will Rogers Air National Guard Base Honor Guard followed by Alana Miranda singing the National Anthem. Chairman McKoy (GA) led the group with the pledge.

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- Kenny Guffey (OK) welcomed the group to the host state of Oklahoma.

- **Approval of the 2015 Fall Meeting Minutes**

- Kenny Guffey (OK) made a motion to approve the minutes of the Fall 2015 meeting in Boise, Idaho with a second by Michael Weltzheimer (MS). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **New Members**

- The following applications were presented by Vice Chairman Darren Maddox (AL) for membership into SAIA. Motion to accept was made by Glenn Cunningham (GA) and seconded by Aaron Graham (LA). Voice vote approved the motion.
 - Michael L. Sullins (Cullman Electric Cooperative)
 - Joe McElroy (Michigan Electric Cooperative Assoc.)

- **Business Meeting Suspended**

- Chairman McKoy (GA) entertained a motion to suspend the business meeting until Thursday, June 23 at 10:15 a.m. made by Michael Kelley (AL), seconded by Darren Maddox (AL). Voice vote approved the motion.

- **Business Session II Thursday June 23, 2016**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg McKoy (GA) at 10:02 a.m.

- **New Members**

- Chairman McKoy (GA) shared with the group that applications were submitted on the SAIA website prior to the June 21 business meeting but were not retrieved until after this date. Listed below are the applications that were received from the website and were presented by Vice Chairman Darren Maddox (AL) for membership into SAIA. Motion to accept was made by Michael Weltzheimer (MS) and seconded by Wade Hurst (OK). Voice vote approved the motion.

- Michael Hall (Snapping Shoals EMC)
 - Jackie Berna (Central Electric Cooperative)
 - Kevin Lingemann (Alfalfa Electric Cooperative)
 - Teresa Davis (Warren RECC)

- **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 the possibility of adding a list serve to the site for SAIA members.
 - Michael encouraged everyone to view the portion of the website that pertains to the Ray Pantel Award.

- **Directory Update**

- Chairman McKoy (GA) thanked David White (KY) for his work in keeping the directory updated. David reminded everyone that retirees are welcome to attend the SAIA meetings. The current directory was passed to all in attendance to update their contact information. Changes will be posted on the website before the NUTSEA meeting in August.

- **New Business**

- Chairman McKoy (GA) 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, Dave Reser and Dalin Garner were announced as retiring from cooperatives in Oklahoma and member Norman McDugle from Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.
- Chairman McKoy (GA) recognized the nominating committee which consists of the past three chairmen of SAIA. They are David White (KY), Jason Saunders (AL), and Aaron Graham (LA) who will serve as chairman. This committee will announce their nominations at the Fall Meeting.
- Chairman McKoy then recognized the Ray Pantel Award Committee which consists of Wade Hurst (OK), Aaron Graham (LA), and David White (KY)

- **Ray Pantel Award**

- Kenny Guffey (OK) was called on to announce the winner of the 2016 Ray Pantel Award which is Bill Graham (OK). There will be a ceremony and award presentation at our Fall meeting.

- **Upcoming Meeting Sites**

- 2016 Fall Meeting San Antonio, Texas – September 20 – 23, 2016.
- 2017 Summer Meeting Lexington, KY– June 12-15, 2017.
- 2018 Summer Meeting Savannah, GA – (TBA)
- 2019 Summer Meeting Kansas City, Kansas – (TBA)

- **Adjourn**

- Motion made by Wade Hurst (OK), seconded by Kenny Guffey (OK). Voice vote approved the motion.