

Service

Grassroots Leadership

WAAE and NAAE's governing bodies consist of a board of directors who are all educators elected by their peers.

Newsletters

WAAE and NAAE both publish newsletters that keep you updated on news and trends in agricultural education, resources, legislative advocacy and activities and events.

Mentoring

WAAE has designed a program for new Wisconsin teachers during their first years. Mentors provide mentees with support, ideas, and curriculum sharing. Mentors contact their mentee on a regular basis, assist them with FFA responsibilities and award applications, provide motivational material and share their knowledge and experience.

Advocacy

WAAE and NAAE are champions of advocacy. Both organizations have web-based access to the names and addresses of your state and national legislators, which makes contacting them easier. WAAE members are meeting with state legislators on a number of issues critical to agricultural education including: establishing science credit for agriculture classes and creating an Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council that advises state agencies on matters related agricultural education and workforce development.

Membership Categories

Active: open to persons who are professionally certified and are employees in an agriculture education program at a secondary, post-secondary, farm business and production management and agribusiness levels; state staff and teacher educational positions; and are members of affiliated associations. Employment may be on a full or part-time basis.

Organizational: includes those agriculture, agribusiness, industry, civic, governmental, and other organizations or firms who desire to be informed and/or support the agriculture education instructors and/or agriculture education programs.

Associate: agricultural, agribusiness, industry, civic, governmental and other organizations or firms who desire to be informed and/or support Wisconsin's agricultural education programs. Associate members receive newsletters and a plaque with inserts for renewal, plus the satisfaction of showing support for Wisconsin's agricultural education programs.

Student: limited to students preparing to become instructors in agriculture education programs or furthering their education in graduate agricultural education programs.

Honorary: may be conferred by a 2/3 vote of the Association at a regular meeting upon recommendation of the Executive Board. Honorary membership does not include membership in affiliated organizations.

Life: upon completing 35 years of WAAE membership, life membership is automatically conferred. Life membership is also granted if the member has paid dues for 30 years or more and retires from teaching. Other life memberships may be conferred by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.

**To become a member, visit
www.WisconsinTeamAgEd.com
or call 262-224-7553.**

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MEMBERSHIP

Your Professional Agricultural
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Recognition

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Why Should I Join WAAE?

As an educator of an elective program you face challenges every day. WAAE is a support system that can help you succeed professionally. With your membership to WAAE, you also receive membership in NAAE, the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Both organizations are dedicated to providing the tools and support you need to succeed.



Professional Development

WAAE and NAAE seek to advance agricultural education by providing members with programs and services that encourage professional growth and leadership. Workshops, inservices and conferences, such as our Annual Professional Conference held in Middleton, Wisconsin offer excellent ways to earn continuing education credits while gathering and sharing new ideas with a network of fellow agricultural educators.



With the Help of

Curriculum Materials

WAAE has contributed over \$10,000 to help purchase standards-aligned curriculum and lesson plan materials from the Center for Agricultural and Environmental Research and Training, Inc. (CAERT) for Wisconsin agricultural educators.

Online Resources

Look to WAAE.com and NAAE.org for legislative and workshop updates, links to resources and access to a listing of agriculture teaching positions available throughout the United States.



The WAAE Mission ...

We are dedicated to leading agricultural education professionals in the development of knowledge throughout our ever-evolving global community.

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Awards and Recognition

WAAE and NAAE recognize members who offer outstanding agricultural education programs. Members can apply for recognition in the following areas:

- Outstanding Young Member
- Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher
- Outstanding Agricultural Education Program
- Outstanding Postsecondary Adult Program
- Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program
- Teacher Mentor
- Teachers Turn the Key
- Ideas Unlimited
- Teaching Materials Contest



Vision ...

To be the leading organization for the development and promotion of agricultural education.