

WAAE 2009 SUMMER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: New Teacher Committee

Committee Chairman: Dave Rizzardi

Committee Vice Chair: Rachel Sauvola

Committee Members Present and School

Name	School	Level
Dave Rizzardi	Kewaskum High School	Section 10
Crystal McGrath	Northwestern High School	Section 1
Laura Hasselquist	Chippewa Falls	Section 2
Becky Wirkus	Stratford High School	Section 7
Amy Gerhardt	Neillsville High School	Section 7
Melinda Goplin	Whitehall High School	Section 3
Hannah Wolsdorf	Tri-County High School	Section 6
Shelby Mitchell	Fennimore High School	Section 4
Jamie Rupp	Albany High School	Section 5
Morgan Link	Rio High School	Section 6
Brittany Babik	New Lisbon High School	Section 6
Doug Raymakers	Bonduel High School	Section 8
Glenda Crook	Lodi High School	Section 6
Lisa Kossel	Glenwood City High School	Section 2
Katie Gerlach		
Wendy Kannel	Mishicot High School	Section 9
Rachel Sauvola	New Richmond High School	Section 2

Any Others Attending

Name	School	Level
1.		
2.		
3.		

G – Guest/Visitor – Not on committee
L – College – 4 year and more
P – Post Secondary – Technical College

S – Secondary – 7-12
ST – Student Teacher or currently not employed

1. Major accomplishments for the year.

Updated and prepared material for the new teacher program on Sunday afternoon. Met throughout the year at Half-Time to discuss new teacher programs and what we can do to help new teachers.

2. Goals for the coming year.

Look at mentor/mentee program. Develop a list of members who are already trained and willing to be mentors and also the members who are willing to be trained and willing to be mentors.

Continue to develop New Teacher program on the Sunday before WAAE. The committee has received very positive feedback from all attendees and found the workshop to be very beneficial to new teachers. Committee members will look at the new teacher binder and continue to build upon the binder and program. Invite new teachers from 0-3 years of experience. Members are welcome to attend multiple years of the workshop depending on their status and job situation.

Look at promoting WAAE new teacher program and workshop at the University for graduates. We hope that information is given to new teachers before they go out student teaching and/or before the school year ends. This includes scholarship to attend the conference.

Create a Facebook account for the mentor committee. This is a great way for new teachers to communicate with one another about happenings, advice, etc.

3. Ways and means to meet goals for this coming year.

Committee members from each section will get a list of mentors who are trained and members who are willing to be trained as mentors.

Laura and Wendy will create a master list of mentors and contact Jeff Hicken about communication of who has been placed in a new school district/left a district/etc.

Shelby Mitchell (UW-Platteville), Rachel Sauvola, Brittany Babik (UW-River Falls), Glenda Crook (UW-Madison) will contact the Universities and discuss when they can visit to talk about WAAE and the benefits of the new teacher workshops.

Committee contact list will be made.

Wendy will create a Facebook account for the new teacher committee.

4. Number of meetings held (List times and places)

Meet at major FFA events including MFE/EDGE/ALD and Half-Time. Email members when meetings will occur.

5. Any other business or suggestions to the Executive Board

WAAE should add a recruitment and retention committee to help those teachers in years 3-7 and recruit agricultural education instructors that are not WAAE members.

Mentor/Mentee program will be run through the new teacher committee. This will include matching mentors/mentees, providing activities for those matches and possibly offering a mentor training program.