



NIFA SAFECON 2015 NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Richard G. Smith, III on Sat., May 16, 2015

1. NIFA / OSU Personnel Present:

Joshua Fisher, President SAFECON 2015

Glenn McConnell, NIFA Council Chairman

Richard G. Smith, III, NIFA Executive Director

Adam Stiffler, NIFA Treasurer

Scott Vlasek, NIFA Council

Frank Mayne, NIFA Council

Jim Higgins, NIFA Council

Erich Hess, NIFA Council

Tanya Gatlin, NIFA Council

David Todd, NIFA Council

Taylor Newman, NIFA Council

Carolyn Carpp, NIFA Council

Les Westbrooks, NIFA Council

Darryl Stubbs, NIFA Council

Eric Barton, NIFA Council

2. Call To Order – Josh Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM EDT on Sat., May 16, 2015 in OSU Airport Hangar 7.

3. Roll Call – Josh Fisher called the roll. 27 SAFECON 2015 Competitor Teams had representatives present and responded to the Roll Call (Ohio University & Central Texas College were absent. One other NIFA Member Team, California Baptist College responded to the Roll Call. So, 28 NIFA Member Schools were present and accounted for.

4. NIFA Bylaw Changes

A. Taylor Newman read Bylaw Proposal No. 1 (Defining NIFA leadership & adding a NIFA Council Vice Chairman position). There was no discussion and the Bylaw Proposal passed by a vote of 132 yea and 3 nay.

B. Taylor Newman read Bylaw Proposal No. 2 (Changing the way schools qualify to compete at the national SAFECON). There was considerable discussion. Ultimately, Bylaw Proposal No. 2 was remanded to the NIFA Council Bylaws Committee for further development and discussion by a voice vote with the “yeas” far outnumbering the “nays.”

C. Taylor Newman read Bylaw Proposal No. 3 (Housekeeping changes). There was no discussion and Bylaw Proposal No. 3 passed by a voice vote with absolutely no "nays."

5. NIFA Rule Changes – None were presented or discussed.
6. Election of the NIFA Council Student Representative for the 2014-2015 NIFA Competition Year – There were three nominees for the NIFA Council Student Representative, and Dennis Morgan of Minnesota State University - Mankato was elected by a significant vote margin.
7. SAFECON 2016 – As The Ohio State University was the sole bidder to host SAFECON 2016 after the other four bidders withdrew their bids, The Ohio State University will host SAFECON 2016 at KOSU most likely from Mon., May 16, 2016 through Sat., May 21, 2016.
8. SAFECON 2017 Bids – Due at NIFA Headquarters by approximately Nov. 21, 2015.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM EDT on Sat., May 16, 2015.