

Minutes of NAFE Board of Directors Meeting
July 23 – 24, 2005
Chicago, IL

Voting members attending: Frank Tinari, Tyler Bowles, Kurt Krueger, Gary Skoog, Steve Shapiro, Larry Spizman

Absent: Beth Gunderson

Also attending: George Schieren, Jim Rodgers, Jack Ward, Mike Piette, Stephen Horner

1. President Tinari opened the meeting at 8:00 am, July 23, and welcomed everyone.
2. Schieren presented the financial report for the first half of the fiscal year 2005 and explained that the revenues were down significantly from previous years because of Allen Press's failure to send out any renewal notices until June. Since the first of June an additional \$25,754 has been deposited from membership renewals. Several suggestions were made about the presentation of line items in the statement, and these will be passed along to the accountant. It was moved and seconded (Krueger, Skoog) that **the Board accepts the financial statement. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
3. Schieren presented the minutes from the Board meeting on January 7, 2005 and from the electronic meeting of April 26, 2005. It was moved and seconded (Krueger, Skoog) that **the Board approves the minutes as presented. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
4. Krueger reported that the 2005 Southern Economic Association meeting in Washington, DC on November 19 – 21 will have three NAFE sessions, with the papers and program in place.
5. Spizman reported that the 2006 Eastern Economic Association meeting will be in Philadelphia on February 24 – 26. No papers have been received yet for the program.
6. Skoog reported that last year NAFE had returned to the Missouri Valley Economic Association meeting with one paper session and one session on the practice of forensic economics. Based on last year's participation, he is planning one or two paper sessions at the 2005 meeting in Kansas City on October 27 – 29.
7. Bowles reported that NAFE had six sessions at this year's Western Economic International Association meeting in San Francisco. Forty-three binders were handed out at the sessions.
8. Rodgers reported that the 2006 NAFE Winter meeting will be the last weekend in January or the first weekend in February, with the location to be determined.
9. Ward reported that the 2005 International meeting in Dublin, Ireland had about twenty participants, with fifteen being NAFE members. Tentatively the 2006 meeting will be in Tuscany, Italy, and will piggyback on a tour of Italy.
10. There was discussion about the request from NAFE-L owners for guidance about implementing a Terms of Service agreement for NAFE-L users. The Board reiterated that it does not own or control the NAFE-L, but allows the owners to

use the “NAFE” name in return for allowing NAFE members to be on the list. The following resolution was moved and seconded (Shapiro, Spizman):

Resolved: The NAFE Board of Directors encourages the NAFE-L owners to maintain the independence of the NAFE-L, and the Board takes no position on the proposal of the NAFE-L owners to establish a “Terms of Service” agreement for the NAFE-L as long as the agreement does not state or in any way imply that NAFE owns or monitors the NAFE-L or enforces the Terms of Service.

The resolution passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

Membership forms and promotional materials will be checked for accuracy regarding the NAFE-L.

11. Jim Rodgers, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the recommended nominees from the committee. After careful consideration of each committee recommendation, the Board voted whether or not to accept the recommendations.

President-Elect – passed: 5 – yes, 0 – no, 1 – abstain

Mid-Western Vice-President – passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain

Western Vice-President – failed: 3 – yes, 3 – no, 0 – abstain

Gary Skoog as the nominee for President-Elect and Ed Foster as Mid-Western Vice-President will be presented to the membership for approval, along with others who may be nominated by the membership. The Board’s recommendation for the Western Vice-President candidate will be determined at a later date.

12. Piette and Shapiro reported that the *JFE* is making good progress in catching up to make the published issue number correspond to the publication date. The merger of the *LER* and the *JFE* has helped in terms of articles and referees for the *JFE*, as have the articles about the various state laws regarding Personal Injury/Wrongful Death. At the current rate, the issues may be current by 2007. Jim Rodgers and Bob Male are doing all the work acquiring the state papers, except for the refereeing. The journal is receiving about 28 – 30 non-state manuscripts per year, with a 40 – 42% rejection rate. There was discussion about the electronic future of the *JFE*, availability of back issues of the *JFE*, and listing of the *JFE* in various indices and search services. It was moved and seconded (Spizman, Skoog) that **the NAFE Board of Directors authorizes the *JFE* editors to make all volumes of the *JFE*, except the most recently published two volumes, available free of charge on the NAFE website, in lieu of the distribution of a cd-rom to the members. The Board also authorizes the placement of the Table of Contents and abstracts of the most recent two volumes of the *JFE* on the NAFE website, with copies of these articles available for a fee. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
13. Recognizing all the work that Kurt Krueger has done and continues to do in making the *JFE* available electronically, it was moved and seconded that **the Board thanks Kurt Krueger very much for his efforts and work on NAFE’s**

behalf in the internet and information technology areas. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.

14. There was lengthy discussion about the problems with Allen Press failing to send out membership renewal notices, and then sending them with the wrong expiration date (2006 instead of 2005). Allen Press did not understand and was not prepared to deal with memberships being for a calendar year with an anytime start and no specification for number of issues of the journal and with subscriptions being for a volume of the journal. Allen Press even let the last printed issue of the *JFE* sit on the loading dock for weeks because they did not know what to do about the membership list. Tinari will attempt by telephone to determine if Allen Press has now gotten things together for NAFE, with all correct renewal notices having been sent out with an apology, and the procedures for follow-up letters in place, and will request written confirmation of the steps Allen Press is taking. If necessary, Tinari will ask Ward and Krueger to visit Allen Press in person for discussions.
15. It was moved and seconded (Shapiro, Bowles) that **the Board authorizes the President and Executive Director to extend the existing contact with Nancy Eldredge through August 2006. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
16. Schieren announced that NAFE had been able to get a larger room for a reception at the ASSA meetings in Boston in January. At that reception there will be a celebration of NAFE's 20th birthday for NAFE members and their guests. It was moved and seconded (Spizman, Skoog) that **the Board appoints Jack Ward and Mike Brookshire to be in charge of the arrangements for the 20th birthday celebration. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
17. After discussion about some inconsistencies in the NAFE Bylaws, it was moved and seconded (Krueger, Shapiro) that **the Board authorizes the President to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations to the Board for the revision of the NAFE Bylaws. The motion passed: 6—yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
18. It was moved and seconded (Shapiro, Krueger) that **the Board authorizes the President and Executive Director to make arrangements for the 2006 summer Board of Directors meeting, to be held July 22 – 23. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
19. In the ongoing discussions about ways to increase the membership in NAFE, it was recognized that it is very important to encourage younger members to participate in programs and other efforts of NAFE. It was suggested that meeting organizers get younger/newer members to assist in setting up the programs. Organizers could also use a list of prior attendees to find future discussants. All organizers are urged to maintain such a list of attendees. It was moved and seconded (Krueger, Skoog) that **the Board authorizes the President to appoint a Membership Committee. The motion passed: 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.**
20. There was discussion about a particular session at a program being designated a Continuing Education program. Sessions such as the one at the WEAI meeting in San Francisco with different approaches to the same case being presented could

be designated as Continuing Education for persons who belong to organizations requiring continuing education. It would be necessary for NAFE to take attendance of those wishing to offer the session as continuing education to whatever body requires them to have continuing education.

21. There being no further business, the meeting, having been suspended at 4:30 pm, Saturday and resumed at 8:00 am Sunday, was adjourned at 10:40 am, July 24.

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Schieren
July 25, 2005.