



National ACT 2021 Virtual Business Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Rachel McGreal of Illini ACT at 3:04 pm Central time.

II. Recognize National ACT sponsors

- The National ACT Sponsors were recognized by President Rachel McGreal of Illini ACT.

III. Officer Reports

A. Communications Coordinator, Keegan Brumfield

- Keegan discussed the updates to the website, these include the 2021 Critique and Contest winners. She also encouraged members to check their emails for the monthly e-newsletters, as well as the National ACT social media for upcoming winner highlights.

B. President, Rachel McGreal

- Rachel reminded members that the 2021 Critique & Contest feedback was sent to each chapter. She also recognized and thanked our sponsors, NAFB, CCI Marketing, Nu Ag Technology, and B & D Chemical.

C. Executive Adviser, Dr. Hall

- Dr. Hall highlighted the significance of becoming a National ACT member, as well as where to find the most current National ACT information on the website. She answered questions about National membership, and what this entails for dues paying members.

D. Executive Treasurer, Dr. Miller

- Dr. Miller reminded attendees that National ACT membership dues should be paid in lump sum by ACT chapters, not by individual members. He encouraged chapters to use the PayPal link on the National ACT website or mail in a check. Dues are \$17 per student and \$18 for chapter advisers, and are due by October 31st, 2021. New members can be added throughout the year with Dr. Miller as needed..
- Dr. Miller gave an overview of the National ACT's current financial status. Our current operating funds are \$9,229. This is our funds before collecting dues for the 2021-2022 year.

- The Jim Evans professional development fund currently has \$2,800. Information on applying for the Jim Evans fund can be found on the National ACT website under “Chapters,” and “Applications”.
- The Arthur Leal fund is a \$1,500 study abroad scholarship, applications are not yet open, but funds will be awarded in February.

IV. New Business, selecting the PDC host school for 2022

- Haylee Henry, President, Lora Berg, Adviser, and Jenna Belt, Secretary of South Dakota State University ACT pitched South Dakota State University as the 2022 PDC host.
- SDSU pitched hosting the PDC in person for the 2022 year, they are open to hosting virtually or offering a hybrid option.
- Concerns for travel ability and funding may limit the PDC being held in person this year.
- Haylee Henry of South Dakota State University ACT moved to have SDSU host the PDC in 2022.
- Adelaide Mathison of Oklahoma State ACT seconded the motion to have SDSU host the PDC in 2022.
- South Dakota State University was selected as the host of the 2022 Professional Development Conference.

V. Election of officers

1. Vice President

- Candidate: Maren Boyer of Utah State ACT
- Maren Boyer was unanimously voted as the 2021-2022 National ACT Vice President.

2. Secretary/Treasurer

- There were no candidates for Secretary/Treasurer. This position will go unfilled for the 2021-2022 year.

3. Member Relations Coordinator

- Haley Bickelhaupt, of Illini ACT, nominated herself off of the floor for the Member Relations Coordinator position.
- Haley introduced herself, and answered the application question related to the Member Relations Coordinator position.
- Haley was unanimously voted as the 2021-2022 National ACT Member Relations Coordinator.

VI. Questions/Concerns

1. Lora Berg of SDSU ACT questioned the benefits of being a dues paying National ACT member.
 - Scholarship opportunities
 - Critique and contest entries
 - Professional development opportunities
 - Connection with National ACT officers
 - PDC hosting and attendance

VII. Adjourn

- President Rachel McGreal of Illini ACT proposed an adjournment to the meeting.
- Haylee Henry of SDSU moved to adjourn the National ACT business meeting.
- Adelaide Mathison from Oklahoma State ACT seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The October 7th National ACT business meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm, Central time.