

IAAE History

In the late 1920's, the forerunner of IAAE was born as an organization known as "Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers Club". Its purposes were for voc-ag teachers to get to meet fellow voc-ag teachers, to share ideas, and discuss problems as agriculture programs were starting in Iowa schools.

In 1958 IVATA (Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association) was incorporated with the state of Iowa. In 1997 the name of the organization was changed to IAE (Iowa Agriculture Educators). In 1998 the name was changed to IAAE (Iowa Association of Agriculture Educators).

In looking at the IAAE relationship to NAAE (National Association of Agriculture Educators), one finds direct links in history. In 1928 at Philadelphia the NAVAT (National Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers) was organized. Due to several reasons, NAVAT only was active 2 years. In 1948 at Milwaukee during the AVA (American Vocational Association) Convention, a vocational teacher's "Organization Study Committee" including Neil Johnston from Iowa, recommended that NVATA (National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association) be organized. This was approved and NVATA began in 1948. Neil Johnston from Iowa was elected as Region III vice-president. In 1997 the name of the organization was changed by the voting delegates to NAAE (National Association of Agriculture Educators).

IAAE has unified membership. Agriculture Education Teachers are members of IAAE, NAAE, IACTE (Iowa Association of Career and Technical Education), and ACTE (American Association of Career and Technical Education).

IAAE has had members serve at the national level in its history. Neil Johnston (Clarinda, Iowa) served on the "Organization Study committee" and was elected the first Region III Vice-President in 1948. The regional V-P's serve 3 year terms. James Hamilton (Audubon, Iowa) was Region III Vice President from 1957-1960. He served as National President in 1961-62. Harold Crawford (Sac City, Iowa) was Region III Vice-President from 1963-1965. Duane Fisher (Mt. Auburn, Iowa) was Region III Vice-President from 1993-1996. He served as National President in 1997-98 including presiding over the 50th annual conference of NAAE in New Orleans. Craig McEnany (Colo, Iowa-Instructor at DMACC in Ankeny) was Region III Vice-President from 2008-2011.

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