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**Paul Patterson, Director**  
**Deanna Baldwin, Assistant Director**  
**Danny Hughes, NEQS Coordinator**  
**Diana Sparks, Treasurer**  
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## NATIONAL EGG QUALITY SCHOOL

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2012 National Egg Quality School Annual Stakeholders Meeting  
Atlanta, Georgia  
January 25, 2012

Attendees: Diana Sparks, Deana Jones, Roger Glasshoff, Jewell Hutto, Jacinta LeDonne, Richard Hoyle, Ken Anderson, Deanna Baldwin, Paul Patterson, Danny Hughes, Krista Eberle, E. L. Knicely, Ron Swafford, Nick Zimmerman, Darrell Trampel, Pat Curtis, Craig Coufal

Paul Patterson called the stakeholders meeting to order and declared a quorum.

E. L. Knicely read the slate of nominations for the Board positions that will expire in May 2012. They were as follows:

State Department of Agriculture or Comparable State Agency Representatives;

Brenda Clements, Delaware Department of Agriculture  
Deanna Baldwin, Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Danny Hughes, Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission

Paul asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. A motion and second were received to accept nominations as read. Nominations were accepted.

University/Cooperative Extension Representatives;

Kenneth Anderson, North Carolina State University  
Nicholas Zimmerman, University of Maryland  
Darrel Trampel, Iowa State University

Paul asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. Ballots were passed out and everyone asked to vote for two individuals for the two vacancies. Deana Jones counted the ballots with Roger Glasshoff assisting. Kenneth Anderson and Darrel Trampel were elected to fill the vacancies.

Industry Organization;

Jacinta LeDonne, American Egg Board

Paul asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. A motion and second was received to accept nomination as read. Nomination was accepted.

USDA;

Deana R. Jones, USDA Ag Research Service, Egg Safety & Quality

Paul asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. A motion and second was received to accept nomination as read. Nomination was accepted.

Industry Representative;

Ron Swafford, Rose Acre Farms

Paul asked for nominations from the floor and none were received. A motion and second was received to accept nomination as read. Nomination was accepted.

Bylaws; Paul asked if there were any questions concerning the bylaws, none were received. Ken asked if the school ever patented the NEQS logo. Logo hasn't been patented-Artist was paid to do original art work for school.

A motion and second was received to adjourn the meeting,

Meeting Adjourned.

### **Regular Business Meeting:**

Paul Patterson called the Regular Business meeting to order and declared a quorum.

E. L. Knicely distributed the minutes from the May 2011 Board meeting held in Des Moines IA. Minutes were read, a motion and second received to accept minutes as read, minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report; Diana gave the treasurers report and distributed an Income Statement. Net profit for 2011 school was \$16,695.54, schools total balance was \$61,188.51. Diana provided a cost analysis for administering a school to determine if tuition is sufficient. The analysis included a HAACP class break down and didn't include Sponsorship money. No action was taken to increase tuition. Diana checked on obtaining a Certificate of Deposit, current interest rates are so low it's not worth opening one. She said she checked on a Christmas club but she would have to deposit monthly and didn't open one because of the monthly deposit requirement. Diana was asked to continue exploring the possibility of establishing a Certificate of Deposit.

Discussed the schools need to purchase new candling lights. Roger Glasshoff said USDA-AMS has been working with the Lyon Company to modify their high intensity light using an LED bulb and adding a case light. Roger said they should know something in 6 months. Since NEQS is a training organization, Deana said USDA-ARS feels some kind of sales agreement could be reached with the organization. Once a sales agreement is reached ARS could have the lights built based on the model ARS developed and demonstrated in the past.

Paul asked for a committee to be formed to explore new candling lights for the school. Danny, Deanna and E. L. were selected for the committee.

Motion and second received to accept Treasurers report, report accepted.

Location Committee Report; Deanna reported on the progress for the 2012 school to be held in Indianapolis Indiana. Danny is negotiating the final terms of the contract with the Hilton. Danny said many sponsors like to sponsor a breakfast or meal. He said he monitored the 2011 school breakfast and found many students didn't take part in the breakfast. The Hilton has agreed to \$10 per person for a standard breakfast buffet. He said the hotel also agreed to a 20% discount off of menu items but the items would still be very expensive.

Deanna recommended recognizing Candy Byers for the work she has done with the registration. It was agreed the school would recognize her in Indianapolis for the work she has done for NEQS over the years.

Deanna spoke about possible locations for the 2013 school. Texas, California and Pennsylvania are all interested in hosting. Craig Coufal, Texas A&M University said they could host the school in any of the four major cities, San Antonio, Dallas, Houston or Austin. A representative from the California Department of Agriculture has expressed an interest in hosting the school in Sacramento because they have about 20 inspectors in that area that could attend. Paul said Pittsburg and Harrisburg are possibilities for Pennsylvania, Harrisburg air fare is cheaper but Pittsburg is fairly priced. Paul also recommended checking flight cost for flying into Allentown. It was decided the 2013 school (May 20, 2013) will be in Pennsylvania, Texas will host the 2014 school (May 19, 2014) and 2015 will be on the West Coast.

Motion and second to adjourn was received and approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

E.L. Knicely  
Secretary