

Student Representative Report

NIFA Fall Council Meeting – September 17-18, 2011

NIFA Financial Situation

- ❖ Considering adding members to the NIFA council or NIFA Board of Directors from industry that could contribute \$10,000+ annually to the organization.
- ❖ Currently seeking additional corporate and government financial support for NIFA.
- ❖ Raising member school dues is also a possibility.
- ❖ Could use additional funds to offset some of the travel and lodging costs for NIFA judges, as well as increase the amount of the competitor's awards (i.e. Top Pilot).
- ❖ Pitched Cessna Aircraft Corp. to be the big sponsor of SAFECON 2012, asking for \$50,000 (Cessna contributed \$35,000 in 2005, the last time SAFECON went to Kansas State).

NIFA According to the Executive Director

- ❖ New NIFA executive director is Richard Smith, a non-NIFA competitor with 30+ years experience with Net Jets.
- ❖ School dues are not being paid in a timely manner.
- ❖ NIFA's history is currently being gathered for an updated NIFA website, which will be useful as a marketing and fundraising tool.
- ❖ NIFA headquarters are now located at the Ohio State University airport (KOSU), due to significantly cheaper rent at this location.
- ❖ Would like to institute a designated safety officer at every NIFA competition.
- ❖ The NIFA website will be updated soon, and the I.T. department at Ohio State is one of the front-runners to be chosen to do it (SAFECON 2011 website by OSU was very good).

By-Laws Committee

- ❖ The process has been started to create a NIFA Board of Directors, which will handle the business and legal side of NIFA. Currently the NIFA Council acts as both the "council" and the "board", but these two will soon be separated.
- ❖ A new by-law is being proposed that will give the choice of the venue for National SAFECON solely to the NIFA council, and eliminate the schools voting at the NIFA business meeting (Currently potential host schools put in a bid, and if NIFA says it would

be possible to host nationals there, that school makes a pitch at the annual business meeting and the schools vote on where they would like to go for SAFECON)

- ❖ This change is being proposed to allow more control for the NIFA council to choose a location that is logistically and financially favorable.

Judges Committee

- ❖ There will be a wording change in the short field landing event rules. They will now state that the aircraft must touch down in a “full stall attitude at minimum control airspeed.” This change is to be more consistent with the FAA PTS and the Airplane Flying Handbook.
- ❖ The excessive interval penalty will be extended from 60 seconds to 80 seconds.
- ❖ An excessively wide pattern that forces others to follow causing the pattern to become elongated from abeam the point of touchdown to final is now a disqualification.
- ❖ The NIFA rule book (Red Book) will no longer be printed, but will be available on the NIFA website in digital format.

SAFECON 2012

- ❖ SAFECON 2012 is scheduled to take place May 14-19.
- ❖ The proposed budget from Kansas State shows a projected income of \$93,000 from competitor’s fees, additional banquet tickets, and exhibitor’s fees and sponsorships.
- ❖ The projected costs of the competition are \$79,000.
- ❖ SAFECON daily will no longer be printed and will be made available digitally to reduce costs.
- ❖ Deadline of May 1, 2012 has been set for team and contestant registration.