
NACAA OFFERS NEW VENUE FOR PUBLISHING PAPERS

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A survey administered by NACAA a couple of years ago indicated a need of creating a vehicle that would allow NACAA Members to publish papers in a refereed manner. This seems to be very important to the promotion process for most of our state institutions.

Last year I was appointed to a committee with the sole purpose of creating a mechanism that provide opportunities for NACAA Members to publish their demonstration and research work. The committee that I worked with consisted of Glenn Rogers from Vermont, Mike Christian from Kansas, Janet Schmidt from Washington, Allen Hogan from Louisiana, Elmo Collum from Mississippi and myself.

One of our main goals was to develop something that could be initiated quickly. Therefore, in this issue of the County Agent Magazine you will find a "Call for Papers". The papers collected will be reviewed by at least 3 NACAA Members that have expertise in the subject matter being covered. We will have two separate categories for consideration: Applied Research and County Programs.

Our committee felt it was very important to include NACAA members "on Farm Demonstrations" as a part of this process. Any subject area is open for this "Call for Papers". All NACAA Committees are a part of this process. For example, you may be conducting some on farm variety trials, or you may have some data concerning a local livestock show. Another example might be the need of young extension agents to develop advocates for their extension program. There are all kinds of possibilities for this "Call for Papers".

All reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the NACAA Proceedings. For those authors that participate in the program there will be no plaques or prize money. Our sole purpose for the development of this program was to help NACAA Members to publish their demonstration and research work. The long term benefit to the program will be the member's promotion.

Our committee is presently seeking members to serve as reviewers. If you would like an opportunity to serve as a reviewer for the NACAA Call for Papers please email me at coosa@uga.edu or call me at 706-439-6030.

CALL FOR PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE 2008 NACAA AM/PIC PROCEEDINGS

PURPOSE:

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to publish in a recognized national professional improvement format.

To provide NACAA members an opportunity to share successful Cooperative Extension scholarly work such as on farm research demonstrations, applied research, and related Extension activities.

To provide to the NACAA membership with additional professional improvement opportunities that will enable them to be a more knowledgeable Cooperative Extension professional.

ELIGIBILITY:

NACAA members in good standing must submit an electronic abstract (see descriptions of NACAA abstracts) and an electronic copy of their submission to the National Chair of the Electronic Journal Committee. The Chair of the Electronic Journal Committee is Mickey P. Cummings at coosa@uga.edu.

The Electronic Journal Committee will have full authority to accept or reject a proposed article based upon reviews. Rejection or acceptance of a proposed article by the Electronic Journal Committee will be final. Articles will be published in the 2008 AM/PIC Proceedings.

RECOGNITION:

Peer reviewed articles will be selected for publication in the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Proceedings.

ENTRY:

"Publication Application Form", abstract, and proposed article must be submitted to the Electronic Journal National Chair by March 15, 2008. See page 13 for example of abstract. These should be sent in electronic format to Mickey P. Cummings at coosa@uga.edu.

Manuscript Specifications:

- Double-spaced
- 12 point font
- Microsoft Word 2003 or newer
- Maximum of 2,000 words plus tables, graphics and abstract
- 1 inch justified margins
- First letter of words in title should be capitalized
- Titles should be centered
- Name of author, institution and address should be centered 2 lines below the title
- Names of authors should be underlined and written in order of family name, initials of given and middle name
- Insert 1 empty line before text
- Text should be preceded by 3 blank spaces
- Scientific names should be written in italic type