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Congratulations on Great AMPIC Attendance

The North Central states are to be commended on their attendance at the 2006 AMPIC in Cincinnati. According to the regional meeting roll call we had 216 members in attendance and 551 total members, family members and guests at the meeting. That is about 1/3 of the total registrations. Great job!

Now our challenge is to do that and better for Grand Rapids in 2007. You heard the challenge from Phil Durst about increasing our members attending. He'd like to see 35% of our members there. Let's make a run for it.

Grand Rapids July 15 – 19, 2007



<http://www.nacaa2007.msu.edu/>

Did You Get the AMPIC Pictures You Wanted?

You were at the AMPIC and either missed ordering pictures, or you saw a picture someone else has and wish you had gotten one. Do you know you can still place that order? All the pictures taken at the AMPIC are posted on A & T Industries' webpage so you can view them and order any you wish you had gotten. That includes state group pictures.

Simply go to the NACAA homepage and right along side the logo for the 2006 meeting is the link to AM/PIC photos. This Cincinnati skyline at night photo would make a great memento of the meeting.



**2006 NACAA AMPIC
CINCINNATI - NORTHERN KENTUCKY**

Stan and Chuck's Planned State Visits for October:

Chuck will be in Missouri October 10-11.

Stan will be at the Indiana meeting on October 17.

Be sure that as you get your state meeting dates confirmed you keep Stan informed so he can get you into his schedule and make travel plans early. Stan plans to attend all he is invited to unless there is a conflict of dates with another state. In that case, Chuck may be asked to fill in at your state meeting. We were given several tentative dates at the AMPIC, but as soon as firm dates are set, please let us know.

Don't Wait to Start Your Award Applications!

Every year your vice-president, council chairs and Scott Hawbaker work hard to get awards edition of The County Agent out as early as possible so members can see the current award and presentation opportunities and get their entries ready for the March 15 entry deadlines. Every year somebody says, "Why don't you get the magazine out earlier so we have more time to get our entries together!"

I think we all know the reality is many of our members wouldn't get any earlier start if the magazine was out September 1! What you really need to do is think about the programs all year around and set a few supporting materials or presentations aside in a special file any time you have them.

Your members don't have to wait for the magazine to check the details, either. Application forms are on the webpage as soon as they are updated for each year, and most don't change much from year to year so they are always a good planning guide.

Remind your members, sponsors of these like to see participation. Lack of participation leads to the risk of losing a valued NACAA sponsor.

Items for the NACAA Board?

The NACAA Board meets monthly by conference call and also has its' winter board meeting in Grand Rapids, December 14-16. Please inform Stan or Chuck of any issues or questions that you would like us to bring before the board.

Your whole board does an excellent job of bringing issues from states to the table. Make sure you take advantage of the opportunity to have your issues addressed.

Encourage your Members to be on NACAA National Committees:

We would like to see each state involved in NACAA committee work in some way. Committee service does not always take a lot of time, but it is a valuable service to the association and to your fellow members. It exposes you to more of the inner workings of the association's programs and creates a greater knowledge of the opportunities afforded our members. Committee work also develops future leaders for our organization. National directors and officers who have come through the committee system are able to move into their leadership roles quicker. Even if you never aspire to one of those leadership roles, you never know when someone else will suggest you take a look at one.

To learn more about the committees, the Committee Handbook is on the NACAA webpage in the Committees section.

The list of openings we need to fill will be posted later and the application forms are on the webpage. Consider it yourself and encourage your fellow members.

State Committee Chairs – If your committee chairs haven't heard from their respective national committee vice-chair, they have a couple opportunities to get up to speed on your committee's work.

1. Call the vice-chair. It is always nice to talk to each other to see what needs to be done or offer your assistance keeping the committee's work rolling along. The vice-chairs are listed on the

committee webpage. If you click on “state chairs” you can also see the other state chairs for your committee in your region.

2. Take a look directly at the Committee Handbook on the NACAA webpage. Appendix M has a calendar of activities for the committees. Other chapters outline the responsibilities of specific committees. The handbook on the web right now is for 2005-2006, but the soon to be published update will have very few procedural changes so using the current one will get your committees nicely underway.

New NACAA Website Look and Features:

If you haven't visited the NACAA website lately, check it out at www.nacaa.com. John Dorner, electronic communications coordinator, is doing a great job of keeping the webpage fresh and useful to the membership. New features and tools are coming on all the time so be sure to look at it frequently to keep up to date with your association and take advantage of what membership has to offer.

The new member directory is a great tool for locating and communicating with others around the country.

Far too many members have not logged into the member directory to update their information. Ask your member to take a few minutes soon to do so. It will be a benefit to your fellow members, to the association, and to you. I have frequently used the database to find other educators/agents working in a field similar to my own to seek information or bounce an idea.

There are areas for adding your contact information and your working areas of specialization.

County Agent Magazine Article Deadlines:

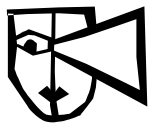
If you have any articles you would like to submit for The County Agent magazine, here are the deadlines for getting material to Scott Hawbaker:

Articles for the November issue are due October 15. That issue is an ‘open topic’ issue so may include a variety of different topics in the magazine.

The January, 2007 issue features the awards programs for the year and lists the national committee members responsible for each pro

gram. Special articles may be considered for inclusion and need to be submitted by November 7, 2006

Looking Ahead



North Central Regional Leadership Workshop

Mark **February 27 – March 1, 2007** on your calendars for the annual regional leadership workshop. We will be back in St. Louis again this winter.

We'll try to remember to mention this again in a later newsletter, but for those of you who will fly to St. Louis, their light-rail train runs from the airport right to the front door of the meeting hotel for just a couple bucks. There is no need to worry about shuttles or taxis. The terminal is convenient in the airport and you get off right across the street from the Sheraton-St. Louis hotel. How easy can it get?

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference – PILD

April 23 – 25, 2007, Marriott Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals are planning an excellent conference. The subtitle for the conference is, “Connectivity: Community to Capitol”. PILD provides members with the opportunity to learn much about our partnerships within USDA, other federal agencies and non-profit organizations.

For more details on the workshops or the conference visit the JCEP website at: www.jcep.org