



National Association of County Agricultural Agents

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NACAA AM/PIC in Cincinnati—GREAT MEETING!

The NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Cincinnati was without a doubt a great meeting. The renovated convention center and connecting hotels provided a top-notch layout for an AM/PIC. President Mickey Cummings of Georgia, began the meeting with a “testimonial” session which included the music of Eric Horner. One of the songs Eric performed was a song he recently wrote entitled, “County Agent Man”.

The facility’s meeting rooms provided easy access to the many choices of professional improvement presentations.

The poster session provided competition between 101 entries.

The 4-H Talent Review on Monday evening had to rank as one of the best.

Tuesday saw 51 members receive the Achievement Award at a recognition breakfast. The delegate session was a bit cramped as many wanted to observe one of the few times we have elected an officer with all nominations coming from the floor.

Paul Wigley of Georgia was elected NACAA Treasurer. A list of NACAA officers is provided below.

As always the tours on Wednesday and the excellent evening meal at the Museum at Union Terminal made a memorable day.

Thursday provided an inspiring general session and the Annual Banquet saw 67 members recognized with the Distinguished Service Award. The first four recipients of the new NACAA Hall of Fame Award were recognized and a short video of each recipient’s accomplishments was shown.

The members from Kentucky and Ohio are to be commended for a well organized, highly successful AM/PIC.

Futuring Committee Report

The NACAA Futuring Committee report was presented with many recommendations for the NACAA Board and membership to consider.

The report is available on the NACAA website at www.nacaa.com. Please review the report and let one of your Southern Region Directors or Vice Directors know your thoughts and recommendations.

The voting delegates only accepted the report as a guide for the NACAA Board to use for potential improvements and changes.

The NACAA Board encourages input from members to assist them with plans to implement recommendations from the Futuring Committee.

Our Sympathies to Turner Family and Kentucky Extension

Our condolences are extended to the family of Dr. Larry Turner and the Extension faculty and staff in Kentucky. Dr. Turner, Associate Dean for Extension and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, in Kentucky, was one of the fatalities in the recent plane crash in Lexington, Kentucky. The NACAA officers and board have made a memorial contribution and other NACAA members can do so by sending their contributions to the Larry W. Turner Scholarship Fund, College of Agriculture Office of Advancement, Room N212, Agriculture Science Center North, Lexington, KY 40546-0091.

NACAA Website and WIKI

If you haven't checked out the NACAA website lately you are in for a surprise. There are many new and revised pages.

Read the **e-county agent** – a web type newsletter which covers many topics like the County Agent publication does and more.

John Dorner, NACAA Electronics Coordinator, has been busy bringing many new features to the website like **NACAA Wiki**. Wiki is a discussion board for topics of interest to NACAA members and others. You can easily register for the Wiki and utilize the discussion pages to provide and obtain information from other NACAA members. Check it out!

Photos from the NACAA AM/PIC are posted on the website and can be ordered following directions listed there.

JCEP and PILD

JCEP 2007 Regional Leadership Workshops

Southern Region Workshop, January 31 – February 2, 2007 Nashville, Tennessee, Double Tree Hotel

The regional workshop provides an opportunity to receive updates from the NACAA, other states in the region and from USDA-CREES personnel. The 2007 workshop returns to the same location as last year. Check the JCEP website for more information. The registration web page is not open yet, but should be activated soon.

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

Awards Deadlines

State Recognition and Awards Chairs should be reminded to stay on top of the DSA, AA and Hall of Fame awards process. The deadline for the Hall of Fame has been moved up to coincide with the DSA and AA applications. State Chairs will have to send the forms to their committee regional vice-chair by January 1, 2007. For questions about these awards they can contact NACAA Recognition and Awards Chair, Todd Lorenz of Missouri (lorenz@missouri.edu) or Southern Region R&A Vice-Chair, Cynthia Gregg of Virginia (cgregg@vt.edu).

NACAA Officers

Chuck Otte, President (KS), N. Fred Miller, President Elect (NC), Mickey P. Cummings, Past President (GA)

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Michigan Goal / Challenge

Phil Durst, 2007 NACAA AM/PIC chair has challenged each state to obtain a goal of having 35% of their membership attend next year's AM/PIC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. According to Phil, Michigan is excited to be next year's host of the meeting and wants provide a top-notch event. They have set the bar high for themselves and want each state to reach high as well and have a large number in attendance. For more information check the NACAA website. To better understand Michigan's challenge of 35 % attendance for the 2007 meeting, below is a table they provided.

2007 Attendance Goals

State	AL	AR	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	OK	SC	TN	TX	VA
2005 Membership	109	107	171	210	117	119	120	262	72	75	174	292	120
2007 - 35% Goal	38	37	60	74	41	42	42	92	25	26	61	102	42
2006 Attendance	8	20	33	37	96	12	15	67	11	11	24	20	21
Percent Attendance	7	19	19	18	82	12	13	26	15	15	14	7	18

State Meeting Schedule

Posted below is the current schedule of State association meeting and the NACAA Southern region director assigned to attend. Please review the schedule and notify the regional director listed of any errors or changes.

2006 – 2007 NACAA SOUTHERN REGION STATE MEETINGS

STATE	DATES	LOCATION	ATTENDING DIRECTOR
ALABAMA	June 13 – 15, 2007	GUNTERSVILLE, AL	DOROUGH
ARKANSAS	March 29 – 30, 2007	FOREST CITY, AR	DEVILLIER
FLORIDA	September 11 – 14, 2006	MARCO ISLAND, FL	DOROUGH
GEORGIA	November 13 – 15, 2006	ALBANY, GA	DOROUGH
KENTUCKY	July 9 – 11, 2007	BOWLING GREEN, KY	DOROUGH
LOUISIANA	1 st Week June	OAK GROVE, LA	DEVILLIER
MISSISSIPPI	November 6 – 8, 2006	STARKVILLE, MS	DEVILLIER
NORTH CAROLINA	June 19 – 21, 2007	PINE HURST, NC	DOROUGH
OKLAHOMA	July 11 – 13, 2007	Enid, OK	DEVILLIER
SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA (June 06)	COLUMBIA, SC	DOROUGH
TENNESSEE	April 18 – 20, 2007	PIGEON FORGE, TN	DOROUGH
TEXAS	July 29 – August 1, 2007	THE WOODLANDS, TX	DEVILLIER
VIRGINIA	December 8, 2006	APPOMATTOX, VA	DOROUGH