

NACTA June 2009 Reports

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President's Report – Kevin Donnelly

Presented 2008 awards banquet challenge and chaired NACTA business meeting and second session of June Executive Committee meeting at Utah State conference.

Appointed Committee for NACTA Honorariums. Charged to recommend honorarium for the Secretary and Editor and develop a fixed schedule for future increases for approval by the Exec committee each June. Committee to continue as permanent consisting of past president (chair), president, and president-elect. Chair Wayne Banwart.

Appointed Ad Hoc Committee for Corporate Membership/Sponsorship. Charged to explore options for a corporate membership category and/or corporate sponsorships of the annual conference. Chair Mike Mullen.

Personal letters were sent to all retiring regional directors and committee chairs after the June meeting thanking them for their terms of service.

Marilyn Parker prepared congratulatory letters signed by the President that were sent to all NACTA award winners announced at the annual conference in Logan, UT.

Sent thank you letters to Ronda and Bruce Miller thanking them for their leadership and organization as hosts for the 2008 annual conference at Utah State.

Sent letter to Gregory Smith with CSREES/SERD, thanking them for their participation in the 2008 meetings and inviting them to join us again for their SERD Project Directors Conference in 2009.

The President's message was written and edited for the NACTA web site and Journal.

Executive committee minutes from the June meeting were edited with the assistance of Wayne Banwart, Allen Zimmerman and Marilyn Parker.

Appointments were made to vacant International Committee chair (Phil Hamilton) and NACTA Judging Liaison (Lyle Westrom) positions. Appointed Historian (Jim McKenna) to fill vacant position following the resignation of Bob Gough due to health reasons.

Appointed two at-large members to the Nominating Committee (Susie Whittington and Jeannette Moore).

Corresponded with Dana Minihan and Marsha Landis at Kansas State to finalize production of new promotional materials with new logo and design. Materials were distributed to Executive Committee at the fall meeting.

Attended and chaired the fall Executive Committee meeting in Oklahoma City. Worked with the Secretary to develop the agenda and get reports submitted for the meeting. Meeting included teleconference with Penn State site coordinators regarding plans for the 2010 meetings. Completed follow-up correspondence.

Corresponded with Jeff Hattey on numerous occasions prior to the fall executive meeting and throughout the spring and summer regarding programming plans for the 2009 conference at Oklahoma State. Corresponded with OSU Ag Conference Services staff regarding registration concerns.

Wrote letter officially appointing Jean Gleichsner to another term as National Advisor to Delta Tau Alpha. Arranged for Jean to deliver formal greetings from NACTA since I was unable to attend the DTA convention.

Notified successful and unsuccessful candidates of results following NACTA elections.

Attended NACTA Judging Conference at Ohio State ATI. Spoke at the awards program on behalf of NACTA and promoted conference attendance and NACTA participation by coaches. Also met with the coaches committee regarding closer relationships with NACTA and the potential for developing and funding a coaching recognition award.

Completed correspondence and contacts with the Secretary, executive committee, committee chairs, and liaisons as needed throughout the year, especially in preparation for the June conference. Worked with the Secretary to develop the agenda and get reports submitted for the June Executive Committee meetings and Business Meeting.

Corresponded with Frank Robinson at the University of Alberta as a potential host for the 2011 annual conference.

Verified willingness of several committee chairs and liaisons to be reappointed and identified potential new appointees for positions to be vacated in June.

I wish to thank our executive committee members, committee chairs, and liaisons who have worked so hard to keep NACTA running. Also, special appreciation is extended to Marilyn and Rick Parker for their outstanding service in their most critical roles.

Past Presidents Report – Wayne Banwart

Wayne Banwart, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees at the fall executive meeting for the following positions: President Elect – Jeannette Moore (NCSU) and Kirby Barrick (Univ. FL); Western Region Director-Elect – Tracy Dougher (Montana State Univ.) and Celina Johnson (Colorado State Univ.); Eastern Region Director-Elect – Rodney Gilbert (Delaware Valley College) and Tracy Hoover (Penn State Univ.); Southern Region Director-Elect – Jeff Hattey (Oklahoma State Univ.) and Ed Brokaw (Abilene Christian University). It was suggested that we use Zoomerang for online voting as it automatically tallies the votes. This slate was approved at the Fall Executive meeting.

Wayne Banwart, Chair of the Distinguished Educator committee presented three potential nominees for this award at the fall executive meeting. Following extended discussion regarding the criteria expected for this distinguished award, Jim McKenna (Virginia Tech) and Steve Waller (University of Nebraska) were approved by the executive committee to receive the award at the June 2009 Conference.

The past president was charged with reviewing the honorariums for the Secretary/Treasurer and Editor for NACTA. An ad hoc committee did the review and a proposal consisting of various alternatives was submitted for consideration at the Fall Executive meeting. The executive committee approved a motion to set the base salary for each position at \$10,000 annually paid in quarterly installments of \$2500 each retroactive from June 2008. Further the increase each year for the next five years will be reviewed annually with a suggested 4% increase each year depending on the inflation rate and the monies available. There was unanimous consensus that all NACTA members and friends are grateful for the excellent service from both Rick and Marilyn. We also recognized the budget limitations of the organization.

There were several internal email exchanges regarding the NACTA Foundation goals for the future. Tom Lindahl will provide a report and be leading detailed discussion of a possible new plan for the foundation at the Fall 2009 executive meeting.

Foundation Report - Tom Lindahl & Marilyn Parker

The Fall 2009 NACTA Executive Comte meeting stated "it was moved and seconded to determine the amount needed to endow all awards and consider at the June 2009 meeting how we might work effectively with the NACTA Foundation Director toward achieving a fully endowed status for awards." The NACTA Treasurer was asked to determine what would be needed to endow all the NACTA Awards. The following report is submitted by both Foundation Director Tom Lindahl and Secretary/Treasurer Marilyn Parker.

To fund the following awards:

- ✓ Distinguished Educator Teaching Award - \$1500
- ✓ 4 - Regional Teaching Awards - \$1000 each - Total \$4000
- ✓ John Deere Teaching Award - \$1000 (this has been donated by the John Deere company in the past - but is included for total awards needed)
- ✓ EB Knight - \$300
- ✓ Jack Everly - \$300
- ✓ Plaques and expenses - \$1000
- ✓ Murray Brown Leadership award - \$500
- ✓ **Total award dollars each year - \$8600**

Being conservative and looking at a 4% annualized return: $\$8600 / .04$ requires an endowment of about \$215,000 minus the approximately \$50,000 we have at present leaving a total of \$165,000 principal endowment fund. Given the fact that the market might come back some in the next couple of years I would think if NACTA established a goal of raising \$150,000 - \$175,000 over the next five years that would endow what is presently needed and provide for potential growth to perhaps increase award values at sometime in the future as the funds grew in value. (Barring depressions and bank failures like 2008.)

I would suggest if the board decides to take this approach that a plan be developed to accomplish the goal. It would require the intense and constant effort of the board members to identify individuals with contacts in major national companies and assist in the follow up and meeting with the key individuals who make decisions regarding these company foundations.

One alternative could be to identify five key national companies with good foundations and an interest in funding teaching at the post secondary level, (i.e. John Deere, Monsanto, Purina, Cargil, Dupont, etc.) and ask for commitments of donations of \$6000

per year for the next 5 years. As any of the first tier declined our offer then we would need a back up tier to follow through with the same request. (This is just one example of a possible plan.)

Another possible source of funds is individuals with assets who believe in higher education.

I would suggest a key committee of at least 3-4 people who believed in NACTA, who had some contacts, and who were willing to ask for money and be established to work with me. This task would not be easy but I think it could be doable - doable based on NACTA regional directors and NACTA officers putting this as one of their priorities and being willing to work with identifying business, individuals and foundations and the contacts we would need. It would require everyone working together.

President-Elect Report - Mike Mullen

Murray Brown Award Committee: The Murray Brown Leadership Award Committee (M. Mullen, W. Banwart, K. Donnelly) met in Oklahoma City during the Fall Executive Committee meeting to discuss candidates for the award. The Committee agreed unanimously that the 2009 recipient of the award will be Marilyn Parker, Secretary-Treasurer of NACTA. This award recognizes Marilyn for her outstanding service to NACTA for the past decade in helping to lead NACTA to a stronger fiscal position and tirelessly assisting NACTA with administrative duties required to make the association function smoothly. The committee considered Marilyn to be an exceptional candidate who exemplifies leadership and service in the spirit of Murray Brown.

The Committee also recommends that the monetary award accompanying the Murray Brown award be set at \$500 given that the endowment is \$12,000. It was felt that this would allow the stipend to be generated largely from the endowment without having to depend on the general fund to cover the award.

AGRICOLA and NACTA Journal indexing. A request was submitted to AGRICOLA requesting that NACTA Journal be indexed. Submitted June 15, 2009. No report on the status of NACTA with AGRICOLA is available at this time.

Ad hoc Committee on Corporate Memberships. This committee did not meet and therefore, did not make any recommendations. We should discuss again in Stillwater and re-charge the committee.

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Liaison Report
Relations between NACTA and APLU (formerly NASULGC) are strengthening. Discussions were begun in the fall of 2008 to evaluate the opportunity to have at least one regional teaching workshop, organized by the Academic Program Section of APLU, meet concurrently with NACTA at the 2009 meeting in Stillwater. This has become a

reality with the Southern and North-Central Regions agreeing to hold their workshop in Stillwater this June. The Southern APS Academic Deans are also meeting with NACTA during this time. This arrangement will be evaluated after the conference to determine whether future meetings will be held concurrently. In a related issue, USDA SERD recipients are meeting with NACTA again this June. This brings many faculty who are interested in educational issues to NACTA who might otherwise not attend, broadening the reach and scope of NACTA.

Submission to Agricola – June 15, 2009

Contact Email Address: nactaeditor@pmt.org

Contact Name and Title: Dr. Rick Parker NACTA Journal Editor 151 West 100 South Rupert, ID 83350 Phone: 208-436-0692

Journal Title: NACTA Journal

Subject Coverage: Scholarship of teaching and learning; Professional advancement of the teacher of agriculture and related disciplines; The Journal publishes papers on all aspects of teaching, including methods, problems, philosophy, and rewards.

Publisher Name: NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture)

Is this journal peer reviewed: y

Language: English

Journal ISSN: 0149-4910

Journal URL: <http://www.nactateachers.org/>

Journal subscription cost: \$75 for individual member; \$150 for Libraries

Secretary's Report - Marilyn Parker

Membership records for NACTA are maintained in a Microsoft Excel file. This provides the least expensive and the most flexible recordkeeping system. The records include addresses, email addresses, year paid, membership type, and region. Records can be sorted and presented in a variety of ways and most NACTA members can be sent an email. Members continue to receive a unique membership number.

Email is used extensively to maintain contact with members, to answer inquiries and to renew memberships. This use of email results in a substantial savings in postage and time spent preparing large mailings. A NACTA E-Newsletter is sent out almost monthly to update members. This also helps keep email addresses current.

Individuals and institutions can renew their membership with a check or with a credit card. Credit card payments can be mailed or faxed. Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year payment option.

Membership notifications go out through email to individuals in the fall. If dues are not paid by the end of February of the next year, their name is taken off the mailing list. Members receive at least two personal reminders concerning their dues payment.

Reminders also go out through the NACTA E-Newsletters. If a member does not have email, a reminder letter is mailed.

NACTA memberships paid (or ongoing) in 2009 consisted of the following:

Category	Number
Institutional Active	482
Active	84
Life	126
Graduate Students	48
Emeritus	16
Complimentary	10
Institutions	110
Library	69
Total	945

A number of universities/colleges promote NACTA memberships and pay for a one year membership for several individuals. Some institutions pay for 3-year memberships to NACTA. In addition, some schools departments pay for their NACTA memberships yearly. Those that have participated this past year are: University of Kentucky; Pennsylvania State University; Virginia Tech, Purdue University; University of Florida; University of Nebraska; University of Illinois; Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA; Crowder College, Neosho, MO; Abilene Christian University, TX and Oklahoma State University. For the record, if you know of some that have been missed, please inform the Secretary.

Membership numbers are slightly higher but this is due somewhat to the SERD memberships we gained at the 2008 conference. There were 168 new Institutional Active members of NACTA from June 2008 to May 2009. Of that number, 36 were from SERD. There were 57 new Active members of which 52 were from SERD. Also, there were 24 new graduate students. Approximately 160 did not renew for 2009 - many of them long time members of NACTA.

We maintain a database of past members' email addresses; occasionally they receive an e-newsletter to see if their intent may have changed to renew their memberships. The NACTA Secretary appreciates the involvement of the Membership director and the regional directors to encourage Institutional memberships and reminders for general memberships.

We have seven Canadian members; six Canadian Institutions and five Canadian libraries. We have two foreign members, and five foreign libraries.

Every new member receives a letter welcoming them into NACTA and their name is passed to the Regional Director and the Membership Director. Regional directors have

been supplied with lists of members in their regions a couple times a year and when they request. Every renewing member receives an email thanking them for their renewal and encouraging them to become active in the organization.

All member institutions received notification by email of their ability to present the Teaching Award of Merit Certificates and other advantages of Institutional membership. This year 39 Teaching Awards of Merit and 12 Graduate Student Awards of Merit were presented. The number of faculty certificates was about the same as last year but fewer graduate students this year. *How can we make the Institutions more aware of this award?* This information is available on the NACTA website. There were several current NACTA members that received this award.

Several institutions were very late or did not renew for 2009. Northeastern Junior College, Sterling CO; Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN; University Laval, St-Foy, Quebec; Kemptville College, University of Guelph, Canada did not renew. These schools have been members of NACTA for several years. Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada is a new institution. There have been several dean changes which makes obtaining institutional memberships interesting. If you are aware of these changes, please let the secretary know so the billing will go to the correct person. The Regional Directors were very helpful in obtaining some of these institutional membership renewals. We had two schools that renewed because they wanted the Teaching Award of Merit.

There were only two NACTA Judging Contest schools that needed to pay their institutional membership this year. Working with Derek Dick helped that process.

About 20 percent of the NACTA membership participated in the electronic voting for officers. Every vote does count because one of the positions - two candidates - had an extremely close race. The outcome changed with each vote - daily.

Action Item: Encouraging new memberships and retaining memberships is an ongoing theme.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Parker

North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Members Equity
For the Fiscal Year Ended 5-31-09

Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 62,730.00
Royalties Income	39.62
Foundation - Awards	5,800.00
Book Sales	950.10
Manuscript Page Charge	150.00
Position Announcement	300.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>424.00</u>
Total Receipts	70,393.72
Disbursements	
Award	5,800.00
CAST Membership Dues	700.00
Conference Expense	2,162.81
Credit Card Fee	1,324.30
Honorariums	19,400.00
Insurance	150.00
Journal Miscellaneous Expense	1,326.25
Journal Printing	16,964.21
Membership Refunds	125.00
Miscellaneous Expense	517.29
Promotional	1,057.65
Postage	1,807.80
Professional Fees	1,319.00
Fall Meeting	381.88
Secretarial	159.00
Supplies	99.78
Travel	1,908.68
Web Site Expense	<u>6,451.50</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>61,655.15</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	8,738.57
Beginning Balance 6-1-08	<u>33,493.76</u>
Ending Balance 5-31-09	<u>\$ 42,232.33</u>

See Accompanying Notes and Accountants' Review Report

Above is a profit and loss statement created by QuickBooks. The accounting firm of Mayes & Waters, in Rupert, Idaho, provided help in verifying the records. A detailed Profit & Loss statement is available for any NACTA member.

The membership dues are the major factor in keeping NACTA financially viable. In order to totally support the annual teaching awards, the current membership would need to double. The increase in dues, as of June 2007, has moved the profit and loss statement into the black. We strive to do as many transactions and communications electronically to keep costs down. Additionally, as the membership accepts electronic publications with *FastPress*, this should improve the profit and loss statement over the next few years due to reduced printing and postage costs. As we increase use of and maintain the website, those costs may increase.

Editor’s Report/Publications Committee Report - Rick Parker

Submissions and Reviewers

Table 1 describes the NACTA manuscripts submitted, reviewed, accepted and rejected through FastTrack for the past three years.

Table 1. NACTA Manuscripts Submitted and Accepted

Year	Submitted	Accepted	Percent	Rejected	Percent
2008	48	30	63%	18	37%
2007	44	29	66%	15	34%
2006	41	30	73%	11	23%
Average	44	30	67%	15	33%

With an average of 30 accepted manuscripts per year each issue of the *Journal* will now contain seven to eight published manuscripts, a reprint from a past *Journal*, NACTA on Campus, Teaching Tips/Notes, NACTA Yesterday (feature from the *Historian*), book reviews, position announcements (if paid), Join NACTA, and NACTA Teaching Awards. Currently, once a manuscript is accepted it is printed in the next issue of the Journal – no backlog.

Besides the manuscripts submitted through the NACTA FastTrack (<http://expressacademic.org/~nacta/login.php>) 10 Teaching Tips/Notes and 15 book reviews were submitted. These items are not peer reviewed.

The NACTA *Journal Review* Board in 2008 consisted of 46 reviewers from 32 different institutions. On the average each reviewer reviewed 3.5 manuscripts (range 9 to 0). Only five of the reviewers did not review at least one manuscript during 2008. The average completion time for reviews is 33 days (range 105 to 0.05 days [1.2 hours]). Reviewers are automatically reminded if a review is not completed within 50 days.

The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site include: 175 total submissions in 3 years and 1 months: 4.6 submissions/month, 55.9 submissions/year (including Teaching Tips/Notes and Book Reviews); 383 reviews: 7 (2%) pending, 372 (97%) completed, 2 (1%) expired, 2 (1%) declined; and 38.6 average days in review.

Twenty members of the *Journal* Review Board whose term ends the last day of June 2009 were contacted and asked if they wished to renew for another three years. The *Journal* Review Board is open to any NACTA member wishing to serve as a reviewer.

For the 2009 NACTA/SERD Conference the Editor received and oversaw the review of 170 abstracts (up from 140 in 2008). Abstracts were electronically submitted to a website provided by PAQ Interactive where they were assigned to reviewers. After the review, conference committee chair, Jeff Hattey with the assistance of Sarah Lancaster and Bailey Norwood, determined the abstracts that would be accepted as oral presentations. The other accepted abstracts were assigned to poster presentation. Submitting the abstracts on line to a website service still created a few procedural glitches that need to be worked out next year. Abstracts are published in the June *NACTA Journal*, in a booklet for the conference and on the Oklahoma State University NACTA/SERD Conference website.

Website and electronic publishing: The NACTA FastPress website (<http://nacta.fp.expressacademic.org/>)

is up and running for the electronic publishing of the *NACTA Journal*. All quarterly issues are now published electronically only beginning with March 2009. Members will be notified by email when new issues are electronically published. A print copy of all four issues of the *Journal* will be published annually in December of each year. Besides current issues of the *Journal* the FastPress website has all issues of the *NACTA Journal* starting with 1961 to the present in searchable PDF format. Google Scholar has all the information needed to index these *Journals*.

Access to the current (most recent 8 issues) will be limited to members only; however this feature is not yet available. According to George Chronis, FastPress Director: "For the time being membership restrictions are applied to all issues (current and back issues). We are working on a per issue basis access, where you will have a button to enable membership restrictions when you edit/create each issue. This should address your requirements. We are scheduled to deliver this feature free of charge sometime this summer, but I don't have a set date, yet." For now access to the full text of all *Journals* is not restricted. Should access be so that only members can view the full text of any issues? If so this can be done now. Anyone finding the site would have access to all the abstracts of the manuscripts even when the full text is limited to members only.

The main purpose of the NACTA FastPress site is for the electronic publishing of the *Journal*. The site is not very flexible and cannot become a "flashy" site that represents NACTA. With the focus on the FastPress and electronic publishing of the *Journal* the content and design of the original NACTA website (www.nactateachers.org) has become dated. NACTA needs a great website that "draws people in." This is beyond the

abilities and time commitment of the Editor. I suggest the original NACTAteachers.org website be maintained but revamped with new content and user interface, and that this revamped website link to the FastTrack and FastPress sites for the submission of manuscripts and the electronic version of the *Journal*. The Editor and Secretary/Treasurer will provide any content needed for the NACTAteachers.org website.

Newsletter: The NACTA E-newsletter continues to be created and emailed on a monthly basis with the exception of the summer months. PDFs of the newsletter are also posted on the website.

For the History Buffs and Researcher: Searchable PDFs of the *NACTA Journal*, including the cover, is available on a 2 GB USB drive for \$50. Over 50 years of the *NACTA Journal* is scanned and converted to OCR text. All those old issues of the *Journal* can now be on your hard drive and not your shelf, or a new faculty member can have his or her set of *Journals*. Contact the NACTA Secretary/Treasurer.

Recommendations:

- Increase the number of book reviews.
- Increase the Teaching Tips/Notes and NACTA on Campus submissions to the *Journal*
- Make choice on access to electronic copies of *NACTA Journals* - restrict all full-content to members only or only restrict most recent eight issues to members only.
- Revamp and maintain the original NACTAteachers.org website with new content and user interface, and links to the FastTrack and FastPress sites for the submission of manuscripts and the electronic version of the *Journal*.
- Promote opportunity to be a reviewer for the *NACTA Journal*.

Historian's Report - Jim McKenna

Since being appointed as Historian, I have visited with Dr. Parker as to the possibilities of following my predecessor and producing a page for the *Journal*. I received the total collection NACTA Journals electronically, and with all good intentions, planned to follow the format, and have a relevant article from the past appear in each edition of the NACTA *Journal*. Unfortunately my job changed in July of last year, and doing double duty as an administrator and teacher overwhelmed me. This spring I taught my last class and am now just responsible for the administration of the department. This will make it easier to fulfill my responsibilities as Historian. I am truly sorry that I have not been more involved in my responsibilities to this point.

The plan is to begin by asking the Executive Committee and members attending the conference this year what they might like to suggest I do. My thoughts are to use the Historian's page to reflect on the history of NACTA. In past years, the *Journal* was used more extensively to record the history of the organization. As we've evolved, the *Journal*

has become more professional, and much of the organizational information has not been included in the Journal. I would like to know if some "historical" facts would be of interest along with quality publications from the past would be of interest to our members. Once I get a feel for what people might like to see published, I will work with Dr. Parker to format and populate a page in the Journal.

Membership Director's/ Public Relations Report - Ron Hanson

The new NACTA logo design and tag line Connect-Develop-Achieve has been approved by the membership. Stationery and envelopes with the new NACTA logo have been printed for the Secretary/Treasurer. The new NACTA letterhead has been made available to all NACTA Officers and Committee Chairs for use on NACTA correspondence. Overall this NACTA logo is being put to good use by the Executive Committee.

Total membership (all member categories) in NACTA for 2009 now stands at a record high of 951 memberships. This represents an increase of 109 more members since 2003 (842 total memberships). The largest increase in memberships was in the Active member category (increase of 57 more Active members). The biggest disappointment was the large decrease in Graduate Student memberships (46 less). A complete breakdown of these membership numbers and trends will be presented at the NACTA Executive Committee Meeting on June 17.

Personal letters of appreciation (along with copies of the new brochure) were sent to each respective College Dean at the various Universities that sponsor multiple NACTA memberships on an annual basis for new faculty hires. Currently nine colleges/departments sponsor NACTA memberships for their faculty. These nine institutions accounted for 109 new NACTA memberships for 2009. The newest institution in this group is The Ohio State University which recently agreed to sponsor a three-year paid NACTA membership for all new faculty hires with a teaching appointment in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. This resulted from Susie Whittington's initiative and efforts in following through with Linda Martin after the Fall Executive Committee Meeting to gain this commitment.

I also sent a personal Email to each NACTA member (institutional active and active) in each NACTA Region who did not renew their membership for 2009. The email message pointed out the benefits of being a NACTA member and encouraged them to continue their membership in NACTA. This activity resulted in sending out 188 email letters. I appreciate Marilyn Parker's efforts in making these names available to each Regional Director as well as to myself.

Later this summer I will put together a list of universities and colleges who might be good prospects for sponsoring NACTA memberships for their new faculty hires (with

teaching appointments). A letter will be drafted and sent to each college Dean at these institutions to encourage them in following the lead of other institutions that are currently sponsoring paid NACTA faculty memberships on their campus. The results of this effort will be reported at the 2009 Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

Canadian Regional Director Report - Kent Mullinix

NACTA activity in Canada has been negligible (other than a few new memberships) therefore there is little to report.

As of May 31, 2009 NACTA membership by Canadian institutions and individuals in Canada are as follows:

Canadian Region totals - for 2008-2009

Institutional Active	7
Active	0
Institutions	6
Life Members	2
Graduate Students	2
Emeritus	0

Canadian New for 2008-2009

Institutional Active	1
Active	0
Institutions	1
<u>Grad Students</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	4

The institutions represented are University of British Columbia, University of Guelph, University of Alberta, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, University of Manitoba, and University of Saskatchewan. Institutional Active members represent on four of those institutions: U of BC, KPU, U of G and U of A.

Graduate student membership is derived from only three institutions: U of M, U of BC and U of A. Life members are both from U of G.

There is significant opportunity to expand individual and institutional Canadian membership in NACTA. The challenge is to convey the value of NACTA to institutional leadership and to individual instructors and professors of agriculture. Similarly it is incumbent upon NACTA to assure relevance to Canada. Planning for recruitment of institutions and individuals is underway.

Central Regional Director's Report - Bob Stephenson

During the fall of 2008 I contacted Deans and Chairs at all current Colleges and Departments within the Central Region, encouraging them to sponsor members (faculty & graduate students) from their Colleges and Departments for a year. I pointed out the numerous reasons and benefits of joining NACTA. I also urged them to nominate and/or encourage their faculty and graduate students to apply for the teaching awards. Marilyn Parker provided me with names of new and lifetime members and I tried to send out letters thanking them for their memberships in NACTA.

The KACTA (Kansas Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) annual meeting, which is normally held during the month of January, was postponed until May of 2009. The meeting will be held at Kansas State University and will be an exchange of teaching ideas and a review of the basic Soil & Crop Science courses taught at institutions across Kansas.

During the spring of 2009 I sent out some congratulatory notes to new members from the region. I also sent out letters to members from the region who had allowed their memberships to expire, encouraging them to maintain active memberships in NACTA. Marilyn provided me with the list of members and institutions who were behind in their memberships. The following is a list of memberships from the Central Region over the past few years.

Central Region Membership

<i>Membership</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008-9</i>	<i>New in 2008/2009</i>
<i>Institutional Active</i>	160	156	156	133	129	42
<i>Active</i>	16	9	11	12	15	4
<i>Life</i>	37	40	41	44	43	0
<i>Institutions</i>	27	30	32	29	30	0
<i>Graduate Student</i>	18	25	24	27	10	7
<i>Emeritus</i>	7	8	7	4	5	0
<i>TOTAL</i>	265	268	271	249	233	49

Southern Regional Director's Report - Jeannette Moore

The Southern Region includes Puerto Rico and the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. As new members joined NACTA, the Secretary/Treasurer (Marilyn Parker) sent me an e-mail with the person's name, type of membership, and contact information. I sent a "Welcome to NACTA" e-mail message and encouraged all new members to be active and to attend the annual conference. I included a link to the NACTA web page and briefly described the teaching awards and the conference

activities. All Southern Region institutions renewed their NACTA membership for 2009 except one, and that institution indicated in May that a renewal was on its way to the secretary.

In early February, I sent an e-mail to all Southern Region members of NACTA to encourage everyone to consider nominating a deserving colleague or graduate student for a national teaching award. I included information on the nomination process, the web pages, and the conference. I also sent a one-page pdf version of the "Nominate a Colleague!" poster that will be set up at this year's NACTA conference, and I encouraged members to post the flyer and to share it with colleagues.

In May, Marilyn sent me a list of Southern Region members who had not renewed for 2009. I contacted those members via e-mail and reminded/encouraged them to renew. In the e-mail, I included a link to the membership renewal form on the NACTA web page. There were 61 people who received the "reminder" e-mail in May (35 who had been members for 2 or more years and 26 who had been members for one year).

The current (May, 2009) membership numbers for the Southern Region are as follows: 33 Institutions, 171 Institutional Active, 30 Active, 45 Life, 3 Emeritus, and 25 Graduate Students for a total of 274 individuals and 33 institutions. Of the 33 institutions, all were renewals (no new institutions joined the Southern Region this year). Of the 274 individuals, 97 were new for this year. The members who joined for the first time this year were in the following categories: Institutional Active = 62 (includes 5 SERD), Active = 22 (all SERD), Life = 1, Emeritus = 2, and Graduate Student = 10. Note: "SERD" stands for the Science Education and Resources Development unit of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. The NACTA conference was held jointly with SERD for the first time in 2008 and will again be a joint conference in 2009.

Western Regional Director's Report - Jim Knight

During the year contact was made with the Associate Deans for Academic Programs for the institutions in the Western Region. That was followed up with promotional efforts at the Western Region Teaching Symposium, which was held in Las Cruces, New Mexico in September of 2008. A similar effort was made at the AAAE meeting in Lake Tahoe in April of 2009.

Throughout the year, as new members came into the organization from the region a welcome letter was sent inviting them to participate in the annual conference. In addition, an effort to get renewals from several institutions was done in May. That resulted in a modest renewal of some institutions.\

Journal Awards Committee Report - Neil Douglas

The Journal Awards Committee completed its task of reviewing and selecting articles for recognition at the 2009 annual conference. Due to the late arrival of the 2008 December issue in early April, the committee was unable to complete its task of reviewing and selecting articles for each of the journal awards and honorable mention certificates before March. As chair, however, I would very much like to congratulate active committee members for their diligence in reviewing and selecting articles. Despite grading activities, final examinations, graduation ceremonies and other end-of-year tasks, dedicated committee members selected award recipients during an extremely taxing period. Secretary Marilyn Parker is also to be commended for her patience and her efforts to effectively communicate with our committee members that anxiously awaited the December issue. Although journal award winners were not notified by early March as in previous years, letters of notification were dispatched in early May.

Several members were unable to submit ballots due to time commitments. However, 15 of the 28 members submitted ballots compared to 18 of the 24 members the previous year. Moreover, for five consecutive years, the committee has had a minimum of 16 members with a minimum of 15 of those members actively participating. Committee members have continued to actively recruit new members and have promoted increased participation in balloting. Several new members were recruited last year in an effort to broaden, renew, and expand the ability of our committee to recognize and promote the scholarship of teaching excellence. We are pleased to report that 3 of the 4 new members submitted ballots for this year's tabulation.

Most of this increased participation can be attributed to the many efforts of our past chair. During his 9 years of service as chair, Dr. Paul Fantz set high standards for excellence. Dr. Fantz was a conscientious recruiter and focused on improving the awards selection process. The total number of members as well as the number of active members was increased under his leadership. Additionally, Dr. Fantz played a pivotal role in ushering in our current balloting system. Members that may not have selected any or all of the top 8 articles from the initial ballot may now participate in ranking those articles on the second and final ballot. Committee members have agreed unanimously that this balloting system has made our selection process more effective and efficient.

The committee would also like to express its gratitude to Editor Rick Parker for his expertise in selecting articles for the 2008 NACTA Journal. Once more, these selections have continued to inspire and promote excellence in teaching. Of these articles, 26 (90%) of the 29 papers were selected as the top 8 on the initial ballots. Seven papers (11%) were ranked as first whereas a total of 11 papers (37%) were ranked in the top 2. Nearly 60% (17) were ranked in the top 3. Therefore, selection of award winners was again difficult. The Journal Awards Committee selected the following articles to be recognized:

E. B. Knight -

Prior College Credit of First Semester Freshman: Does it Make a Difference?

Amy R. Smith – Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute
Bryan L. Garton – University of Missouri
52(3):39-45

Jack Everly

A Virtual Laboratory for Undergraduate Instruction in Domestic Animal Reproductive Physiology: Help or Hindrance?

Judith M. Grizzle – University of Tennessee
Arnold M. Saxton – University of Tennessee
Phillip Snow – University of Tennessee
Cyndy Edmonds – University of Tennessee
52(1):49-54

Honorable Mention

Perceptions, Utilization, and Training of Graduate Student Teaching Assistants in Introductory Soil Science Courses: Survey Results

Greg D. Pillar - Queens University of Charlotte
Keith J. Karnok – University of Georgia
Stephen J. Thien – Kansas State University
52(3):25-32

Committee members that participated in awards selections for 2009:

Gary Apgar	Southern Illinois University
Kevin Bacon	Western Illinois University
James C. Cooke	Abilene Christian University
Ann DeLay	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Neil Douglas, Chair	Berea College
Ted Feitshans	North Carolina State University
Rodney Gilbert	Delaware Valley College
Crystal Groesback	Delaware Valley College
Joanne Logan	University of Tennessee
Lurline Marsh	University of Maryland – Eastern Shore
C. R. “Bob” Stark	University of Arkansas - Monticello
Robert Stephenson	Fort Hays State University
Amy Noelle Wright	Auburn University
Larae Watkins	University of Central Missouri
Lyle Westrom	University of Minnesota - Crookston

It has been a pleasure to serve NACTA as a member of the Journal Awards Committee since being recruited by Dr. Fantz in 2002. Our committee looks forward to many more years of promoting teaching excellence by recognizing outstanding and innovative scholarship in the NACTA Journal.

Educational Issues & Teaching Improvement Committee Report- Ann Marie VanDerZanden

The EITI committee includes 14 members, each assigned to a 3-year, 2-year or single year term and has representation from 13 different universities and 11 different agriculture related disciplines. I am currently contacting committee members whose terms expire at the June 2009 meeting and will have an updated committee membership by June 16, 2009.

The EITI committee worked with the Oklahoma State conference organizing committee and selected Linda Martin as the Blue Ribbon Speaker. I contacted her on behalf of the committee in the fall and she generously accepted our invitation to speak.

I also solicited input from the committee to develop a panel to participate in the Preparing for the Professorate session during the conference. Panel members include:

Dr. Rick Rudd, Department Head Agricultural and Extension Education, Virginia Tech University

Dr. James Knight, Faculty Associate for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona

Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Associate Director Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Iowa State University

The EITI committee developed a list of roundtable discussion topics (listed below) related to outcomes assessment. Committee members will be serving as facilitators for the roundtable session during the Friday lunch.

Outcomes Assessment:

In the classroom

In labs

Through internships

In programs overall (correlation of outcomes assessment to curriculum goals)

At the college and university level

To evaluate co-curricular activities

To evaluate service activities

Applying assessment findings- closing the loop

The EITI Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 17th during the committee meeting time.

I anticipate working the Tracy Hoover from Penn State regarding themes for the 2010 conference and anticipate the EITI committee will continue to be involved, where appropriate, in assisting with program planning for the conference.

2009 Teacher Recognition Committee Report – Prasanta Kalita, Chair

The committee currently has 38 members (3 new members joined at the 2008 Utah meeting). As per committee's suggestion at the 2008 meeting, a poster/workshop session would be organized in 2009 Oklahoma meeting to provide help and guidance on award nomination. Dr. Jeannette Moore volunteered to lead this task.

There has been an increased interest for on-line (web-based) submission of the award nomination and review process. This would likely increase the number of nominations, eliminate surface mailing of nomination packets to reviewers, and reduce cost. This task, however, will take significant time and resource commitment, and will be brought to the attention of the NACTA Executive committee at the Oklahoma meeting.

In 2009, there was more total number of nominations than the previous year. Also, the nomination packets were more attractive than the year before, and resulted in more successful nominations. Below is a summary of the 2009 teaching award:

Teacher Fellow: There were 26 nominations from 9 institutions, and 24 nominees will receive the Teacher Fellow award. Multiple nominations came from the University of Florida (6), University of Illinois (6), University of Kentucky (5), University of Nebraska (3), and North Carolina State University (1); other institutions submitted one nomination each.

Graduate Student Teaching Award: There were 13 excellent nominations from 8 institutions, and all nominees will receive the award. The highest number of nominations came from the Oklahoma State University (3); all other institutions submitted one or two nominations.

Higher Awards: There was one nomination for the *Teaching Award of Excellence*. No nomination was received for the *John Deere Award*. Two nominations were received for the Eastern *Regional Award*, and one each for the *Central* and *Southern Regional Awards*. No nominations were received from the *Canadian* or the *Western* regions. Only one award can be presented for each region.

2008/2009 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee (38 members):

Prasanta K. Kalita, Chair, University of Illinois
Kimberly A. Bellah, Tarleton State University
Brock Blaser, Iowa State University
W. Stephen Damron, Oklahoma State University
Sam Doak, Virginia Tech
Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University
Fred Fairchild, Kansas State University
Harry Field, Oklahoma State University
Lance Gibson, Iowa State University
Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University

Lynn Hamilton, California Polytechnic State University
Alan Hanson, University of Illinois
Ronald J. Hanson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Dianne Hellwig, Berea College, KY
Jennifer Henke, University of California
Kimberly Hilgers, South Dakota State University
Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky
Dann Husmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
David Jones, North Carolina State University
Donald M. Johnson, University of Arkansas
Gary Kling, University of Illinois
Thomas Kuzmic, Oklahoma State University
Mickey Latour, Purdue University
Lurline E. Marsh, University of Maryland
Ed Miller, Oklahoma State University
Jarrod Miller, University of Kentucky
Foy Mills, Abilene Christian University
Jeannette Moore, North Carolina State University
Michael D. Mullen, University of Kentucky
Tory Parker, University of Illinois
Greg Pillar, Queens University
Herman A. Sampson, North Carolina State University
Shelly R. Sitton, Oklahoma State University
Robert J. Stephenson, Fort Hays State University
Kirk Swortzel, Mississippi State University
Bonnie Walters, University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Jerry Williams, Virginia Tech University
Dean Winward, Southern Utah University

International Committee Report - Phil Hamilton

The International Committee was re-activated during the 2008 NACTA Conference and those attending expressed interest in becoming a part of the committee. Phil Hamilton was appointed Chair of the committee.

In a way to get the committee activated, Hamilton conceived the idea of a committee-wide effort to assess the International involvement of the institutions where NACTA members have positions. Several committee members participated in writing the survey and will be co-authors of the journal article. They include: Alfred Conklin, Byungkyun Chung, Jamie Cano, Tonya Franke, and Hamilton.

SurveyMonkey.com® is the method of collecting the data. Marilyn Parker will send the survey instrument website address to the membership listserve and solicit their participation in the survey.

The URL's are as follows:

Email Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=A5AMZmaBweFZNP8nbFPmFg_3d_3d

Web Link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=A5AMZmaBweFZNP8nbFPmFg_3d_3d.

The co-authors hope that we can learn from each other about “where we are” and be able to better collaborate with International and Globalization issues in the future.

The National Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha Report - Jean Gleichsner

Greetings to the Executive Committee and members of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, I am pleased to report on the activities of DTA over the past year. Total historical membership is now over 15,000.

National DTA Website. Information about DTA can be found at <http://www.fhsu.edu/agriculture/natdta>.

50th Annual National Convention Highlights. The National Convention was hosted by Missouri State University in Springfield, MO on April 2-4, 2009. A special thank you goes to the members of Missouri State University DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

- Fourteen chapters attended the national convention.
- New officers were elected. The officers for 2009-2010 are:
 - ✓ President: Holly Morgan, Tennessee Tech State University
 - ✓ VP-Eastern: Erica Alexander, Middle Tennessee State University
 - ✓ VP-Midwest: Roy Noe, College of the Ozarks
 - ✓ VP-Southern: Luis Gomez, Texas A&M University - Commerce
 - ✓ Secretary: Sarah Shedenhelm, Arkansas State University
 - ✓ Parliamentarian: Rachel Hendrix, Middle Tennessee State University
 - ✓ National Advisor: Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University (reelected to another 2 year term)
 - ✓ National Treasurer: Dr. Bruce Greene, Tennessee Tech University (2nd year of two-year term)
- A new chapter was chartered at Ferrum College (4 year agriculture program).
- Fort Hays State University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and Arkansas State University was second.

- Fort Hays State University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter. Honorable mention went to Sam Houston State University.
- Abilene Christian University received the Highest % Convention Attendance Award. Honorable mention went to Ferrum College and Southeast Missouri State University.
- Arkansas State University received the Highest Convention Attendance Award. Honorable mention went to Abilene Christian University and Sam Houston State University.

Future Conventions

The convention rotates among the three regions. Bids have been accepted through 2012.

2010 (Southern) – Sam Houston State University (March 25-27, 2010).

2011 (Eastern) – Middle Tennessee State University

2012 (Midwest) – University of Central Missouri

Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). ACHS has created a national project as a way to achieve a long-standing goal of the organization: to increase the visibility of both ACHS and its member societies in the higher education community. The ACHS National Project is on ethics. As a member society, DTA Chapters are encouraged to participate in the national project. Ideas for projects are available at the ACHS web site (a link to the ACHS web site may be found at the DTA web site).

National Faculty Officer. The term for National DTA Executive Treasurer will expire in 2010. Dr. Bruce Greene is willing to serve another term pending appointment by the NACTA President.

NACTA Judging Conference Liaison Report - Lyle Westrom

The 2009 NACTA Judging Conference was held at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio on April 16-18, 2009. Competitions were held in 10 contest areas with more than 450 students competing. Eighteen four-year division schools competed and 17 two-year division schools competed. The four-year division sweepstakes was won by the University of Minnesota Crookston while the two-year division was won by Black Hawk East. The overall sweepstakes was won by Black Hawk East.

The business meeting yielded several noteworthy items; some of which created significant discussion. Derek Dick from Coffeyville Community College chaired the meeting with Ed Brokaw serving as Secretary. Discussion focused around the fairness and usefulness of the overall sweepstakes award. A motion was made and passed to eliminate the overall sweepstakes award - leaving a sweepstakes award for the winning senior and winning junior division college/university. Another topic of discussion was

mandatory contests. It was decided to keep mandatory contests as they have been in recent years.

Ed Brokaw from Abilene Christian University stepped down as Secretary ending a long and much appreciated tenure as the NACTA Coaches Secretary. Terrill Bradford from the University of Minnesota Crookston was elected as the new Secretary.

A resolution was passed to recognize Kim Sayers and Royce Thornton (co-chairs) along with faculty and staff from The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute at Wooster for conducting an outstanding judging conference.

The 2010 NACTA Judging Conference will be held at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma on April 8-10, 2010. Future sites include Modesto Community College in 2011 and Coffeyville Community College in 2012.

CAST Liaison Report - Rich Joost

The CAST Board of Directors met at the Doubletree Hotel in Washington, D.C. on March 18-20, 2009 for their annual spring meeting. Board members participated in 2 ½ days of general sessions, work group and committee breakouts. A number of publication proposals were discussed, and several proposals will move forward in the coming weeks through e-mail ballots. Guest speakers addressed the group at several meals, and the Charles A. Black Communications Award was presented to Dr. Wayne Skaggs at an evening reception. Dr. Richard Reynnells, an individual who has shown outstanding support for CAST, was honored with the CAST Champion Award. The Executive Committee met in special session for two days before the start of the general session, and their report to board members was the focus of discussion in many work group and committee breakout sessions.

Charles A. Black Communications Award

At an evening reception on March 18th, CAST honored Dr. Richard W. Skaggs, William Neal Reynolds Professor and Distinguished University Professor in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department at North Carolina State University, by presenting him with the 2009 Charles A. Black Communications Award. During his tenure at NCSU, Dr. Skaggs has studied drainage and subsurface water management extensively.

Work Group Actions

The **Animal Sciences Work Group** met with two guests during one of the breakout sessions. Their discussions focused on possible opportunities for CAST to partner with other organizations in hosting conferences, symposia, or other professional gatherings.

The work group spent a lot of time discussing the issues identified by the Executive Committee regarding CAST governance and the need to increase funding support. One new publication proposal, on the topic of humane mass depopulation in animal disease emergencies, was considered briefly. The group agreed to hold more frequent conference calls to conduct business in between the CAST board meetings.

The **Food Science and Agricultural Technology Work Group** was pleased to welcome two new board members to its breakout sessions. In addition, one guest met with the group and they discussed possible partnering opportunities. Members reviewed the composition and scope of the work group and agreed that it was logical for food science to work with agricultural engineering/technology, but they acknowledged the need to share and collaborate with other work groups. The group heard from staff about the progress of the fresh produce commentary currently in progress, and they reviewed topics under consideration from the previous meeting. New topics identified for possible development into proposals included toxic compounds in seafood, the potential for formation of one government agency to oversee food safety, and food-based allergies.

The **Plant Protection Sciences Work Group** reviewed an existing proposal on pest resistance management and moved this item into a suite of papers on sustainability for which funding will be sought. A proposal for a commentary on bee colony collapse was approved by the work group and referred to the Executive Committee. A proposal for a commentary on sustainable agriculture was approved by the work group and moved on to the Executive Committee. The group is developing a proposal for a series of issue papers on sustainable agriculture using the commentary as the kick-off. They are seeking a coalition for support and are suggesting a sustainability symposium with all working groups contributing speakers as part of the agenda. Work group members endorsed the idea of developing partnerships with publishers. The group also discussed ideas for restructuring CAST work groups and committees. A proposal on water quality and agriculture is under development.

The **Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Work Group** reviewed the status of projects already underway and several on hold from past meetings. Three proposals were developed, approved by the group, and moved on to the National Concerns Committee: the impact of fertilizers in urban areas, the technology of nitrogen use efficiency, and another commentary in the Convergence of Agriculture and Energy series. Ideas for possible new publications included green chemistry of bio-based products, product labeling to show the amount of energy used in product delivery, and the impact of climate change on pest development. The group discussed the concerns raised by the Executive Committee, and they suggested that ad hoc work groups might be a way to address emerging issues that span several areas of agriculture. They also discussed possible ways of making CAST information more accessible to a wider audience, including youth.

Committee Actions

The **Budget, Finance, and Investment Committee** reported that a letter will be sent from CAST to university deans asking them to support their faculty members who volunteer their time to work for CAST. After serious discussion, this committee voted to disband in its current form and recommended that governance and finance issues be handled by the Executive Committee. They did agree that three members from this committee, on a rotating basis, would assist the Treasurer on an annual audit review; the Treasurer would then report to the Executive Committee.

The **Editorial and Publications Committee** considered a recommendation to get CAST in front of the public using the web but without increasing the staff workload. They also reviewed the protocols for the publication process and endorsed the current process as being robust and transparent, not needing to be changed. Along with staff, the committee held an extensive discussion of new media methods and opportunities. Several proposals were considered and approved: seeking a publisher for bundling and sales of existing CAST publications, negotiating a partnership with publishers to publish proceedings of CAST-sponsored conferences, and drafting a protocol for a rapid release communication process.

The **Membership and Marketing Committee** discussed possible changes to the dues structure for CAST member societies and reviewed the current process for travel reimbursement to board members who attend the CAST board meetings. The committee endorsed the idea of assessing a late payment fee on unpaid renewals, but did not recommend specific amounts. They approved the proposal to hold only one in-person board meeting per year, and stated that all board members should help with recruiting of new members and sponsors for CAST.

The **National Concerns Committee** focused on ways this committee can be proactive in suggesting ideas for future CAST projects and publications. The committee considered several proposals during their breakout sessions: a commentary on sustainable agriculture; a series of issue papers and/or special publications on aspects of sustainable agriculture; a commentary on bee colony collapse disorder; the impact of fertilizers in urban areas; the technology of nitrogen use efficiency; and another commentary in the Convergence of Agriculture and Energy series.

AASCARR Priorities - Report Kevin Bacon

1. Secure appropriations for Non Land-Grant capacity building authorization.
2. Strengthen the influence and impact of AASCARR as an organization.
3. Enhance the educational, applied research and outreach programs at the AASCARR institutions.
4. Increase participation, collaboration, and support capabilities among AASCARR institutions.

CAPICU Liaison Report - Foy Mills

I have had several conversations with Monte Anderson (Wilmington College) since the 2008 NACTA Annual Conference at Utah State. Monte is Chairman of the Board for the Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges and Universities (CAPICU). I urged Monte to consider hosting a pre-conference for CAPICU representatives at the 2009 NACTA Meeting.

Monte and CAPICU board members conferred and decided to support one representative from each CAPICU school (\$500) to attend the 2009 NACTA Annual Conference. Two CAPICU schools (i.e., ACU, Delaware Valley) have historically been very active in NACTA. Three schools (i.e., Berea, College of the Ozarks, Dordt) participate periodically. However, the remaining schools have participated little, if any. CAPICU representatives will meet on Wednesday morning from 8:00-10:20 am in advance of committee meetings. Plans are for the group to congregate for dinner on Wednesday evening.

My hope is that participation by CAPICU schools in the 2009 NACTA Conference will begin a positive trend and new relationships.

The following table depicts the current private and independent colleges and universities (CAPICU) in the U.S. with agriculture programs. BYU-Provo and BYU-Idaho have chosen not to participate in CAPICU. Conversations are underway with Mt. Olive College, Mt. Olive, North Carolina to consider membership in CAPICU.

Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges and Universities—Location, Affiliation, Enrollment and Number of Agriculture Faculty

University/College	Location		Affiliation	Total Univ Undergrad Enrollment	Agriculture Faculty
	City	State			
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	TX	Church of Christ	4120	6
Andrews University	Berrien Springs	MI	Seventh-Day Adventist	1726	8
Berea College	Berea	KY	Non-denominational Christian	1595	4
Berry College	Mount Berry	GA	Independent	1864	5
College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout	MO	Presbyterian	1333	8

Delaware Valley College	Doylestown	PA	Independent (org Jewish)	1994	24
Dordt College	Sioux Center	IA	Christian Reformed	1259	4
Ferrum College	Ferrum	VA	United Methodist	991	3
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	FL	United Methodist	1816	3
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	TX	Church of Christ	1832	5
Wilmington College	Wilmington	OH	Quaker	1723	6