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# NACTA June 2011 Reports

## NACTA President Report - Kirby Barrick

The NACTA Constitution identifies four major duties of the President of the organization. Based on those prescribed duties, this is a summary of the activities for the past year.

a.) Preside at the annual conference—This duty is in progress. It has been a pleasure to work with the conference planning committee at the University of Alberta. Three members of the NACTA Executive Committee met with our U of A colleagues in November 2010. Since then, through a steady stream of emails, we have put together an excellent program for the participants. Thanks to the University of Alberta Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences for their excellent work.

b.) Establish ad hoc committees – The ad hoc committee on teacher recognition, appointed by President Mullen, completed its work. The awards program during the 2010 conference was conducted in a professional and efficient manner. The awards application/nomination process was put into effect and refined during the current year, hopefully resulting in less effort yet higher quality nomination packets. Thanks to the Teacher Recognition Committee for implementing the ad hoc committee report.

An ad hoc committee led by Jeannette Moore attacked the need for streamlining and clarifying the NACTA Constitution and By-laws. During the past few months, a proposed revision has been prepared for discussion and potential adoption by the membership. Dr. Moore almost single-handedly directed the revision effort, and the organization is indebted to her for taking on this task.

c.) Act as the official representative—No true opportunities surfaced to serve in this capacity. However, the President was called upon to serve on an advisory committee for a NIFA proposal at Michigan State University. The purpose was to bring a teaching/learning concept to the proposal and to consider how NACTA could be involved if the grant were funded. However, funding for the proposal was never appropriated by NIFA.

Dr. Jean Gleichsner represented NACTA at the Delta Tau Alpha conference. She was also re-appointed to that liaison position.

d.) Serve as ex officio on committees—The committees have functioned quite well without the involvement of the President! Committee chairs were appointed for 2010-11 and beyond where vacancies existed.

Truly the success of NACTA is dependent upon active participation by elected and appointed leaders and the membership at-large. Further, it has been a pleasure to be able to rely upon Marilyn and Rick Parker throughout the year.

## **NACTA Past-President Report - Mike Mullen**

The slate of nominees was prepared for the spring 2011 NACTA Elections as follows: President-elect – Jeff Hattey, Oklahoma State University, and Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech University; Eastern Region Director-elect – Mark Russell, Purdue University and Jamie Cano, The Ohio State University; Western Region Director-elect – Bruce Miller, Utah State University and Brenda Seevers, New Mexico State University; and Southern Region Director-elect – Jean Bertrand, University of Georgia and Tim Marshall, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Those nominees elected to office were contacted and the winners are:

Rick Rudd – President-Elect  
Mark Russell – Eastern Region Director-Elect  
Jean Bertrand – Southern Region Director-Elect  
Brenda Seevers – Western Region Director-Elect

Dr. Frank Robinson, University of Alberta, was nominated for the NACTA Distinguished Educator Award. The Executive Committee accepted the nomination and Dr. Robinson will receive the award during the Alberta meetings.

## **President-Elect Report - Jeannette A. Moore**

The President-Elect chairs the Murray Brown Leadership Award Committee, and in November a very deserving individual (Dr. Ron Hanson) was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee to receive this award at the annual conference in June 2011.

The constitution needed to be updated, and I volunteered to lead this effort. Revisions were presented to the Executive Committee in November, and the constitution revisions were re-distributed to the Executive Committee in April after incorporation of suggested changes and additions. Proposed changes included an update of the acronyms for liaisons and a separate pathway for modification of Bylaws. The proposed changes were posted to the website in April and will be voted on by NACTA members at the June Business Meeting.

## **Secretary 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. Regional directors are supplied with lists of members in their regions twice a year or when requested.

A NACTA E-Newsletter is sent out several times during the year to update members. This also helps keep email addresses updated.

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 for membership renewal. Reminders also go out through the NACTA E-Newsletters. Payment can be taken by credit card or check. Credit card payments can be mailed or faxed. Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year payment option. Every renewing member receives an email thanking them for their renewal. The NACTA Secretary appreciates the involvement of the Membership director and the Regional directors to encourage renewals for general memberships.

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

There are approximately 800 members of NACTA - which includes individuals, institutions, and libraries. Total new members for 2010-2011: 94 Institutional Active plus 79 Institutional Active/Active new members from the 2010 Penn State Conference. There were 23 new graduate students and one new Life membership. Approximately 180 did not renew for 2011 - many of them long time members. Annual membership is calculated in August of each year.

A number of universities/colleges promote NACTA memberships and pay for either a one or three-year membership for individuals. In addition, some schools' departments pay for some faculty NACTA memberships on a yearly basis. Those that have participated this past year are: Pennsylvania State University; Virginia Tech, Purdue University; University of Florida; University of Nebraska; University of Kentucky, University of Illinois; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Abilene Christian University, TX. For the record, if you know of some that have been missed, please inform the Secretary.

Several institutions were very late or are still in the process of renewing or did not renew for 2011 - University of Guelph, Arizona State University, Lakeland College, Mattoon, IL, Allen County Community College, University of Tennessee (Dean change with no response), and Sul Ross State University. If you are aware of Dean/leadership changes, the secretary would appreciate the updated information. Regional Directors were very helpful in obtaining some of the institutional membership renewals. We have three new schools due to the NACTA Judging contest - College of Southern Idaho, College of the Redwoods, CA, and Angelo State University, TX.

We have fifteen Canadian members; six Canadian Institutions and three Canadian libraries. We have two foreign members, and three foreign libraries.

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 32 Teaching Awards of Merit and 12 Graduate Student Awards of Merit were presented. This is approximately the same as last year. **How can we make them more aware of this award?** This information is available on the NACTA website. There were several current NACTA members that received this award.

The convenience of online voting for NACTA officers does not attract a very large segment of the membership.

Action Item: Encouraging new memberships and retaining memberships is an ongoing theme. Why did 180 members not renew for 2011?

### **Treasurer Report— Marilyn Parker**

Below 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 in June 2007 put NACTA in the black in 2008-2009. One-time costs associated with the new NACTA website and the first annual hardcopy of the Journal put NACTA in the red for the 2009-2010 year. Website costs were down for 2010-2011. The \$8000 from Oklahoma State University donated to NACTA in October 2010 from hosting the NACTA 2009 conference in 2009, will be placed into the Foundation account.

To keep NACTA in the black, it is critical that current membership levels be maintained or preferably increased.

The ending bank statement for the checking account ending in May 2011 is \$51,785.

Submitted by Marilyn B Parker, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer

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Cash Basis

North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture  
Profit & Loss  
June 2010 through May 2011

	<u>Jun '10 - May 11</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Book Sales (Conf)	616.00	
Conference Income	8,110.00	- \$8000 OK state univ
Grants/Contributions	1,000.00	
Manuscript Page Charge	900.00	
Membership Dues	59,559.12	
Misc Income	30.00	
Position Announcement	200.00	
Royalties Income	468.58	- usually less than \$100
Transfer from Checking	0.00	
Transfer from Foundation	4,100.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,983.70</b>	
Expense		
Awards	5,100.00	
Conference Expense	6,689.32	
Credit Card Fee	1,520.23	
Deposit to NACTA checking	0.00	
Fall Exec Mtg	444.78	
Honorariums	21,050.00	
Insurance	150.00	
Journal-Misc Expense	2,958.75	
Journal Printing	6,880.91	
Membership Refunds	125.00	
Misc	0.00	
Misc Expense	192.95	
Postage	629.74	
Professional Fees	1,664.00	
Secretarial Help	184.00	
Supplies	165.34	
Travel	4,186.95	
Web Site Expense	6,370.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,311.97</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>16,671.73</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>16,671.73</b>	

## Membership Director Report - Ron Hanson

At the 2010 NACTA Annual Business Meeting, a survey form requesting the names of potential new NACTA members from each respective campus was distributed. This idea proved successful with exactly 92 names being submitted. A personal letter inviting each nominated person to join NACTA along with a copy of the current NACTA brochure was sent to each person. This resulted in a few additional new memberships. A request for names of potential new members will be repeated at the 2011 NACTA Annual Business Meeting.

Marilyn Parker shared with me the names of the NACTA members who did not renew their membership dues for 2010. I sent a personal Email letter to each person and encouraged them to renew their NACTA membership. I plan to repeat this process for those NACTA members who did not renew their membership for 2011. Marilyn also shared with the names of institutions which did not renew their institutional membership for 2010-2011. A personal letter was sent to each respective Dean for each of these institutions encouraging them to renew their NACTA institutional membership.

A personal letter of appreciation was sent to each college/school that paid multi-memberships for new faculty to join NACTA. This resulted in 61 new institutional active memberships, 2 new graduate memberships, and the renewal of 25 institutional active memberships by eight institutions.

## Editor 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 five years.

Table 1. *NACTA Journal* Manuscripts Submitted and Accepted

Year	Submitted	Accepted	Percent	Rejected	Percent
2010	73	54	74%	19	26%
2009	58	42	72%	16	28%
2008	48	30	63%	18	37%
2007	44	29	66%	15	34%
2006	41	30	73%	11	23%
<b>Average</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30%</b>

During the past five years, manuscript submissions gradually increased. For 2010, manuscript submissions increased 52% over the average of the previous four years. With an average of 37 accepted manuscripts per year each issue of the *Journal* contains at least 10 published manuscripts, a reprint from a past *Journal*, Teaching Tips/Notes, NACTA Yesterday (feature from the *Historian*), and book reviews,

Besides the manuscripts submitted through the NACTA FastTrack (<http://nacta.expressacademic.org/>) five Teaching Tips/Notes and eight book reviews were submitted in 2010. These items are not peer reviewed. For 2011, 36 manuscripts have been submitted as of the mid-June. The *NACTA Journal* Review Board in 2010 consisted of 44 reviewers from 33 different institutions. (Notes: A request to members for Teaching Tips produced nine in early 2011. Chuck Francis, University of Nebraska, submits many unsolicited book reviews during the year. Other book reviews are those the editor requests when he receives unsolicited books from publishers.)

The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site include: 365 total submissions in 5 years and 1 month; 5.9 submissions/month, 71.2 submissions/year (including book reviews and teaching tips/notes); 841 reviews: 23 (3%) pending, 804 (96%) completed, 6 (1%) expired, 8 (1%) declined; 36.4 average days in review.

For the 2011 NACTA/DOCE Conference the Editor received and oversaw the review of 185 abstracts. (down from 225 in 2010 but up from 170 in 2009 and 140 in 2008). Abstracts were electronically submitted to the website <http://nactaabs.expressacademic.org/>. Each abstract was assigned three reviewers. Based on the reviews abstracts were accepted as oral presentations, poster presentations, or rejected (6). The local planning team at the University of Alberta assigned the presentations to session days and times. The abstracts are published in a booklet for participants at the University of Alberta Conference. They are also published online on the *NACTA Journal* website ([NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org)). Abstracts from this year can be cited as *NACTA Journal* vol. 55 (supplement 1) page x and or abstract x.

Website and electronic publishing: Current issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available on [NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org). The most recent eight issues require a member login and password. Older issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available on the NACTA FastPress website (<http://nacta.fp.expressacademic.org/>). Eventually, all issues of the *NACTA Journal* will be moved to [NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org). An annual hard copy of the 2010 *Journal* was mailed to all members. This year Sheridan Press in Hanover, PA printed and mailed the annual hard copy issue at a savings of about \$6K.

The [NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org) website continues as a very valuable communication tool. The content is changed frequently. Statistics on use are gathered by Google Analytics. During the past year the [NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org) had 17,047 visit with 3.6 page views per visit. The number of visits per month steadily increased and averages around 1000. Visits to the website come from 118 countries with the US (15,001) and Canada (581) visits far above other counties. The top ten countries also include: India, Iran, Philippines, Argentina, United Kingdom, Australia, China and Tanzania. Traffic to the site came from three main sources: 1. search engines (60%); 2. direct traffic (26%) and 3. referring sites (14%). New visits represent 53%

Through the [NACTAteachers](http://NACTAteachers.org) website we can have award nominations submitted and reviewed. The power of submitting award nominations online needs to be more completely used.

NACTA is on Facebook and 131 people "Like" us (up from 78 people in 2010). [Find us on Facebook.](#) Leave us a comment on our "wall." Content is added on a regular basis.

#### Recommendations:

Investigate better ways of reviewing abstracts

Determine if a hard copy of the abstracts should be distributed to all members

Find 10 new reviewers to join the *NACTA Journal* Review Board.

Use the NACTA awards nomination site. (Some training and changing of wording on notifications will be needed.)

Involve others in contributing to the NACTAteachers.org website

Increase the use of the NACTA website by members.

### **Canada Regional Director Report - Kent Mullinix**

Unfortunately outreach and recruitment for NACTA in Canada has been negligible. There have however been a few new memberships in recent months (constituting a 36% increase) but membership is still not great.

There have been no Canada Region specific NACTA events this past year.

As of June 1, 2011 NACTA membership by Canadian institutions and individuals as follows:

#### *Canada Region totals:*

Institutional Active 12

Active 0

Institutions 7

Life Members 1

Graduate Students 0

Emeritus 0

The institutional members are University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan and Lakeland College. University of Guelph has not renewed their Institutional membership as of June 2011.

Institutional Active members are from three institutions: Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Lakeland College and University of Alberta.

The Life Member is from University of Saskatchewan.

There is significant opportunity to expand individual and institutional Canadian

membership in NACTA. The challenge is to convey and promote 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. A Canadian NACTA working group, to address strategies to expand membership in NACTA by Canadian academics, is recommended.

### **Eastern Regional Director Report - Tracy Hoover**

As I receive electronic notices from the secretary identifying new members, I send an email to each individual to thank and welcome them to NACTA. I also share the website as well as information on the 2011 Conference.

The secretary also sends notice regarding renewed and non-renewed members. I sent an email to each NACTA member (institutional active and active) in the Eastern Region who did not renew their membership. The email message emphasized the benefits of NACTA membership and encouraged them to continue their membership.

Our Associate Dean's office provided NACTA memberships to new faculty/staff with a 25% + teaching appointment.

### **Western Regional Director Report - Tracy Dougher**

Attended the Executive Committee mid-year meeting , Nov 5, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Express, Minneapolis, MN.

In March 2011, additional NACTA renewal membership reminders were sent from the regional director. Several renewals were prompted and the additional reminders were appreciated.

Provided input into the revisions of the NACTA constitution.

### **Southern Regional Director Report - Jeff Hattey**

The Southern Regional Director contacted all attendees from the Southern Region who participated in the 2010 NACTA meeting thanking them for their attendance. Special attention was given to new members encouraging them to continue their association with NACTA and inviting them to attend the 2011 meeting in Edmonton, AB Canada hosted by the University of Alberta.

The southern region worked with Ron Hanson to encourage institutions and current members to continue their membership. Emphasis was made to contact potential members in the southern region.

## Standing Committee Report - 2011 Conference Program and Host Site

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Martin Zuidhof, Dana Penrice (Conference Co-chairs)

Conference manager:	<u><a href="mailto:Ruth.Ball@ales.ualberta.ca">Ruth.Ball@ales.ualberta.ca</a></u>
Program committee:	<u><a href="mailto:Wendy.Doughty@uss.ualberta.ca">Wendy.Doughty@uss.ualberta.ca</a></u>
Special events committee:	<u><a href="mailto:Chelsea.Geiger@ualberta.ca">Chelsea Geiger geiger1@ualberta.ca</a></u>
Engagement committee:	<u><a href="mailto:Dana.Penrice@ualberta.ca">Dana.Penrice@ualberta.ca</a></u>
Publicity committee:	<u><a href="mailto:Martin.Zuidhof@ualberta.ca">Martin.Zuidhof@ualberta.ca</a></u>

*On behalf of the NACTA 2011 organizing committee, Welcome to Edmonton!*

Theme: GET ENGAGED IN ALBERTA (anyone see any elusive magpies?)  
Excited to be hosting NACTA/DOCE 2011

### *Organizing committee*

- Martin Zuidhof / Dana Penrice Conference co-chairs
- Wendy Doughty – Program committee Chair
- Chelsea Geiger – Special events committee Chair
- Ruth Ball – Conference organizer

### *Program Highlights – CCIS (Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science) and CAB (Central Academic Building)*

- 81 oral presentations in concurrent sessions (W/R)
- 98 poster presentations (in CCIS foyer: W/R)
- Keynote – Dr. Frank Robinson (U of A)
- Blue Ribbon address – Dr. Gary Moore (NCSU)
- Educational workshops
  - One cancellation: (Teaching Portfolio)
- NACTA committee meetings
- Get Engaged with NACTA Breakfast (Thursday morning)
- BBQ – Wednesday evening
- Gala Awards banquet – Thursday evening
- NACTA business lunch and meeting
- Tours
- Pecha Kucha

### *Facilities*

- We had a 5 month delay in securing facilities.

- We have chosen to host the NACTA executive and DOCE pre-conference meetings as well as the Gala Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza, the main conference hotel.
- The plenary sessions will be held in CCIS (Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science).
- It was our hope that the CCIS construction would be complete by now, but we were forced to move our breakout sessions about a 5 minute walk to the Central Academic Building.
- The Student Union building will be the site of the NACTA business luncheon and meeting.
- The Agriculture/Forestry Centre will be the site of NACTA committee meetings on Friday morning.

#### *Publicity*

- We had a strong campaign to recruit Canadian interest in NACTA, and drew some (not sure of the numbers at this time).
- Sponsors
  - 4 Platinum sponsors
    - ALES
    - AFNS
    - Devonian Botanic Garden
    - DOCE
  - 2 Silver sponsors
    - Cengage
    - UA Dean of Students

#### *Financial*

Conference is on track financially. We will likely make a small profit. We hope to set up a scholarship for students to attend future NACTA conferences.

#### *Special events*

1. 4 Themed tours
2. Picnic
3. Awards banquet
4. Luncheon

With thanks to our many volunteers, and support from our faculty, department, and sponsors, we look forward to a successful event.

### **Journal Award Committee - G. Neil Douglas**

The Journal Award Committee has again completed its task of reviewing and selecting articles for recognition at the 2011 annual conference. Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to all active committee members for their dedication to reviewing and selecting articles from each issue. As in years past, we continue to employ a two ballot system introduced in 2005 to allow participation of all committee members in all stages of the selection process and to increase the effectiveness of our

selection process. Initial ballots were sent to committee members in late February. Eight of the 39 articles from the 2010 issues were selected as finalists to appear on the second ballot issued in late March. Award winners were notified via letters sent out the first week of April.

Also, the executive committee charged the journal award committee with the task of creating a teaching tip award at the 2010 meeting held in State College, PA that would recognize outstanding strategies or ideas that positively contribute to the increasing body of literature in support of successful and dynamic teaching. Criteria for evaluating these teaching tips were created and submitted to the executive council for approval in October, 2010. In early November, 2010, President Barrick notified the journal award committee chair of the executive committee's approval of these criteria and asked us to include the teaching tips/notes on the journal award ballots the following spring. Committee members used these criteria to select the outstanding teaching tip for recognition at the 2011 annual meeting in Edmonton, Alberta. The committee would also like to thank Ron Hansen for his motion to create this new award.

Two new members were added to the committee in 2010 and we are thankful for their participation. Twelve of the 29 members listed submitted ballots compared to the 13 participating the previous year. We are continuing to actively recruit new members in an effort to broaden, renew, and expand the committee's ability to recognize and promote the scholarship of teaching excellence. Below is the complete list of participating committee members for 2010.

Journal Award Committee Members that selected journal award winners:

Apgar, Gary	Southern Illinois University
Bacon, Kevin	Western Illinois University
Cooke, James C.	Abilene Christian University
Douglas, Neil	Berea College
Gilbert, Rodney	Delaware Valley College
Logan, JoAnne	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Marsh, Lurline	University of Maryland, Eastern Shores
Olexa, Michael	University of Florida
Stark, Robert	University of Arkansas at Monticello
Stephenson, Robert	Fort Hays State University
Wachenheim, Cheryl	North Dakota State University
Westrom Lyle	University of Minnesota, Crookston

The committee would also like to express its gratitude to Editor Rick Parker for his expertise and diligence in selecting articles for the 2010 NACTA Journal. Once more, these selections have continued to inspire and promote excellence in teaching. The committee chair would also like to express appreciation to NACTA Secretary Marilyn Parker for her unwavering support of our committee and its goals.

The Journal Award Committee selected the following articles and teaching tip/note for recognition:

E. B. Knight  
*The Attributes and Attribute-Consequences of Great College Teachers*  
54(4)55-65.  
Mary Wilson, Carol Cook and F. Bailey Norwood

Jack Everly  
*Creative Teaching Behaviors: A Comparison of Student and Instructor Perspectives*  
54(1)46-53.  
Mollie S. Aschenbrener, Robert Terry, Jr., and Robert M. Torres

Certificate of Honorable Mention  
*Valuing Teams: What Influences Student Attitudes?*  
54(1)31-40.  
Molly Espey

Top Teaching Tip/Note Certificate  
*Structured Feedback: A tool for Teaching and Learning*  
54(2):59  
Rama Radhakrishna, John Ewing, Naveen Chikthimmah, Tracy Hoover

## **Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee Report**

### **Ann Marie VanDerZanden**

The EITI committee includes 10 members, each assigned to a 3-year, year term and has representation from 8 different universities and 7 different agriculture related disciplines. VanDerZanden contacted committee members whose terms expire at the June 2011 meeting and have an updated committee membership through June 2012.

The following people attended the EITI committee on June 24, 2010 at the annual conference at Pennsylvania State University:

Committee members: Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Committee Chair; Sarah Lancaster, Dixie Watts Dalton, Thomas Broyles, Lee Wood, Kimberly Moore

Guests: Jerry Sites, Adrian Audrei, Jean Bertrand, Maurice Clark, Tom Paulsen, Daniel Foster, Jim Baier, Bryan Reiling, Betsy Kelley, Jim Flowers, Duane Bajema, Mohammed Jalaluddin

The committee discussed issues associated with the 2011 conference in Edmonton, Alberta with the theme of Engagement. These ideas and suggestions listed below were forwarded to the organizing committee in fall 2010.

## Workshop ideas

### **The committee came up with these potential workshops for the 2011 conference:**

1. Engagement through discussion: effective questioning
2. Student self-assessment: how do students know if they have good communication skills as well as other skills at the end of their degree program.
3. Internships and other experiences before graduation
4. Doing the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) in formal and non-formal situations (e.g. Extension, co-curricular activities);
5. Strategies for getting promoted based on teaching at a Research university
6. How to recruit the next generation of students (Millenials)
7. Some type of session that allows undergraduates and faculty to interact
8. Best strategies for implementing labs
9. How to develop a teaching portfolio
10. Pedagogy of distance education
11. Panel discussion with undergraduate and graduate students on how they want to learn (face to face, blended learning, distance)
12. Something specifically for graduate students (i.e. Moving into the Professorate session that has been done in 2008 and 2009)

## Roundtable discussions

### **How the roundtables be made more effective?**

- Eat lunch and then move to a separate room to discuss topics
- Group discussions by discipline (animal science, plant science, etc.) not just topic theme
- If individual topics are used, have participants spend 10-15 minutes per topic and then move to another table
- Have one facilitator per table to capture the discussion and then post these summaries to a website and/or the NACTA Journal so everyone can have access to them
- Have lunch discussion arranged by disciplines then move into another room to have discussions about specific topics
- Distribute discussion topics to conference participants prior to the conference so people have time to think about them

On behalf of the EITI Committee, VanDerZanden worked with the University of Alberta organizing committee and selected Gary Moore, North Carolina State as the 2011 Blue Ribbon Speaker. VanDerZanden contacted him on behalf of the committee in fall 2010 and he generously accepted our invitation to speak.

During the Good of the Order the committee had a general discussion of things that went well at the 2010 conference as well as ideas for the 2011 conference. These ideas were also forwarded to the 2011 organizing committee. They are as follows:

- The banquet on Friday at lunch is a good idea particularly related to travel scheduling.

- Need more room for the poster sessions so people can easily walk around and talk to presenters.
- Tours need better descriptions in the registration materials.
- Make housing available on campus for those who want to stay in dorms.
- Is there a way to get undergraduate students to participate in the poster session? Present on research projects or student club activities.
- Should/could there be a graduate student poster competition?
- For 2011 can there be a student essay contest? The potential topic would be: As a student, this is what engages me...
- Undergraduates could submit their essays. The essays would be reviewed (possibly by the EITI committee) and 2-3 students would be selected to present their essay as the keynote address. This could be followed by a panel discussion with these students and a couple of graduate students where conference participants could discuss this topic. The other essays that are submitted but not selected could be reviewed and a poster prepared that summarizes the themes the other students wrote about. Possibly solicit cooperate support to pay for the cost of students attending the conference.

The EITI Committee will meet on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> during the committee meeting time.

## **Teacher Recognition Committee Report – Prasanta Kalita**

The committee currently has 34 members (2 new members joined at the 2010 Penn State meeting). The 2010 annual meeting of the TR committee was held on June 24, 2010 at Penn State, and was attended by 17 members. The committee discussed the *Ad Hoc NACTA Teaching Awards Review Committee's* report that provided recommendation in streamlining the NACTA award processes and presentation formats. A large portion of the meeting time was spent discussing the implementation of the on-line award nomination process. A subcommittee was proposed to develop guidelines on how to proceed with the on-line submission (Kelsey Hall, Bonnie Walters, Jean Gleichsner, Rick Parker, and Prasanta Kalita). The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Significant changes have taken place in the process of award nominations and submissions in 2011. Rick Parker provided excellent guidelines for on-line submission of award nominations. Rick has already been using the on-line submission process for the NACTA Journal, and he convinced that the submission of 2011 NACTA award nominations could follow the same process. Therefore, there was no need to establish immediate new guidelines by the subcommittee. The on-line submission process of award nominations was successful in 2011.

Twenty-three TR committee members reviewed the nominations in 2011. All the reviewers were required and asked to sign-up at the website (before reviews can be assigned), and not everyone signed up on time. Below is a summary of the 2011 teaching awards:

Teacher Fellow: There were 21 nominations from 9 institutions, and 19 nominees will receive the Teacher Fellow award. Multiple nominations came from North Carolina State University (2), University of Alberta (2), University of Florida (5), and University of Illinois (7); other institutions submitted one nomination each.

Graduate Student Teaching Award: There were 11 nominations (6 less than 2010) from 9 institutions and nine (9) nominees will receive the award. Multiple nominations came from Illinois (2) and Oklahoma State (2); other institutions submitted one nomination each.

Higher Awards: There was one nomination received for the *Teaching Award of Excellence* in 2011. No nomination was received for the *John Deere Award*. Two nominations were received for the *Southern Regional* and three nominations were received for the *Central Regional Awards*. No nominations were received from the *Eastern, Canadian* or the *Western* regions. Only one award can be presented for each region.

Summary of 2008-2011 Reports: Total number of award winners is 147 (76 Teacher Fellows, 55 Graduate Students, 11 Regional Outstanding Teachers, 3 Teaching Award of Excellence, and 2 John Deere Awards). Average number of the TR committee members is 34. THANK YOU.

2010/2011 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee (34 members):

Prasanta K. Kalita, Chair, University of Illinois  
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  
Nick Fuhrman, University of Georgia  
Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University  
Kelsey Hall, Texas Tech University (new member in 2010)  
Lynn Hamilton, California Polytechnic State University  
Alan Hansen, University of Illinois  
Ronald J. Hanson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Jennifer Henke, University of California  
Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Missouri  
Dann Husmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Donald M. Johnson, University of Arkansas  
Thomas Kuzmic, Oklahoma State University  
Mickey Latour, Purdue University  
Lurline E. Marsh, University of Maryland  
Ed Miller, Oklahoma State University  
Foy Mills, Abilene Christian University  
Jeannette Moore, North Carolina State University  
Michael D. Mullen, University of Kentucky

Tory Parker, Brigham Young University  
Greg Pillar, Queens University  
Bryan Reiling, University of Nebraska  
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  
Wendy Warner, North Carolina State University (new member in 2010)  
Jerry Williams, Virginia Tech University  
Dean Winward, Southern Utah University

### **International Committee - Phil Hamilton, Chair**

Chris Morgan, Co-chair (report)

In attendance were:

Phil Hamilton (chair)	Mt. Olive College
Chris Morgan (co-chair)	University of Georgia
Al Conklin	Wilmington College
Mark Russell	Purdue University
Maria Kalyvaki	Texas Tech University
Tom Kuzmic	Oklahoma State University
Katherine Butler	Penn State University
Jay Jayaratne	North Carolina State University
Awoke Dollisso	Iowa State University
Jeff Pendergraft	Sul Ross State University
Weldon Sleight	Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
Darrell Schultz	Purdue University
Douglas Airhart	Tennessee Tech University
Inge White	University of Hawaii
Barbara Gilbert	Delaware Valley
Maria Navarro	University of Georgia

Attendees introduced themselves, shared their expertise, international work accomplished and in progress, areas of interest with international issues, ideas for projects.

Items discussed included:

NACTA Website – promoting international activities

Ways to share expertise and ideas (methods to enhance collaboration)

Phil Hamilton concluded the meeting by sharing work that he was doing in Haiti with Steve Mossburg

## The National Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha - Jean A. 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 15,300.

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

**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention Highlights.** The National Convention was hosted by Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN on March 5-7, 2011. A special thank you goes to the members of Middle Tennessee State University DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

- ✓ Eleven chapters attended the national convention.
- ✓ A new chapter has been chartered at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, AR.
- ✓ New officers were elected. The officers for 2011-2012 are:
  - President: Rebecca Hardin, Tennessee Tech University
  - VP-Eastern: Holly Dickens, Tennessee Tech University
  - VP-Midwest: Volynee Bixler, University of Central Missouri
  - VP-Southern: Colton McInturff, Abilene Christian University
  - Secretary: Terra Stafford, Eastern Kentucky University
  - Parliamentarian: Randy Dempsey, Arkansas State University
  - National Advisor: Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University (elected to 1<sup>st</sup> year of a two-year term)
  - National Treasurer: Dr. James Casey, University of Louisiana - Monroe (2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two-year term)
- ✓ Tennessee Tech University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and Arkansas State University was second.
- ✓ Eastern Kentucky University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter. Honorable mention went to Sam Houston State University and Fort Hays State University.
- ✓ Abilene Christian University won the Highest % Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to Arkansas State University and Fort Hays State University.
- ✓ Tennessee Tech University won the Highest Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to Arkansas State University and Abilene Christian University.

### Future Conventions

*The convention normally rotates among the three regions. Bids have been accepted for 2014 but a bid is still needed for 2013.*

2012 (Midwest) – University of Central Missouri (April 5-7, 2012).

2013 (Southern) – Bids will be accepted at the 2012 DTA National DTA Convention.

2014 (Eastern) – Tennessee Tech University.

**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 social responsibility. 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 2012. Dr. Jim Casey is willing to serve another term pending appointment by the NACTA President.

### **NACTA Judging Conference Liaison Report - Lyle E. Westrom**

The 2011 NACTA Judging Conference was held at Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California on April 14-16, 2011. Competitions were held in seven contest areas with more than over 492 students competing. Sixteen four-year division schools competed and 18 two-year division schools competed. The four-year division sweepstakes was won by Sam Houston State University while the two-year division was won by Hutchinson Community College.

Derek Dick from Coffeyville Community College chaired the business meeting with Terrill Bradford from the University of Minnesota Crookston serving as Secretary. The primary business acted on was the addition of an Agriculture Business Contest as a required contest. That makes a total of six contests being required by a host site with additional contests being allowed if a host site desires to offer them. The six mandatory contests now include crops, soils, agriculture business, dairy cattle judging, general livestock judging and knowledge bowl. Terrill Bradford from the University of Minnesota Crookston was re-elected as Secretary for a two year term. A resolution was passed to recognize and give our appreciation to Mark Anglin, James Palmer and numerous faculty, staff, administrators and students from Modesto for conducting an outstanding judging conference. In addition, special appreciation was given to the Brad Schnoor Family for sponsoring and catering the banquet.

The 2012 NACTA Judging competition will be held at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas on April 12-14<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that twelve contests will be offered. In addition to the six required contests, Coffeyville anticipates being able to offer horticulture, horse judging, agricultural communications/marketing, agricultural mechanics, meats and agricultural computers.

## **AASCARR Report - Kevin Bacon**

The primary focus from AASCARR continues to be to secure funding for the non land grant capacity grants program authorized in the last farm bill. They are also working on getting the legislation reauthorized in the upcoming farm bill.

Their leadership also asked that I remind NACTA members of the deadline for the AASCARR Teaching Excellence Awards. AASCARR offers two awards - one for faculty with under 7 years of experience and one with more than 7 years. It is open to faculty at AASCARR schools and is modeled after the National Awards Program for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences. The deadline for application is July 15. For more information contact AASCARR President Charles Boyer of California State University, Fresno, at 1-559-278-2061 or at [cboyer@csufresno.edu](mailto:cboyer@csufresno.edu).

## **CAPICU Liaison Report - Foy Mills**

Representatives from the CAPICU schools attending the 2010 annual meeting at Pennsylvania State University convened the final day of the conference. I am pleased to report that at least one faculty member from a majority of the current CAPICU schools participated in the meeting. Participants agreed that having a scheduled time to meet in conjunction with the annual NACTA/SERD conference was beneficial. Therefore, I recommend that the executive committee coordinate with the CAPICU liaison and the program planning committee to seek a designated time and place for this group to meet at upcoming NACTA/SERD conferences.

Additionally, per this report, I wish to step aside as CAPICU liaison for now. This will allow involvement by another CAPICU/NACTA member to have experience with the NACTA executive committee.

## **NACTA Foundation Advisory Council Report - Mike Mullen**

At the Fall 2010 meeting, it was agreed that we would contact all Life members asking them to consider contributing to the Foundation. It was felt that many Life members can and would be willing to do more for NACTA in lieu of regular dues payments. To date, that letter has not been drafted, however, a list of life members has been obtained. Mullen will work with the rest of the Advisory Council to get that letter out in late June, following the University of Alberta meetings. It is suggested that this be discussed at the Business meeting during the Alberta meetings.

We also discussed the possibility of using the FFA Foundation as a vehicle for managing and growing our portfolio. Subsequent investigations by Rick Parker found that this option is not viable. FFA Foundation would charge too much for their services and would not be suited to our Foundation. To date, no other organizations have been approached. There is at least one NACTA member who has expressed interest in working as Director, and perhaps it would be appropriate to discuss opportunities for existing members to be involved.

John Deere provided their \$1000 contribution in the fall of 2010 to the Foundation, following the request made by President Barrick.

### **Foundation Financial Report June 2011 – Tom Lindahl & Marilyn Parker**

Report given concerning the Foundation monies: The NACTA Foundation fund performance from July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 is as follows (a full report from UW-Platteville Foundation comes in July):

- The total return for the fund was \$25,176.04.
- \$1,219.66 of this gain was placed into the spendable account. This amount represents 2% of the average of twelve trailing quarters of the invested balance. This method of calculating the spendable allocation was adopted by the UW-Platteville Foundation in FY 2011 to smooth out the annual allocations, making them less subject to the volatility of the market.
- The payment to the UW-Platteville Foundation for management of the fund was \$1,405.86.
- This leaves a net market gain for this 10 month period of \$22,550.52

Individual donations to the NACTA Foundation were:

- \* \$500, June 2010
- \* \$50, June 2010, for NACTA Judging contest
- \* \$100 June 2010, for NACTA Judging contest
- \* \$5000 December 2010, for NACTA Judging contest