

# NACTA June 2008 Reports

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## President's Report – Wayne Banwart

The year started with a wrap up of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention which was held at the University of Illinois. A completed report was submitted later in the year reflecting an official attendance of 237 persons.

Congratulatory letters were sent to NACTA award winners announced at the awards banquet in Champaign. Letters were also sent to individuals identified by the award winners.

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

Appointed an ad hoc committee chaired by Kevin Donnelly to provide detailed direction for the Murray Brown Award.

Appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to work out proposed details of NACTA Abstract Guidelines. Actions of the committee were discussed at the fall executive meeting and are in place.

Appointed an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Rick Parker to explore ways NACTA might be involved with or associated with the National Council for Agricultural Education. Representatives of the council, Gary Moore and William Deimler, will be meeting with the executive committee in June 2008.

Appointed an ongoing Ad Hoc committee chaired by Foy Mills to consider NACTA Strategic Planning.

Appointments were made as necessary to fill vacancies in standing committees.

Official letter of invitation to host the NACTA conference were sent to Pennsylvania State University (hosting in 2010) and University of Wisconsin – River Falls (hosting in 2012). Both schools have responded and we look forward to visiting those campuses.

Site visit to Logan was arranged for November 16<sup>th</sup> and Allen Zimmerman, James Knight, and Wayne Banwart met with Rhonda Miller and others from Utah State University. The accommodations and arrangements are very good and we look forward to a great conference in June, 2008. This year is especially exciting because for the first time we are meeting jointly with the Science and Education Resource Development (SERD) unit of CSREES. SERD strives for excellence in academics, research, extension, and international programs in the food and agricultural sciences, building coalitions with public and private organizations.

Wrote letter officially appointing Bruce Green to another term as National Executive Treasurer to DTA.

Solicited and obtained \$1,000 for the 2008 John Deere Award. Contact person was:

Cheryl Salley  
Manager, Community Relations and Corporate Sponsorships  
1 John Deere Place  
Moline, IL 01265

Wrote a NACTA on Campus piece regarding Prasanta Kalita.

Corresponded with Robert Stephenson regarding possibly archiving DTA materials in the University of Illinois Library. Bob will do some more research to

determine the approximate volume of material involved before University contacts are made.

Authorized (with consultation from others) NACTA to cover conference registration for Marsha Landis (Graphics Design Artist at Kansas State University). Marsha will attend the June Conference and do a photo shoot for promotional items and for future NACTA brochures. Marsha is a free lance artist (charges a professional fee) but is willing to donate her time and expertise to NACTA at no cost to complete our public relations project. That is a terrific benefit and service to NACTA.

What a privilege to serve as President of NACTA. I wish to thank a wonderful and selfless executive committee and volunteers who make this organization work. Special thanks to Marilyn and Rick for their invaluable service.

## **Immediate Past President – Allen Zimmerman**

### **\*Chair - Nominating Committee**

Committee members: Keith Karnok, Linda Martin, Cyprien Lomas, and Bob Stephenson

A recommended list of nominees for the positions of President Elect, Canadian Director Elect, and Central Director Elect were presented to the Executive Committee at its fall meeting. The Executive Committee approved the following slate of candidates to be listed on the ballot: President Elect, Bob Gough and Mike Mullen; Central Region Director Elect, Dana Minihan and Bonnie Walters; and Canadian Region Director Elect, Kent Mullinix. The election was conducted in March and the results for the two contested positions were very close (single digit differences). Mullen, Walters, and Mullinix were elected and will join the 2008-2009 Executive Committee as regular (voting) members.

### **\*Chair – Distinguished Educator Award**

Revisions were made in the nomination process and required materials to make them more meaningful and less onerous. Three individuals (Wayne Banwart, Kevin Donnelly, and Rick Parker) were nominated for the award. The Executive Committee voted to designate all three as 2008 award recipients.

### **\*Chair – Foundation Advisory Council**

Council members: Wayne Banwart and Keith Karnok

Director – Tom Lindahl

The combined Director/Council Report is attached separately.

### **\*Constitution and Bylaws Revisions**

I was assigned the responsibility of drafting proposed revisions to 1) the NACTA and Foundation Constitutions and Bylaws to include the byline "... advancing the scholarship of teaching in agricultural, environmental, natural and life sciences"

where appropriate and 2) the NACTA Constitution and Bylaws to incorporate language related to a) responsibilities for the Murray Brown Award and b) minor changes in the responsibilities of the Journal and Conference Program and Host Site Committees. The drafts are attached separately.

## **President-Elect – Kevin Donnelly**

Reviewed Fall executive committee minutes and correspondence.

Revised proposal for Murray Brown award to be presented at June meeting (proposal in Ad Hoc committee reports).

Reviewed PR materials prepared by Dana Minihan and Marsha Landis from the Membership Committee.

Revised letters for Teaching Award of Merit certificate winners.

Revised June Conference award letters from NACTA Secretary in preparation for post meeting mailings.

## **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.

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 2008 consisted of the following:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Institutional Active	477
Active	28
Life	127
Graduate Students	76
Emeritus	13
Complimentary	10
Institutions	110
Library	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>913</b>

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

Membership numbers are slightly lower but there was a small gain in Life memberships. 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 to encourage Institutional memberships and reminders for general memberships.

We have 14 Canadian members; eight Canadian Institutions and six Canadian libraries. We have four foreign members, and three foreign libraries.

With the increase in printing costs for the NACTA Journal, the NACTA Executive committee voted to increase membership dues effective July 2007. Membership for institutions is now \$150/year for four year schools and \$100/year for two year schools. Institutional membership is \$75/year or \$200 for three years. Active membership is \$100/year or \$275 for three years. Emeritus and graduate student memberships are \$25/year. Life membership is \$750 (if made in one payment) or \$800 made in four payments of \$200 each.

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 requested. Every renewing member receives an email thanking them for their renewal and encouraging them to become active in the organization.

Inquiries about membership status or missing journals are answered promptly by phone, email or letter. This includes sending out replacement journals.

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 16 Graduate Student Awards of Merit were presented- a total of ten being from Canada institutions. The number of certificates has decreased each year. **How can we make the Institutions more aware of this award?** This information is available on the NACTA website. There were no current NACTA members that received this award but several past NACTA members.

We have five new institutions – Arizona State University, Mesa; Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia; Institute of Applied Ag, University of MD; Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA; and Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX. There were several institutions that were very late in renewing because of dean changes, etc. The membership director and regional directors were instrumental in helping those renewals come about. Four Institutions did not renew that have been long time members of NACTA – California State University-Chico; University of Minnesota, St Paul; University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg); Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis; and University of Delaware (member for 2 years). Several of these were also due to dean changes and retirements.

In addition, there were two new Institutional memberships from those participating in the NACTA Judging contest but several did not renew from last year. There were three institutions that did not pay NACTA dues that participated in the NACTA Judging contest. This year Leland Walker put me in contact with *Clay Ewell Educational Services*. Clay was the one taking in fees for all aspects of the contest. Next year we will work closer with the hosting institution to determine how to handle the institutional payments.

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

## **Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Parker**

The following 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. 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.

Submitted by Marilyn B Parker, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer

North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture  
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Members Equity  
For the Fiscal Year Ended 5-31-08

Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 63,680.00
Royalties Income	25.65
Conference Income	39.00
Foundation - Awards	3,800.00
Book Sales	521.00
Manuscript Page Charge	150.00
Position Announcement	400.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>260.45</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>68,876.10</b>
Disbursements	
Award	4,800.00
CAST Membership Dues	643.00
Conference Expense	3,400.24
Credit Card Fee	1,277.30
Honorariums	16,900.00
Insurance	150.00
Journal Miscellaneous Expense	2,946.25
Journal Printing	27,036.73
Membership Refunds	1,238.00
Miscellaneous Expense	123.71
Promotional	650.78
Postage	1,990.43
Professional Fees	1,845.50
Fall Meeting	356.14
Secretarial	702.67
Supplies	861.64
Travel	2,348.91
Web Site Expense	<u>1,165.00</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>68,436.30</u></b>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	439.80
Beginning Balance 6-1-07	32,973.96
6-1-07 Voided Checks	<u>80.00</u>
Ending Balance 5-31-08	<b><u>\$ 33,493.76</u></b>

See Accompanying Notes and Accountants' Review Report

## **Membership Director – Ron Hanson**

The NACTA Secretary has reported to me the NACTA membership numbers for 2008. The total number of Active and Institutional Active memberships decreased by 21 during the past year (i.e. 532 in 2007 compared to 505 in 2008). Based on the fact that there was a major increase in membership dues during the past year with only a slight decrease in membership for these two categories, that is good news for NACTA. Life memberships in NACTA increased by 13 while Institutional memberships declined by 2 during the past year.

Letters were sent during the past year to all four year agricultural colleges who are not currently NACTA Institutional Members in order to encourage these institutions to consider investing in a NACTA Institutional Membership for their faculty members.

With the help of the NACTA Secretary this past Spring Semester, letters (as well as some Emails) were sent to all four year and two year institutions that had not renewed their NACTA Institutional Memberships for 2008-2009. Several of these institutions contacted have continued membership in NACTA for the current year.

Dana Minihan from Kansas State University did a superb job this past year organizing a Public Relations Sub-Committee and to develop a strategic plan for enhancing the current image of NACTA. The overall purpose is to create a new image and greater awareness for NACTA on university campuses. Her sub-committee members are NACTA members with expertise in ag journalism and media communications. Dana coordinated her efforts with the students in an upper level Mass Media Communications class at Kansas State University to develop a public relations campaign for NACTA (new logo, new letterhead, new mission statement, etc.). Dana was also successful in gaining the services of Marsha Landis (Graphics Design Artist at Kansas State University) to add further expertise and input to this project. Marsha will be attending the 2008 NACTA Conference to take professional photos for new promotional items and to update the current NACTA brochure. The results of this Public Relations Sub-Committee will be reported at the 2008 NACTA Conference at Utah State University. Proposed changes will be presented to the NACTA Executive Committee and the NACTA membership at the 2008 NACTA Business Meeting for approval and implementation. Dana is to be commended for taking this initiative and her leadership to implement a new public relations image and marketing strategy for the NACTA organization.

With a new public relations image in place, a new member recruitment plan, a NACTA awareness campaign now needs to be developed and implemented for 2009. These efforts will need to be coordinated with the NACTA Regional Directors and the NACTA Executive Committee.

## **Journal Editor & Publications Comte Chair – Rick Parker**

During 2007, 44 manuscripts were submitted to the NACTA FastTrack website. Fifteen manuscripts were rejected giving a 34% rejection rate or a 66% acceptance rate for the *NACTA Journal*. By comparison, in 2006, 41 manuscripts were submitted to the *NACTA Journal*. Of these 11 were rejected, giving an acceptance rate of 73%. Each issue of the Journal contains 10 manuscripts, a reprint from a past Journal Award Winner, 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.

The NACTA Journal Review Board in 2007 consisted of 44 reviewers from 36 different institutions. Two new reviewers were picked up during the year and two were dropped. On the average each reviewer reviewed 3.4 manuscripts (range 10 to 0). Only seven of the reviewers did not review at least one manuscript during 2007. The average completion time for reviews is 36.9 days (range 109.2 to 0.05). Reviewers are automatically reminded if a review is not completed within 50 days.

FastTrack provides Excel worksheets that allow the summary of all data related to manuscripts and reviewers. The NACTA FastTrack database maintains a list of 176 users, including reviewers.

All members of the Journal Review Board whose term ends the last day of June 2008 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.

Book reviews continue to be slow to come in even though they can be submitted to through FastTrack. Most books for review have been distributed by the Editor since several book companies frequently send books of all types. We need more books and more reviews for the Journal.

For the 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference the Editor received and oversaw the review of 140 abstracts (up from 125 in 2006), most of which were submitted by the March 1. Abstracts were electronically submitted to a website provided by PAQ Interactive where they were assigned to reviewers. After the review, conference committee chair, Rhonda Miller, determined the abstracts that would be accepted as oral presentation. The other accepted abstracts were assigned to poster presentation. The new guidelines developed by the ad hoc committee were very helpful. Submitting the abstracts on line to a website service created a

few procedural glitches that need to be worked out next year. Abstracts are published in the June *NACTA Journal* and in a booklet for the conference.

Website and electronic publishing: In late May 2008 FastTrack (University of Missouri) announced their new product for on-line publication: Manuscript FastPress (FP). FP continues where FT left off: from editorial decision to a complete, attractive, customized website which publishes our documents on-line. FP may be used for journals or conferences, features HTML and PDF versions of our documents and can be customized with an unlimited number of web pages and menus for other information such as editorial boards, instructions, affiliations, etc. FP is customizable on the fly via a very simple web user interface. FP can be configured with our colors and logos, our menu items and our content using a built in simple word processor. We can even copy and paste our existing content from other websites. All links and text formatting will be retained.

The cost for FP is \$1500 per year regardless of the frequency of publication. Article size and number is open as well, just like with FastTrack. In addition, the content of our site (additional pages, video files, audio files, anything else you have there for users to download, etc.) is unlimited. In essence, in addition to publishing your journals, you may create a file depository, pages to advertise upcoming conferences, event calendars, etc. After presenting this information about FP to the Executive Committee and the Journal Review Board all responses were positive. NACTA is now an FP user and this will eventually phase out the current website (I think we can use our URL.) and will allow electronic publishing of manuscripts. NACTA members will be offered the Journal in both forms but eventually the printing of large numbers of hard copies will be phased out.

All past issues of the NACTA Journal are available in PDF format and will eventually be posted to FP

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.

## **Historian – Bob Gough**

For each publication of the NACTA Journal I have contributed the NACTA Yesterday section. This is a look back at the events in NACTA 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago as recorded in the past issues of the Journal. I have also suggested past articles for reprinting in the Journal.

## Canadian Regional Director's Report – Cyprien Lomas

No Report

## Eastern Regional Director's Report – Jerry Williams

### Membership update:

The Eastern Region of NACTA currently consists of the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Virginia. Across these states are 22 colleges, universities and educational venues (Longwood Gardens) active in NACTA. Based on membership at this time compared to last June, NACTA has gained two new institutional members (Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland in College Park and Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania) and lost one institutional member (University of Delaware). Although the majority of colleges and universities participating in NACTA have at least one active member, about 1/3 of these institutions do not have any dues-paying members. However, a handful of members (five) are associated with colleges and universities not affiliated with NACTA. Below is a breakdown of the **128 total dues-paying institutional active members** and their university affiliations:

University of Connecticut – 1  
University of Delaware – 1  
Purdue University – 24  
Berea College – 1  
University of Kentucky – 20  
Eastern Kentucky University - 1  
University of Maryland (Eastern Shore) – 1  
Michigan State University – 4  
SUNY (Cobleskill) – 3  
SUNY (Morrisville) – 1  
Ohio State University – 14  
Delaware Valley College – 9  
Longwood Gardens - 1  
Penn State University – 29  
Virginia Tech – 18  
University of Vermont - 1

While unfortunately losing some Institutional Active members over the last reporting period, we have gained a total of 45 new Institutional Active members since our June Conference in 2007. As such, the Eastern Region has grown from 110 dues-paying Institutional Active members a year ago to 128 dues-paying Institutional Active members currently, a net gain of 18 members. Active

members, those not affiliated with dues-paying institutions in NACTA, remain almost the same as last year (six members in 2008 vs. seven members in 2007). We have gained five new Life Members since last June and lost one member, resulting in a total of 22 Life Members vs. 18 last year, a net gain of 4 new Life members. Additionally, 12 new graduate students have become members since last June, resulting in a total of 15 current Graduate Students compared to 7 Graduate Students at this time last June. Finally, Emeriti Membership remains stable at 5 members. In summary, the Eastern Region of NACTA has grown from 147 total members in June 2007 to 176 members as of June 2008, a net gain of 29 members. Much credit is given to our Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Marilyn Parker, who has faithfully communicated with the Director throughout the year in regard to the status of our membership.

#### Recruitment:

Throughout the year, the director has forwarded emails and had face-to-face communications with colleagues inviting them to join and participate in NACTA activities. Moreover, the director has encouraged graduate students and undergraduates interested in careers in agriculture education to get involved in NACTA activities.

#### Mentoring:

Each fall and spring semesters, the Director coordinates a team of 3-4 graduate students in instructional and administrative duties in a multi-section horticulture science course open to all students across the university. Occasionally a teaching assistant demonstrates excellent instructional skills worthy of recognition. The Director will nominate one of his current teaching assistants for a NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award during the next nomination cycle.

## **Central Region Director's Report – Bob Stephenson**

In fall 2007 I contacted the 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. The NACTA Secretary provided me with names of new and lifetime members and I sent letters thanking them for their memberships in NACTA.

In January I attended the Kansas annual meeting (KACTA) and along with several other NACTA members, encouraged faculty from Fort Hays State, Kansas State and several community colleges to attend the NACTA Conference and to nominate a faculty member from their respective institution for a teaching

award. We discussed the upcoming NACTA Judging Contest at Stephenville, Texas and promoted the event. I sent the Secretary information regarding a regional KACTA contest held at Coffeyville Community College in March. She sent the information to schools within the Central Region.

The Secretary provided me with names and contacts for three institutions that had not renewed their memberships in NACTA. I contacted them, reminding them of the benefits and asked them to contact her. Listed below are the statistics for the Central Region over the past four years.

### Central Region Membership

Membership	2004	2005	2006	2007	New in 2007-8
<b>Institutional Active</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Active</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Life</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Institutions</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Graduate Student</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Emeritus</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>58</b>

### Western Regional Director Report – Rhonda Miller

No Report – Rhonda is the Host/Chairman for the June 2008 NACTA conference.

### Southern Regional Director Report – Foy Mills

(This report also includes the CAPICU Liaison Annual Report)

This serves as my final report as Southern Region Director. It has been a pleasure to serve NACTA.

Tasks accomplished from June 2007- June 2008.

- 1) Solicited NACTA participation from Agricultural Consortium of Texas schools at our fall conference. Follow-up with two of the schools to insure submission of institutional dues.
- 2) Assisted NACTA Foundation Director, Tom Lindahl, with solicitation of funds to endow Southern Region Outstanding Teacher Award.
  - a) Ag Workers of Texas verbally committed \$2500-\$3000 towards the total amount. Follow-up, but no reply yet. Have made second contact and

- awaiting response. David Kercheval, my contact with Ag Workers, is a lifetime NACTA member.
- b) Solicited funds from Texas Farm Bureau and AgTexas Farm Credit, but the two organizations were unable to contribute at this time.
  - c) I have two additional contacts I will interact with this summer in hopes of at least another \$2000. Also, visited with Stanley Kelly, Department Head at Sam Houston State University, about him assisting with some names. He agreed.
- 3) Welcomed new members via email notes as NACTA Secretary submitted names to me.
  - 4) Three new institutional members established - Tarleton State University (Texas), Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami.
  - 5) Tarleton State University hosted the annual NACTA Judging Conference spring 2008. Thanks to Ted Ford and his colleagues at Tarleton for an exceptional contest. Additional thanks to Leland Walker, NACTA Judging Conference liaison and Ed Brokaw, NACTA Judging Conference secretary for assisting Tarleton with conference details.
  - 6) Attended AgrowKnowledge national conference at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa at invitation of Rick Parker in May 2008. Encouraged us to continue thinking about how to partner and more fully integrate faculty at two-year programs.
  - 7) Southern region membership

Table 1 Membership growth in the Southern region, 2007-08.

Category	Growth
Institutional members	3
Institutional active	37
Active	5
Life members	4
Graduate students	19

Table 2 Current southern region members of NACTA

Institution	Institutional Active	Individual Memberships			
		Institutional Active	Active	Life/ Emeritus	Graduate Students
Auburn University	Yes	6		1	1
Alabama A&M University	No			2	
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville	Yes	4		1	
University of Arkansas-Monticello	Yes	3			
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Yes				
Arkansas State University	Yes	2			
Southern Arkansas University	Yes				
University of Florida	Yes	45	1	5	7
University of Georgia	Yes	7		4	2
Berry College	Yes				
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Yes	2			
Louisiana State University	Yes	5		3	
Louisiana Tech University	Yes			2	
Southeastern Louisiana University	No		1		
Mississippi State University	Yes	1			
North Carolina State University	Yes	22		13	3
Queens University of Charlotte	No		1		
Mount Olive College (NC)	No		2		
Oklahoma State University	Yes	16		1	13
Redlands Community College *	No	1			
Murray State College	Yes				
Eastern Oklahoma State College	Yes	6			
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Yes				

Clemson University	Yes	4			2
Austin Peay State University	No			1	
Tennessee Tech University	Yes	2			
University of Tennessee- Knoxville	Yes	6	1		1

University of Tennessee- Martin	Yes	4			
Middle Tennessee State University	Yes			1	
Tennessee State University	No		1		
Abilene Christian University	Yes	5		1	
Sul Ross State University	Yes	1			
West Texas A&M University	Yes				
Texas A&M University	Yes	6		2	
Texas A&M University-Commerce	No				
Sam Houston State University	Yes	5		2	1
Tarleton State University	Yes	1			2
Texas Tech University	Yes	3			
Stephen F. Austin State University	Yes				
Texas State University- San Marcos	Yes				
University of Puerto Rico	No		2	1	
No College/University Affiliation				2	
TOTAL	32	157	7	45	29

- 8) \*Secretary Note – As of the NACTA Judging contest Institutional payments rec'd May 24, 2008, Redlands Community College is now an Institutional member of NACTA.

Table 3 depicts the current private and independent colleges and universities (CAPICU) in the U.S. with agriculture programs.

- a) McPherson College (Kansas) terminated their agriculture program within the past 18 months.
- b) I understand that BYU-Idaho is now a four-year program.
- c) CAPICU meeting scheduled for Fall 2007 at Abilene Christian University did not materialize. Will attempt again within the 2008-09 academic year.
- d) No additional information beyond what is noted at this time.

Table 3. Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges and Universities—Location, Affiliation, Enrollment and Number of Agriculture Faculty

University/College	Location		Affiliation	Total Undergrad Enrollment	Agriculture Faculty
	City	State			
CAPICU					
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
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
Non-CAPICU					
Brigham Young University	Provo	UT	Latter Day Saints	30798	27
College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout	MO	Presbyterian	1333	8

## Standing Committee Reports –

**2008 Conference Program & Host Site – Rhonda Miller**

No formal reports were presented, rather numerous items were discussed.

## **2009 Conference Program & Host Site – Jeff Hattey**

No formal report was presented but a number of items were discussed.

## **Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee Report – Ann Marie VanDerZanden**

The EITI committee includes 16 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 2008 meeting and plan to have an updated committee membership by June 10, 2008.

The EITI committee worked with the Utah State conference organizing committee and selected Foy Mills as the Blue Ribbon Speaker. I contacted him on behalf of the committee and he 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. Linda Martin, Associate Dean, College Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Ohio State University

Dr. Jeff Wood, Dean, College of Applied Science and Technology, Illinois State University

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

I am finalizing details with the panel and will moderate the 90 minute session.

Further, many EITI committee members will be serving as facilitators for the roundtable sessions during the conference.

I have been contacted by Jeff Hattey, Oklahoma State University, regarding themes for the 2009 conference and anticipate the EITI committee will continue to be involved, where appropriate, in assisting with program planning for the conference.

## **Teacher Recognition – Prasanta Kalita**

A summary of the 2008 teaching award nominations and awards is as follows:

**Teacher Fellow:** There were 15 nominations from 9 institutions, and 12 of the nominees (from 8 institutions) will receive the Teacher Fellow award. The highest number of nominations came from the University of Illinois (5) and Virginia Tech (3); all other institutions submitted one nomination.

**Graduate Student Teaching Award:** There were 19 nominations from 11 institutions, and 17 of the nominees (from 11 institutions) will receive the award. The highest number of nominations came from the Oklahoma State University (5); all other institutions submitted one or two nominations.

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

**2007/2008 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee:**

There were 35 members:

Prasanta K. Kalita	University of Illinois
Jeannette Moore	North Carolina State University
W. Stephen Damron	Oklahoma State University
Fred Fairchild	Kansas State University
Sam Doak	Virginia Tech
Kevin Donnelly	Kansas State University
Harry Field	Oklahoma State University
Kimberly Hilgers	South Dakota State University
Dianne Hellwig	Berea College, KY
Jean Gleichsner	Fort Hays State University
Thomas Kuzmic	Oklahoma State University
Mickey Latour	Purdue University
Robin Peiter Horstmeier	University of Kentucky
Donald M. Johnson	University of Arkansas
Dann Husmann	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Brock Blaser	Iowa State University
Gary Kling	University of Illinois
Alan Hansen	University of Illinois
Jennifer Henke	University of California
Lance Gibson	Iowa State University
Tory Parker	University of Illinois
Robert J. Stephenson	Fort Hays State University
Greg Pillar	Queens University of Charlotte, NC
Jarrod Miller	University of Kentucky

Herman A. Sampson	North Carolina State University
Shelly R. Sitton	Oklahoma State University
Kirk Swortzel	Mississippi State University
Bonnie Walters	University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Lurline E. Marsh	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Jerry Williams	Virginia Tech University
Lynn Hamilton	California Polytechnic State University
Michael D. Mullen	University of Kentucky
Kimberly A. Bellah	Tarleton State University
Foy Mills	Abilene Christian University
Ronald J. Hanson	University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## **Book Review & Instructional Media – Jeff Hattey**

## **Journal Review – Journal Awards Report - Paul Fantz**

### **E.B. Knight Journal Award**

*Academic performances of transfer and non-transfer students in introductory agriculture courses.*

Janice Branson and Bruce Green, Tennessee Technological University

### **Jack Everly Journal Award**

*How do employers assess job candidate attributes?*

Brian Briggeman, Shida Rastegari Henneberry, F. Bailey Norwood  
Oklahoma State University

### **Honorable Mention Award**

*Scientists' classroom visits and Middle School students' interest in science careers.*

Bailey Holubec, Stephanie Schmidt, Monica Anderson-Trevino, Gary J. Wingenbach, James R. Linder - Texas A&M University

### **Committee members participating this year in award selection:**

Athanasios "Alex" Alexandrou	California State University - Fresno
Kevin Bacon	Western Illinois University
James C. Cooke	Abilene Christian University
Neil Douglas	Berea College
Paul R. Fantz, Chair	North Carolina State University
Ted Feitshans	North Carolina State University

Crystal Groesbeck	Delaware Valley College
Rod Gilbert	Delaware Valley College
Bryan Hains	University of Kentucky
Joanne Logan	University of Tennessee
Lurline Marsh	University of Maryland - Eastern Shores
Michael Olexa	University of Florida
Arnold W. Oltmans	North Carolina State University
Angela R. Post	North Carolina State University
C.R. ("Bob") Stark, Jr.	University of Arkansas-Monticello
Robert Stephenson	Fort Hays State University
Larae Watkins	University of Central Missouri
Amy Noelle Wright	Auburn University

I have been a member of the Journal Award Committee since 1990 and as Chair for nine years. I appreciated the opportunity to serve and contribute to NACTA, and to work with the members of my Committee and the Executive Board.

**International Committee** – Report in Ad Hoc Comte Reports

## **Liaison Reports –**

### **NACTA Judging Conference Liaison Report – Leland Walker**

Tarleton State University (TSU), Stephenville, TX served as the host for the 2008 NACTA Judging Conference April 16 through 18, 2008. Participants in the judging conference included eighteen two-year institutions and sixteen four-year universities. The states represented were California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Indiana, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.

A minimum of fifteen Tarleton State University faculty, staff members, numerous TSU students and outside personnel were involved in conducting twenty contest areas (ten different two year and ten four year contests). Contest areas included Ag Knowledge Bowl, Agriculture Computers, Crops, Dairy Judging, Horse Judging, Horticulture, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Poultry, and Soils Evaluation. At the completion of the competition, TSU hosted an Awards Banquet for contestants and coaches. The following Sweepstakes Awards were presented:

- First Place 2 Year Division – Coffeyville Community College
- Second Place 2 Year Division – Hutchinson Community College

- First Place 4 Year Division – University of Minnesota, Crookston
- Second Place 4 Year Division – Iowa State University
- Overall Sweepstakes – University of Minnesota, Crookston

Dr. Lyle Westrom (University of Minnesota – Crookston), President of the NACTA Judging Conference and Dr. Ed Brokaw (Abilene Christian University), Secretary, presented Tarleton State University with Citation of Appreciation for hosting the conference. Dr. Ted Ford (Contest Coordinator), the agriculture faculty, staff, administration, students, and resource individuals from other higher educational institutions and industry personnel are to be commended for providing a quality educational experience for students from 13 states.

TSU was successful in securing all necessary funds to host the conference and did not need financial assistance from NACTA. But it is recommended NACTA continue to offer support to host institutions in the future.

Representatives from Ohio State University ATI (OSU-ATI) invited institutional members of NACTA to attend the 2009 Judging Conference to be held in Wooster, OH, April 16-18. OSU-ATI will be hosting eleven different contest areas. The web sight for the information and contest rules for the 2009 Conference are now available at [www.ati.osu.edu/nacta](http://www.ati.osu.edu/nacta) .

Due to health difficulties I am resigning as the NACTA Judging Conference Liaison effective the end of the 2007-2008 academic year.

## **The National Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha – DTA 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. In 2007 DTA initiated 295 active, associate and honorary members. Total historical membership is now over 14,700.

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

**49th Annual National Convention Highlights.** The National Convention was hosted by Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS on March 27-29, 2008. A special thank you goes to the members of Fort Hays State University DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

- Eleven chapters attended the national convention.
- New officers were elected. The officers for 2008-2009 are:
  - ✓ President: Amy Wilson, Sam Houston State University
  - ✓ VP-Eastern: Thomas Koch, Tennessee State University
  - ✓ VP-Midwest: Kymberly James, Missouri State University

- ✓ VP-Southern: Carson McInturff, Abilene Christian University
  - ✓ Secretary: Jessica Pittman, Sam Houston State University
  - ✓ Parliamentarian: Amanda Parrack, Missouri State University
  - ✓ National Advisor: Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University (2<sup>nd</sup> year of two-year term)
  - ✓ National Treasurer: Dr. Bruce Greene, Tennessee Tech University (reelected to another 2 year term)
- A new chapter was chartered at Virginia Tech (2 year agriculture program).
  - Middle Tennessee State University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and Eastern Kentucky University was second.
  - Missouri State University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter. Honorable mention went to Tennessee Tech University.
  - Abilene Christian University received the Highest Convention Attendance Award. Honorable mention went to Southeast Missouri State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

### **Future Conventions**

The convention rotates among the three regions. Bids have been accepted through 2010.

2009 (Midwest) – Missouri State University (celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

2010 (Southern) – Sam Houston State University

2011 (Eastern) – Middle Tennessee State 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 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 Advisor will expire in 2009. I am willing to serve another term pending appointment by the NACTA President.

### **CAST Representative Report - Richard Joost**

The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology held its Annual Spring Board of Directors Meeting at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel in Herndon VA on March 11-14, 2008. The Board Meeting consists of 2 ½ days of working sessions focused on addressing issues of importance to agriculture. The primary effort is to identify

topics that would benefit from the development of a position paper, commentary paper or CAST-sponsored symposium.

Each Board Member representing one of the 37 member scientific societies, including NACTA, is assigned to a Workgroup and a standing Committee. I currently serve on the National Concerns Committee that evaluates current issues confronting agriculture and determines the need for CAST to develop materials addressing these issues. The Committee also evaluates proposals for publications submitted from the various Working Groups to determine whether they meet perceived national needs.

My other assignment is to the Plant, Soil and Environmental Concerns Working Group. Last fall I was elected as Vice-Chair of that group. At the spring meeting I was in charge of our first work session since the chair was unable to attend. I am also serving as the CAST Board Liaison for a task force preparing a CAST Commentary paper entitled *Convergence of Agriculture and Energy: III. Considerations in Biodiesel Production*. As the Board Liaison it is my responsibility to communicate with the authors, assist with editing, and insure that deadlines are met. We are currently in revision of the paper immediately prior to its being sent out for review. The current plan is to have the publication ready for release in July.

The annual Charles A. Black Award, which recognizes individuals for their worldwide contributions to agriculture, was presented to Dr. Pedro Sanchez during a program and reception hosted by CAST in the Waterfront Center, Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. The date and location of CAST's event coincided with ceremonies celebrating the kick-off of National Ag Week, and Dr. Sanchez was also an invited speaker at "A Celebration of Agriculture" hosted by the Agriculture Council of America.

Dr. Sanchez is Senior Research Scholar, Director of the Tropical Agriculture and Rural Environment Program, and Director of the Millennium Villages Project, all at Earth Institute at Columbia University, Palisades, New York. He is Professor Emeritus of Soil Science and Forestry at North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Dr. Sanchez was awarded the World Food Prize in 2002, has been decorated by the governments of Colombia and Peru, and has received honorary doctorates from Guelph University in Canada and the Catholic University in Belgium.

In addition to the biodiesel commentary mentioned above, the Plant, Soil and Environmental Sciences Work Group reviewed the status of a project on "Gene Flow in Alfalfa" that CAST is conducting on behalf of the National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance. A manuscript is in the peer review process and will be completed under CAST auspices as a special publication. Two other issue papers originating from this group are in the writing stage: "Water, People, and

the Future: Supply and Demand” and “Food, Fuel, and Plant Nutrient Use in the Future.” Other topics being discussed for future publications include an issue paper series on energy flow and energy systems, and the impact of fertilizers on urban and suburban environments.

The Animal Sciences Work Group reviewed the status of three papers being written in the series “Animal Agriculture’s Future through Biotechnology.” One of these papers, “Vaccine Development Using Recombinant DNA Technology,” will be published and released in May 2008; the other two papers are in the writing stage. Three papers on “carcass disposal options” (swine, poultry, and ruminants) are moving forward. The swine carcass disposal paper is expected to be completed in time for release at the Joint Annual Meeting of the American Dairy Science Association–American Society of Animal Science meeting in July 2008. Part 1 of a proposed series on the livestock/ wildlife interface is being prepared as a commentary on “Pasteurellosis Transmission Risks between Domestic and Wild Sheep.” Other topics in this series are in discussion. The work group voted to approve two new issue papers on “Issues Associated with Animal Agriculture: A North American Perspective.” One paper will discuss air issues; the other will focus on water and land issues.

The Food Science and Agricultural Technology Work Group held extensive discussions on topics concerning food safety. The group voted to approve an update to the 2003 CAST Commentary on *Food Safety and Fresh Produce*. An expanded, issue paper version of the same topic also was discussed and a proposal is being written. The group will move forward with a proposal for a publication on the nutritional and safety aspects of processed vs. unprocessed (raw) foods; the suggested format for this may be a task force report. Topics under consideration for future development include seafood safety, sweeteners, and school feeding programs. The work group voted to discontinue work on a previously approved task force report project on “The Food Environment and Its Influence on Human Diet and Health,” citing concerns that the topic is too broad and other organizations already have work in progress on this subject that would be duplicative.

The Plant Protection Sciences Work Group reported on two publications that originated by their group that were published since the last Board meeting. A CAST Commentary on *Biofuel Feedstocks: The Risk of Future Invasions* published in November 2007, and an issue paper *Implications of Gene Flow in the Scale-up and Commercial Use of Biotechnology-derived Crops* was rolled out in December 2007. The group discussed revisions to a proposal for a publication on “Resistance Management in Genetically Engineered Pest Resistant Crops.” Topics for future consideration include wheat stem rust, invasive species, and a follow-up to the biofuels commentary.

During General Sessions led by CAST President Dr. Kassim Al-Khatib, the CAST Board approved two new issue papers that have been added to the Forthcoming

Publications and Annotated Forthcoming Publications sections of the CAST website:

*Air Issues Associated with Animal Agriculture: A North American Perspective* will address two main topics of concern related to air associated with animal agriculture: greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and air quality. The authors will sort out differences between recent reports from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding livestock-related GHG emissions and will discuss the how different types of animal diet also affect GHG emissions. The paper also will contain a discussion of ammonia emissions that affect air quality, associated U.S regulations, and EPA activities relevant to animal agriculture.

*Water and Land Issues Associated with Animal Agriculture: A North American Perspective* will cover water and land concerns specific to animal agriculture. The authors will consider issues of water use and water quality associated with the livestock sector and the related environmental and economic impacts. The paper also will include a discussion of livestock land use, land degradation, land application of manure and manure-based composts, and deforestation related to farm policies. The authors will present scientific data specific to the U.S. and Canada and explain how and why these data compare with other parts of the world. Additionally, they will discuss how to reduce the environmental impact of livestock agriculture while preserving resources and quality of life.

The Budget, Finance, and Investment Committee moved to make CAST Issue Papers available online at no charge, a change from the previous cost of \$5.00 each. Printed copies will be free with applicable shipping & handling charge. The Board approved the motion, and the Staff will implement the changes in the near future. The committee expressed support for a personnel action to hire a ½-time marketing assistant to work with the Membership & Marketing Director.

The Science Education Committee reported on possible activities for CAST participation. Following considerable discussion about the need for a standing committee devoted to educational efforts, however, the committee members moved that the Science Education Committee be disbanded. Ad hoc committees may be appointed to undertake particular projects. The motion was approved by the Board.

The Editorial and Publications Committee reported on their ongoing discussions about the most effective ways to assess the impact of CAST publications. They expressed appreciation for the Impact Reports currently being assembled and distributed by the Editorial Staff. The committee moved that the Staff periodically report on website traffic and usage, including details on individual publications. The motion was passed by the Board. The committee also moved that CAST publications that are free of charge on the website be linked to Google Scholar, as a way of increasing the outreach of CAST. The motion passed.

The Membership and Marketing Committee discussed plans for possible expansion of the Graduate Student Education program and suggested the idea be tested at two universities first. The committee reviewed nonprofit membership levels and recommended decreasing the number of levels from 11 to 7. The committee considered the possibility of categorizing nonprofit and corporate sponsorships into named levels (e.g., gold, silver, bronze, etc.) The Staff was asked to research this practice by comparable organizations.

The National Concerns Committee approved the proposals for two new issue papers, mentioned previously. They returned one proposal to the Plant Protection Sciences Work Group for revision. The committee also moved to accept a revised statement of NCC duties and responsibilities; the Staff will incorporate this statement into the Board Policies and Operations Manual.

Of particular interest to NACTA was the inclusion of Katlin Wiest, National 2008 Ag Day Essay Contest Winner, on the agenda of the CAST Board meeting breakfast on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Katlin read her winning essay titled "Agriculture—Bigger Than You Think." At the same meeting, Kellin Kershner, a graduate student from Kansas State University, addressed the Board regarding the success of the CAST graduate student education program at K-State. He offered comments about the program and suggestions for ways it could be improved and expanded.

At the breakfast meeting on March 13, 2008, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer addressed the Board about the importance of a strong agricultural research program, saying that "Important work is taking place, from corn genome sequencing to the surveillance of flyways across this nation for evidence of avian influenza. Working with our university partners, we're dealing with the challenges that have profound national and global implications, from food safety to the honeybee crisis to integrated management. I'm mentioning this because it represents two principles that go to the core of strong science in this century". He complimented CAST for its ongoing work, especially on the issues of bioenergy, climate change, and food safety.

### **NASULGC (National Association of State Universities & Land Grand Colleges) Report – Mike Mullen**

### **AASCARR (American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture & Renewable Resources) Report – Kevin Bacon**

Gary Minish, AASCARR President, provided me with the following general information items for the NACTA Executive Board and general membership:

1. The first step of AASCARR's long-term goal of establishing a capacity building grants program has been realized (authorization language) in the new farm bill. AASCARR is now working on getting appropriations language approved.
2. AASCARR is in the final process of completing a new strategic plan and intends to finish it at its annual meeting in October.
3. AASCARR's 2008 annual meeting will be held at Murray State University in Murray, KY on October 5-8.

### **CAPICU (Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges & Universities) – Report – Foy Mills**

Foy's report is within his Southern Region Director Report

### **CFAVM (Canadian Faculties of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine) Report – Cyprien Lomas**

No Report

### **CADAP (Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs) Report – Cyprien Lomas**

No Report

## **Foundation Reports**

### **NACTA Foundation Director Report for 2008 Annual Conference**

Summary of Activities:

My time restraints continue to challenge my activity with the NACTA Foundation. However, I continue some activities to further NACTA Foundation Developments.

The most notable activity this past year was the movement of the funds into the management of the University of Wisconsin Platteville Foundation. The funds are now in two accounts in this foundation. One of the accounts is unrestricted and therefore cannot be spent or used but only provide an annual return that will be then deposited into the second account which is the unrestricted or spendable

account. Attached to this report will be the latest report from the foundation which is for the first of this year. The University of Wisconsin Platteville Foundations annual year begins July 1 of each year and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Because of the timing of our conference the report we will be able to give will be the Mar. 30, 2008 report. (Attachment A)

I am pleased to state that the Murray Brown Fund as a result of the giving at conference is at a level to fully be endowed to provide funding for a \$500 award and the plaque costs to indicate the award recipient. It is my understanding that the NACTA awards committee is now developing the criteria for the award and preparing to seek applicants. It was my hope that the first award could be presented at the 2008 annual conference but I have not heard that the committee has established the criteria and made the report. I am assuming the award is not being made at this conference.

I have been communicating with two NACTA members assisting in identifying funds to establish the Southern Region and Eastern Region endowments for the Regional Outstanding Teaching Awards. Foy Mills, Jr., has identified some funds but as of this date we have not received any money but it is my understanding that it will soon be finalized. Richard Joost has identified a person that he is working with in Monsanto to obtain possible funding. He is also communicating with Helena Chemical. I have had further communication with my contact in Dow Chemical and the funding for 2008 there has gone for the FFA request for 2007 which has depleted their resources at the moment.

I would encourage an effort again this year to seek extra funds from those who may be attending the conference. My request last year to assist in getting the Murray Brown fund endowed was a big success. We could ask those who would desire to give to assist the endowment of the outstanding teaching awards in all the regions. Please remind the participants that the gifts to the foundation are a legitimate deduction on their taxes.

I wish you all an excellent conference and I am sorry that this years schedule did not allow for my participation. I hope next year will work into my schedule.

I will continue to communicate and work with members of NACTA to assist in obtaining funds for NACTA Foundation. I really appreciate the efforts of Foy Mills and Richard Joost and I know this is going to lead to success. Please identify any other member that would be so kind as to work with me and pass their names along to me. I will continue to provide some leadership to the Foundation efforts if you wish for me to continue.

I wish to acknowledge the fine assistance and effort of Marilyn in making my task a lot easier. She is great to work with.

Thomas J. Lindahl, NACTA Foundation Director, June 1, 2008

## **Secretary-Treasurer Foundation Update – Marilyn Parker**

Acting on approval of the NACTA Foundation Advisory Council and the NACTA Executive Committee, the following transactions occurred during this past year with the NACTA Foundation funds –

Funds that came in after the June 2007 conference completed the funding of the Murray Brown Leadership award at \$11,000. This money and the money from the two CD's, EB Knight and Jack Everly, were wired to the University of Wisconsin Foundation-Platteville. The total amount wired from DL Evans bank in Rupert, ID to University of Wisconsin Foundation-Platteville was \$14,911.35.

The investments from Banc of America were wired November 2007 to the University of Wisconsin Foundation-Platteville – total amount was \$83,360.29.

The total amount in the University of Wisconsin Foundation-Platteville is \$98251.64. Of this amount, there is an unrestricted fund of \$5000 for use in transferring money from UWF-Platteville back to the NACTA checking account for awards each year.

Monies donated to the Murray Brown Fund from the June 2007 conference amounted to \$1695. Other monies donated to the Foundation - \$500 - were deposited into the Foundation May 20, 2008.

Award monies from 2007 were transferred from NACTA Foundation Savings to Checking - \$3800 - in May 2008.

Membership dues (\$5 per member - \$2510.00) were transferred from the NACTA Checking account back to the Foundation in May 2008.

Currently, the amount in the NACTA Foundation Savings account is \$7485.26.

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

### **Revised NACTA Constitution By-Laws**

The Constitution changes submitted by Allen Zimmerman were approved and are in a separate document.

The Foundation Constitution changes submitted by Allen Zimmerman were approved and are in a separate document.

## **Report from the Ad Hoc committee to make a recommendation on the NACTA International Committee**

We live in a global world and it is becoming more so each day. We feel NACTA could benefit from an International Committee.

The questions we address in this report are might such a committee do and who would be interested?

Following are some activities we feel would be appropriate charges for an International Committee:

- Provide a means of exchange for information on international experiences such as study abroad, internships, tours that students attending NACTA institutions might be able to participate in. These kinds of activities are increasing and will continue to do so. There may be opportunities for students to participate in a program from another institution if it were known. The sponsoring institution might benefit by having a critical mass of students to make such an activity economical.
- Encourage International Institutions to take advantage of using the NACTA Journal as a medium in which to publish appropriate educational research
- Identify international institutions that might be interested in becoming institutional members to share our journal and other academic advantages of NACTA with their faculty. Perhaps a letter and complementary journal could be sent inviting them to join.
- Consider cultural presentations or activities at our annual NACTA meetings. We have a lot of international experience among the members of NACTA We have an offer from Phil Hamilton to chair this committee if NACTA decides to keep it. Phil is currently awaiting the decision of the NACTA Executive Committee. Phil is Director of the Agribusiness Center at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive North Carolina. He has invited paper presentations and research in Palawan, Philippines and some international activity in Haiti, Mexico, France and other locations. He is willing and ready to serve.

We recommend that NACTA retain the International Committee and appoint Phil Hamilton to chair it.

James Knight, Susie Whittington, Jim McKenna, Wayne Banwart

**North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture**

## **Murray Brown NACTA Leadership Award**

**Objective:** To recognize one member per year for a distinguished and sustained record of NACTA leadership.

**Eligibility:** Nominee must be a current or emeritus NACTA member who has served in a leadership role in the organization.

**Criteria:** Nominations will be accepted from any NACTA member.

All materials must be submitted to the NACTA President-elect by October 15 of each year.

The President-elect (who shall chair the committee), President, and Past President shall serve as the selection committee and are not eligible for the award during their time of service on the selection committee.

**Materials:** A Letter of Nomination with a maximum of two pages in length documenting the nominee's exemplary leadership in NACTA.

Three Letters of Support, each one page in length.

Nominee's Vita.

**Recognition:** Recipient will be recognized at the Annual NACTA Conference with a plaque and a cash award supported by the Murray Brown endowment.

**Submission:** Nomination materials must be **postmarked** on or before **October 15**.