

OAEAA Newsletter



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by Nathan Anderson, President

OAEAA Membership

Please pay your dues if you missed AM/PIC in Elk City and haven't paid. It's still not too late to get you on the NACAA roster. Dues are \$75 and go to Mike Weber / Dewey Co. OSU Ext. Office, PO Box 188 – Courthouse / Taloga , OK 73667-0188. We need to strongly recruit new members (especially State Specialists). Anytime you work with your State Specialists – encourage them to join. The more State Specialists that we have, the more comfortable they will feel when attending AM/PIC.

AA & DSA

According to the 2008 NACAA membership numbers Oklahoma had 84 members. This works out to be one Achievement Award and two Distinguished Service Awards for the Portland AM/PIC. Our winners will have to be selected and submitted to the Southern Region Chair by January 1st, therefore be thinking about worth agents you can nominate or nominate yourself. Randy will be sending out official nominations in the near future!

OAEAA State Meeting

Preliminary plans have been made concerning our '09 AM/PIC. The State Specialists are our host this year. The AM/PIC will be at the Quality Inn (old Holiday Inn) in Stillwater. We are going back to our normal time of the 2nd week in July. The dates are July 8, 9, & 10, so be sure to mark your calendars now!

NACAA AM/PIC

Be thinking about Oregon in 2009. The January issue of "The County Agent" magazine usually has all the information on available awards, many of these pay money which can help with travel expenses. So far the administration has approved the \$5000 per year for a special National Meeting Preparation supplement for FY 06, FY 07, FY 08, and recently FY 09. We have been trying to save money mainly for this Portland 2009 AM/PIC - since we need to take a large group to promote our Tulsa 2010 AM/ PIC. We will have to man a booth and hospitality room promoting our meeting. Yes! – more toilet beer! I know it is early but if you think you will be going to Portland please e-mail me to let me know and how you plan to go (fly or drive).

NACAA 2010 UPDATE – Bob Woods, Meeting Chairman

You could say that "crunch time is here"! On December the 14th I will represent OAEAA at the NACAA Winter Board meeting to present our preliminary plan for the hosting the 2010 National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The national board will review our budget, tours, and accommodations, and logo. The board will also want our input on a suggested theme for the 2010 AMPIC.

We currently have 32 OAEAA members, mostly committee chairs and co-chairs, planning to attend a planning retreat on October 30-31 in Tulsa. This group will work through an entire NACAA AMPIC agenda to make sure all committees are familiar with their responsibilities, identify any loose ends, and review the budget. The committee chairs and co-chairs were allowed to invite others on their committee. I encourage all OAEAA members to visit the AMPIC website, <http://oces.okstate.edu/nedistrict/2010-nacaa-am-pic>, and review the planning retreat agenda. If you want to join us for all or part of the retreat Call Tracy at the northeast area office and she will email the information received by the committee chairs.

The committee structure has been modified since we met in July.

- Greg Highfill our Meals Chair has added sub committee chairs, Keith Boevers for the Educational Seminars, Tony Johnson for Breaks & Receptions, Bob LeValley for NACAA Meals, and Marty New for Off-Site Events.
- Brian Freking as agreed to serve as a SARE Liaison coordinating SARE programming with NACAA providing the leadership for grant proposals needed to obtain SARE funding and underwrite a portion of our tours.
- Kourtney Coats has agreed to be our AV Coordinator responsible for obtaining and managing an inventory of equipment for the meeting rooms.
- Al Sutherland will manage a computer room providing a place for the attendees to check emails and work on presentations throughout the week.
- Brad Tipton will manage State Pictures on Sunday and Monday nights.
- Stan and Debbie Fimple will take over for Terry Nelson as the banquet chair and coordinate the numerous committees involved in the success of this final and most important function.
- Tracy Lieblang, my secretary, is maintaining our 2010 NACAA AMPIC website where you will find a list of committees, current donors, information for contacting potential donors, an agenda for the October planning retreat, and other related information.

If you don't have a committee assignment, look over the list, pick one that appeals to you, and give that committee chair a call to volunteer. Committee Chairs, please contact Tracy when you make changes or additions to your committee.

In summary and based on frequent conversations with many of the committee chairs I would say that we are making steady progress sufficient for providing the information NACAA will expect at their winter board meeting. My compliments go to the many committee chairs who have eagerly accepted their assignments.

NACAA 2010 – Financial Update, Stan Fimple & Ron Vick, Fundraising Co-Chairs

And most importantly, **we are all members of the Fundraising Committee**. Stan Fimple and Ron Vick who are chairing our fundraising committee need your active participation in making those local and personal contacts that are critical to financing this national meeting. I hope you will meet this challenge!

We are making contacts for donations and sponsorships and need everyone's help. Ron Vick and Stan Fimple made contacts with all the Department Heads in DASNR and all have agreed to help. We asked each Department to contribute \$5,000; some agreed to that and some said they couldn't do that much but will do something. All of them said they would have to check on how to make a contribution with Department funds. They do know they cannot buy food so we are working on finding a way for them to spend funds. Greg Highfill is doing an excellent job getting sponsorships for the Wednesday Night meal and program at Discovery land. Thanks to

all of you who have contacted their cattlemen's Associations for donations to help with Beef Day. Letters went out to all County Farm Bureau Boards on Friday October 10th. We asked each county board to contribute \$1,000, but also said any amount would be appreciated. If you get a chance go by and visit with the president of the board and encourage them to help us.

Also we have asked Oklahoma Farm Credit Services to be a major contributor by making a donation of \$50,000. It has been taken to their marketing committee and Michelle Clogston, Marketing specialist for East Central Farm Credit said they have agreed to do something just haven't decided what yet. She also said East Central is working on their budget for next year and are planning to make a separate donation. So if you have an office in your county go by and visit with them and ask for their support.

Stan Fimple and Nathan Anderson contacted Banc First in Stillwater and asked them to be a \$25,000 donor. They will take it to their board and with 40 branches around the state we are keeping our fingers crossed it will come through.

As we looked at the budgets from other states and where they raised their funds it was quite obvious that a big share came from the local levels; local banks, local Farm Bureau Boards, local agriculture businesses etc. so we ask each of you to please go out make those contacts, \$100, \$200 they all add up very quickly to help us reach our goal.

By the way the amount we need to raise has been increase to \$400,000 due to the fact we are going to have to pay taxes on things we purchase. Thought we could avoid that by going through the OSU Foundation but they are not tax exempt either, they have to pay taxes too.

Also want to encourage each of you to make your donation of at least \$480. It sure helps in raising funds if we can say our own members have contributed to this AMPIC. Thanks for all your help and call if we can do anything for you.



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OSU Orange Polo with 2010 NACAA Logo **OR** Extension Logo

S-XL \$25.00
2XL-3XL \$30.00



OSU Orange Short Sleeved Shirt with 2010 NACAA Logo
OR Extension Logo

S-XL \$30.00
2XL-3XL \$35.00



OSU Orange Long Sleeved Shirt with 2010 NACAA Logo
OR Extension Logo

S-XL \$35.00
XL-3XL \$40.00



OR



NACAA & OSU Extension Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Payment: Check Cash

Make checks payable to OAEAA

Mail Form to:

OAEAA

P.O. Box 188 Courthouse

Taloga OK. 73667

Attn: Mike Weber

Credit Card: Visa Master Card

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Mailing Zip Code _____

Signature: _____

Shirt Style	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Polo Shirt with NACAA logo	S M L XL 2XL 3XL			
Polo Shirt with OSU Extension logo	S M L XL 2XL 3XL			
Short sleeve button-up cotton shirt with NACAA logo	S M L XL 2XL 3XL			
Short sleeve button-up cotton shirt with OSU Extension logo	S M L XL 2XL 3XL			
Long sleeved button-up cotton shirt with NACAA logo	S M L XL 2XL 3XL			
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