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2011 NAAE Convention Report

The South Dakota delegation of agricultural educators attended the 63rd annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), November 15-19 in St. Louis.

“Convention gives members the opportunity to keep up with the latest innovations in the teaching profession and gives all of us an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of members who go above and beyond the normal routine of educating students across the nation,” said NAAE president Greg Curlin. “Members also play an important part in shaping the future of our organization by participating in committee activities.”

Conference attendees took part in professional development workshops related to improving teaching techniques and developing trends in agriculture. More than 100 different workshops were available on topics including agriscience, using technology in the classroom, incorporating core competencies into the agricultural education curriculum, writing proposals for competitive grants, teaching in alternative formats and with alternative instructional materials, agricultural literacy, and others.

Etta Knuth, Lemmon High School, attending through the Teachers Turn the Key award program and Amy Smith, SDSU, attended as a workshop presenter. Terry Rieckman, McCook High School, was elected as the Region III Vice President.

(Back L-R) **Greg Curlin** (NAAE President), **Terry Rieckman** (Region III VP), **Etta Knuth**, **Bobbi Jo Donovan**, **Donna Kinsella**, **Ellen Thompson**

(Front L-R) **Adam Franken** (SDAAE President Elect), **Ross Hudson** (SDAAE President), **Todd Marks** (SDAAE Secretary)



Region III

Make Plans
to Attend
Today

Planning Ahead: 2013 Region III—Yankton, SD

June 18-20, 2013. Mark your calendars. Currently plans are being put together to have the event in Yankton, SD. If you have any suggestions for events or tours, or want to help, contact Ross Hudson.



Get Ready for the Spring

Here we are already on the back side of another school year progressing toward its end. Where does the time go? District basketball tournaments will be here soon and all that is associated with March Madness, both with basketball and FFA. I hope your school year is going well and you have been able to take some time for yourself, and your family. The SDAAE officer team recently met to catch up and make a few plans for State Convention and Summer Conference in Pierre. With State Convention, please let me know if you will be presenting an "Ideas Unlimited." The winner from State Convention will go to Ankeny, IA and represent SD in that competition. I know some of you have some great teaching ideas, so be sure to take part. Also be thinking about those who have offered outstanding service to our organization and nominate them for Honorary Membership in SDAAE. This too, will happen at our annual Spring meeting during State Convention. Those of you that were nominated by members of SDAAE for the various SDAAE and SDACTE Awards need to fill out the applications. We don't toot our own horns enough for the great work that we do. We need to do exactly as we tell our students. Summer Conference is shaping up with the hopes in making it worth your while to attend. We've got some of our own ag teachers lined up to present various breakout sessions with materials that you can apply to your classrooms. With that, have a great Spring and we'll see you at CDE's and State Convention.

Ross Hudson—SDAAE State President

Reminder: IDEAS UNLIMITED STATE CONVEN- TION



Region III NAAE Update—Terry Rieckman ; McCook HS

As most of us are well into our second semester it is never too early to begin planning for your summer. One way to include both a little pleasure and business is to take part in this year's Region III NAAE conference. This provides a great time to socialize, meet new teachers from other states and network with one another. Conference will begin Tuesday afternoon June 19th and conclude on the 21st. Conference will be located at the Iowa FFA center in Ankeny, IA. Rooms can be reserved at the Quality Inn and Suites for \$56 a night. Bring a

friend or family members, and most importantly tippy cup players are needed.

SDAAE and SDACTE Past-President Terry Rieckman was elected as our Region III Vice President at our recent National Conference. Terry will serve a three year position on the national board of directors.



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Legislative Report



Jason Frerichs (D-Wilmot) is a former agriculture teacher, currently farms with his family and represents District 1 in the South Dakota Senate

Discussion and action on legislation has reached the point where various ideas are advanced, adapted, or dropped from the process. My main focus has been on the issues of water management and education funding and reform. I assure you that I have not dedicated discussion or debate time to deal with the issue of establishing the bison as our State mascot. I am committed to working on the real issues that have an effect on our economy and success of rural communities in South Dakota.

I am proud of the fact that my fellow Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources committee recognize the importance of taking the first step in giving direction on water management. The committee unanimously voted for SB 169, which establishes a regional watershed and watershed oversight advisory task force. Right now we are focusing on the James River watershed basin. A regional watershed would allow for communication on drainage, maintenance, and irrigation among local watershed districts.

The senate debate on education focused on SB 25, a bill that will remove South Dakota from compliance with No Child Left Behind, and replacing it with a new approach to school accountability. There are several issues I had with this bill because it does not address the true problems the state faces with NCLB. States are currently allowed to seek a waiver from the national law that requires all students to meet adequate yearly progress. However, soon Congress is likely to replace NCLB with a different plan for accountability that the state will again have to comply with. SB 25 requires districts to change current plans now when they will likely face another change in the next year. The evaluation system proposes that schools evaluate teachers every year, which will six to eight hours per teachers each year. Currently, administrators spend two to three hours evaluating each teacher. This proposal creates problems for our already tightly-staffed small schools that often share principals across multiple schools.

The other aspect of SB 25 creates a board to rate districts on financial accountability. In addition to leaving teachers off of the board, this part of the bill does not give any guidance as to what a school district must do to have the board determine that they are fiscally responsible. So rather than encouraging creativity and innovation with technology in our classrooms, SB 25 may decide that the best districts are ones who spend the least, regardless of whether that means schools lack art and music programs, middle school sports, or the technology tools that help prepare students for college and the work place. School accountability is essential to ensuring that students receive the best education they can, but teachers and administrators—those in the classroom working with students every day—should have a strong voice in the process. Financial responsibility is also important, but it should not come at the cost of adequately funding education. One-time money bills are only a bandage to a much deeper funding issue. In the end student success is our goal and we must keep that as our number one priority.

Feel free to give me a call on issues that are up for debate in Pierre at 949-2204. You can also email me at: sen.frerichs@state.sd.us and check out my website at www.jasonfrerichs.com.

State Convention Updates:

Dates: April 15 – 17

Theme: This is Our Time

Speakers: Sunday night = Rodd Whitney, Monsanto lead recruiter
Monday afternoon = Holly Marshall-Heber, 2005-2006 State Vice President.

New chapter Stanley County will receive their chapter charter.

FFA Dates:

February

15 = National FFA Scholarships due
18 – 25 = National FFA Week
25 = Corduroy Classic, SDSU
28 = Proficiency and National Chapter Award Judging

March

2 = District 6 CDE (Redfield)
6 = DeSmet CDE
7 = Bowdle CDE
12 = Tri-Valley CDE
12 = State Officer & Student Ambassador Applications due
19 = Flandreau CDE
20 = Spring Deadline for Adding New Members
22 = Howard CDE
23 = Miller CDE
24 = Groton CDE
29 = Lennox CDE
30 = Little I



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These are the district nominations submitted at the 2011 Summer Conference. **Please take the time if you are nominated to fill out the award applications.**
If you nominated someone please fill out applications for them. We don't do a good enough job of showing the great things we are doing!! If you did not get nominated and would like to apply, feel free to do so!

These nominations are quite an honor, take advantage of them!

The application information can be found at:

www.naae.org or www.acteonline.org

Due to Ross Hudson May 1st

Send Applications electronically and in the mail with a flash drive or cd included with your materials

NAAE Outstanding Young Member

Sarah Lambert, Tara Bietelspacher,
Christina Ebling

NAAE Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher Award

Tom Wolff, Bill Lehman, Clint Smith,
Todd Marks

NAAE Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program Award

Mark Roelfsema, Gettysburg, Jerry Janisch

NAAE Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Ed Program Award

LATI MTI

NAAE Teacher Mentor Award

Todd Marks, Bill Lehman, Jim Chilson

NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award

Lon Moeller, Clark Hanson, Myron Sonne

NAAE Outstanding Service Citation

Mark Ketelhut, Lon Moeller

NAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award

Tim Nichols, Association of Soil Scientists of SD,
Farm Credit Services of America Day County NRCS

NAAE "Teacher Turn the Key" Award

Bridget Twedt, Charlene Weber

SDAAE Honorary Member Award

Mike Brink, Lon Moeller, Jerry Schley, Groton

ACTE Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award

Jason Frerichs

ACTE Arch of Fame

Terry Rieckman, Kent Frerichs, Roger Carlson

ACTE Award of Merit

Wendy Sweeter, Sandy Osterday CHS

ACTE Outstanding Service Award

Lon Moeller, Dodie Bemis

ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Ed Mueller, Jim Wilson

ACTE Teacher of the Year Award

Mark Roelfsema

ACTE Outstanding Career & Technical Educator

Jim Chilson

ACTE Outstanding New Career & Technical Teacher

Sarah Lambert, Kelly O'Donnell, Christina Ebling

SDACTE Friend of CTE

Mitch Fargen, South Dakota Pork Producers

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DOE , Office of Learning and Instruction Update

Program Applications

Program Applications are due March 1, 2012. You must submit an application in order to have an approved AFNR program in the 2012-2013 School Year. Starting with the 2012-2013 School Year, Personal Finance will no longer count toward the 2 unit CTE requirement for an approved program, nor will it count towards a student's concentrator status. Please email your completed application to Nora Kohlenberg, nora.kohlenberg@state.sd.us.

Career and Technical Education branches beyond the single skill

Michael Neary | Capital Journal

Amanda Remick, agricultural education teacher in the Stanley County School District, holds a new microscope funded by a National Science Foundation grant.

To read the entire article go to:

http://www.stanleycounty.k12.sd.us/news/CapJrnl_2012_Feb_6.htm



The Stanley County Agriculture Program was started in Fall 2011

2012 ACTE NATIONAL POLICY SEMINAR MARCH 5-7, 2012

SD Members Attending

Terry Rieckman—NAAE Board of Directors

Lori Christensen—SDAAE Past President

Ellen Thompson—NAAE Staff



Family News

Prayers:

**Roger Carlson
Gary Grey
Bill Lehman**

Expecting:

**Ross Hudson's Wife
Etta Knuth
Chas Fleshner
Karen Roudabush**

New Baby:

**Sarah Lambert
Boy Wyatt
Becky Harstad
Girl Harper**

If you have news to share, email lori.christensen@k12.sd.us.

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SDSU Update

Just the Facts:

This semester, a great group of students (14 in all) are enrolled in Ag Ed 404: Program Planning in Agricultural Education. The course has been revised to include content on curriculum development, program planning, essentials of advising an FFA chapter, and topics related to SAE supervision. Recently, the 14 students attended the Minnesota Ag Tech Conference (Jan 20th-21st) in St. Cloud where they attended professional development workshops, networked with current and prospective teachers and learned more about the profession. The students will also be attending the SDACTE/SDAAE conference during the summer.

Twenty-seven enthusiastic underclassmen are enrolled in Ag Ed 199: Orientation to Ag Ed this semester. The course is designed to orient the students to the agricultural education profession, the opportunities it has to offer, and provide them with an authentic teaching experience. Even though the class meets at 8:00 a.m. – this group of students is quite impressive!

Dates to Jot Down:

Once again this spring, SDSU Ag Education and CFFA/Ag Ed Club will host activities and events on National Teach Ag Day (**March 15th**). Watch for more information and details on how to involve your students in the next few weeks.

Dr. Deb DeBates & Dr. Amy Smith are collaborating to offer one-day, on-campus “CTE camp” for prospective Ag Ed and FCS Ed teachers this spring. Tentatively scheduled for **May 2nd** the event will allow us to promote our programs and professions to students who are (or should) consider a career teaching career and technical education. More information will be sent in the near future!

Other Bragging Points: Several of our Agricultural Education students have been selected for exciting opportunities recently...

Sophomore Agricultural Education student, **Elizabeth Johnson** (Sleepy Eye, MN) is spending this spring semester studying abroad at the University of Dundee in Dundee, UK. Throughout the semester (from Jan. 5 – May 28), she will complete coursework in geography and natural resources/environment, participate in agricultural field trips and activities and enjoy the opportunity to tour the United Kingdom and Europe. Way to go on stepping outside your comfort zone, Elizabeth!

Recently, the SDSU Wool Judging team won the Collegiate Wool Judging Contest at the National Western Stock Show. The SDSU team won by one point, claiming the university's first contest title in Denver since 1994 and its third all-time. **Jacob Englin** (Bruce, SD) and other team members have been training since August for the competition.

Two SDSU Agricultural Education students were recently selected to take part in a special event to celebrate National Ag Day and National Teach Ag Day. The students, **April Johnson** (Medford, MN) and **Josh Johnson** (Harrisburg, SD) were selected as representatives of Agriculture Future of America (AFA). AFA is working cooperatively with National Ag Day, The National Teach Ag Campaign and National FFA to spread the word about

the importance of Agriculture and Agricultural Education. The students will spend three days in Washington DC over spring break where they will receive legislative issues training, meet with legislators and mingle with other top Agricultural supporters. In addition April and Josh will be participating in a brand new Teach Ag in DC initiative. They will be paired with a mentor agriculture teacher and will work with the mentor teacher to create an agricultural lesson that they will teach in a Washington DC public middle school on Thursday, March 8th. April and Josh were two of only six students selected for the Teach Ag in DC event. Congratulations!



Sara Colombe (Little Falls, MN) has been selected as an Orientation Leader for SDSU's Summer Orientation program. She will be staying in Brookings this summer and “recruiting” a new group of students to campus. Another fantastic opportunity Sara will be participating in is the 2012 National Beef Speakers Bureau, sponsored by the American National Cattlemen Inc. Sara will attend training later this semester and then begin her role on the bureau.

Betsy Hansen (Marshall, MN) will be completing a summer agricultural internship in Sydney, Australia! Her internship experience will be based upon her own personal and professional goals regarding what she wants to experience, learn, and be involved in while there. What an exciting opportunity!

Bradley Cihak (Bon Homme, SD) will be completing an agronomy internship with CHS out of Corsica, SD. Throughout the summer, he will be crop scouting, soil sampling, field agronomic problem solving, generating written reports, assist with equipment maintenance, and any other needs

SDAAE Summer Conference Draft - Pierre, SD - July 29 - August 2

Sunday, July 29

1230 - 100	SD FFA Foundation Trustee Meeting
100 - 330	SD FFA Foundation Board Meeting
200 - 400	Supervision of Student Teachers - Drs. Smith & DeBates
330 - 430	CDE Committee Meeting
330 - 430	SDAAE Newcomers Session
430 - 600	SDAAE Session I
600 - 800	Picnic

Monday, July 30

800 - 945	SDAAE Session II - SD FFA/AFNR/NRCS/State Fair Updates
1000 - 100	OLI Opening Session, Luncheon, and Speaker
115 - 430	SDACTE Postsecondary Activity
430 - 530	SDACTE Committee Mtgs
530 - 630	SDACTE Past Presidents Honor Reception & Social
630 - 830	SDACTE Banquet and Auction

Tuesday, July 31

700 - 800	10 Year Club Breakfast
800 - 930	SDAAE Session III: Introduction of SDAAE Membership with Dis-
945 - 1145	Tours - City of Pierre Water Treatment Plant or Discovery Center
1145 - 100	SDACTE Business Luncheon
100 - 200	Breakout #1 - SDSU Food Safety - Joan Hegerfeld-Baker
200 - 300	Breakout #2 - Jerry Janisch Ipads in AFNR Classroom & Dr. Smith
300 - 400	Break - Visit Trade Show
400 - 500	Breakout # 3 - Dr. Smith on IteachU website & ???????????
600 - 900	SDAAE Awards Banquet - Casey Tibbs
Following Banquet	CDE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 1

800 - 950	SDAAE Session IV: Michelle Nelson & Craig Fredrick - Ag Career
1000 - 1130	SDACTE Brunch with Keynote Mike Oster
1130 - 200	SDAAE Session V: CDE Committee Report, SDACTE Committee
200 - 300	New SDACTE Board of Directors Mtg - Only Adam needs to at-
200 - 300	tend
200 - 300	Team Ag Ed Mtg????????????????



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