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## Executive Secretary Message

*Lori Christensen—Past President 2010-2011*



I hope you all had a blessed holidays and are feeling renewed and refreshed for the remainder of the school year. We are amping up to start our busy season and I know my schedule will be crazy going forward. First of all I wanted to say I welcome the challenge of helping to organize and give our professional organization some stability going forward. I truly loved the year I served as the SDAAE President and thoroughly enjoy organizing and serving the membership. I felt this was a great fit for me personally because I feel like I already know what needs to be accomplished since I am so closely connected still. Secondly some things we are hoping to accomplish with my help is to bring back the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis and realizing it may only be 1-2 pages, assisting with the planning of summer conference, and completing the month to month tasks that need to be done. Please be understanding that my schedule is as busy as yours so an immediate response may not always happen, but I will do my best to complete all tasks before their deadlines. Thanks for allowing me to serve you and I'm looking forward to a great 2014!!

*Blessings, Lori*

### Dates of Interest:

- JAN 22-23—LEGISLATIVE BREAK-FAST AND HAPPENINGS
- JAN 31—COMMON CORE LITERACY TRAINING—RAPID CITY
- FEB 8—SDAAE EXEC COMMITTEE MEETING
- FEB 12—SDACTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- FEB 15—FFA APPLICATIONS DUE
- FEB 15—COURDEROY CLASSIC
- FEB 26—COMMON CORE LITERACY TRAINING—CHAMBERLAIN

## Changes to Officer Structure

At summer conference it was voted on by the membership to change the current officer structure for the SDAAE. The change is as follows:

There will be 3 elected officers that will serve the organization: the President Elect, the President, and the Past President. There will also be two executive officers that will be hired by the organization, the Executive Treasurer and the Executive Secretary. For a list of officer duties please contact one of the officers.

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## Family News

District VI—Noelle Rist getting married to Andrew Swanson in June, Ken Jones getting married to Libby Lammers in January

District VII—Cashlynn VanderVliet was born Nov. 27th. Congrats Sarah and family!!



# Upcoming Dates

### FFA Dates:

- January 22-23: District Officer Training, Legislative Breakfast, and Exec Meeting
- February 1: National FFA Scholarships due online
- February 8: National FFA signature pages must be postmarked
- February 15: Corduroy Classic
- February 15: SD FFA Scholarships and WLC Scholarship applications due
- February 15: Proficiency Award Registration due
- February 15-22: National FFA Week
- February 27: Proficiency, Star, and National Chapter Judging in Brookings
- March 3: WLC Registration opens
- March 4: Howard CDE
- March 7: Redfield CDE
- March 11: DeSmet CDE
- March 18: Miller CDE
- March 19: Flandreau CDE, Sturgis CDE
- March 20: Last day to add FFA members to your roster (unless affiliated chapter)
- March 26: Lennox CDE
- March 28: Little I
- March 29: Groton CDE
- March 31: Tri-Valley CDE

### DOE Professional Development Dates:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/documents/ProfDev13.pdf>

### Examples of PD:

Standards Implementation, Common Core Training, Follow-ups from PIP's, Data Collection

### SDAAE Dates:

Spring Meeting: April 7

Applications Due: May 1

Region III: June 16-18 in Wisconsin

SDAAE: July 27-30 in Mitchell

## Gettysburg High School Agriculture Teacher Selected for Educator Award

LAS VEGAS – William Lehman of Gettysburg, S.D., is one of only six individuals nationwide who received the National Association of Agricultural Educators Teacher Mentor Award on Dec. 5 at the NAAE annual convention in Las Vegas.

Lehman taught high school agricultural education from 1976 until his unfortunate passing due to cancer in 2012. In his time at Gettysburg, he served as an official and unofficial mentor to students, alumni and fellow agricultural educators in South Dakota's District VI. Sarah Lambert, current agricultural educator at Faulkton High School, said Lehman advised her as a new teacher and always took the time to listen, answering all her questions and adding suggestions to help her improve.

"Bill has been an inspiration to me as a teacher," Lambert said. "Without his suggestions and guidance I would not be the teacher I am today. He has set a good example, not only for me, but for all of the other young teachers in our state."

Lambert is not alone. Over the course of his career, Lehman mentored numerous fellow agricultural educators, many who already looked to him as a mentor from their days as students. This includes Tara Beitelspacher, who nominated him for the Teacher Mentor award.



### Kelly Dunkelberger

#### Teacher Spotlight

Alcester-Hudson Ag Teacher

#### Experience:

7 years at Centerville, 3 years at A-H

#### Some of her Focus Points:

She is trained and uses CASE Animal Science curriculum—ask her if you need help, she's always willing to share ideas. She also likes to do community service and behind the scenes work on local projects.

#### Family:

Husband Dean is a welder at Koyker Mfg., Son Geoff, Daughters Vanessa and Elizabeth. She loves to read, watch her family ride horse, hang out at home, and show cattle with her kids in 4-H.

#### Advice for Young Teachers:

Don't let the job and the organization run you down and wear you out. Make sure that you are doing your own work but also doing things outside of the school and organization.



## Hall of Fame Changes

Following the SDAAE Awards Banquet at the 2013 state conference the Past Presidents were asked to discuss the rules whereby retired members are elected to the Hall of Fame. There were about 12 Past Presidents in attendance and in the discussion.

Some of the topics presented were:

This year we had two deceased members added to the pool of candidates which increased the normal number in the pool.

In the near future we will have an increasing number of members retiring and this too will add to the pool of candidates.

The current rules state that to be selected to the Hall you must receive a majority of the Past Presidents that vote. It will be difficult to add any members if we do not make a change.

There was general agreement that this Hall of Fame is not meant to have every retiring member be added to the group. The effort and discussion was not to add more members each year, but to enable the group to be able to select one new member even when the pool of candidates has a large number of candidates.

Many ideas surfaced and I believe that the general agreement was to present the following to you the Past Presidents for your vote.

**When the pool of candidates is 4 or greater, and if after the first ballot no one has a majority, a second ballot will be distributed with the two candidates from the first ballot that received the most votes listed on the ballot .**

This was voted on by paper ballot and passed this fall.



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District VI—Noelle Rist, Hoven  
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