

NCOSAFP Annual Business Meeting Annapolis MD – October 1, 2014

Member State Attendees were:

Georgia - Donald Wilder	Missouri - Tony Stafford	Oregon - Jared Gardner
Georgia - Thomas Carter	Montana - Walt Anseth	Pennsylvania – Gary Smith
Illinois – Patrick Evans	Nebraska - Dudley Beyer	South Dakota - Terri LaBrie
Iowa - Steve Ferguson	North Dakota - Annette Curl	Utah - Karen Rhynsburger
Iowa - Tammy Nebola	North Dakota - Bob Humann	Vermont – Sarah Isham
Kentucky - Bill McCloskey	North Dakota – Dana Hager	
Maryland - Steve McHenry	North Dakota – Kelly Wald	

Annual meeting was called to order by President, Terri LaBrie from South Dakota.

Minutes from the 2013 business meeting were presented with no corrections. Tony Stafford, Missouri moved to approve and Thomas Carter, Georgia seconded the motion to approve the Annual Business Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The June 30, 2013 Treasurer's report (attached) was presented by Steve Ferguson, Iowa. There is a total of \$58,635.32 in cash and money market accounts. The audit committee consisting of Tony Stafford-Missouri, Walt Anseth-Montana, and Sarah Isham-Vermont reported that no findings in the audit. Thomas Carter, Georgia moved to approve and Steve McHenry-Maryland seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

President LaBrie gave an update on Communicating for Ag (CA) as no representatives were present. Ben Schierer left CA shortly after our trip to Washington DC in March. We were informed that Michael Smedsrud has now taken Mr. Schierer's position. There has been no request for scholarship donation this year. Tony Stafford, Missouri moved to approve and Steve Ferguson-Iowa seconded the motion to forgo the donation for 2014. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

Toby Rittner, President and CEO of Council of Development Finance Agencies gave a presentation to the group as to what and how they could assist NCOSAFP going forward. They have been honorary members of NCOSAFP for many years. He gave us a lot of information in reference to education, advocacy, research, resources and networking. They are very interested in collaborating with our group. Bob Humann-North Dakota moved to approve and Steve Ferguson, Iowa seconded the motion to establish a subcommittee to research how CDFA would benefit NCOSAFP and present their findings to the Board of Directors and the final details to the next conference. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote. The subcommittee will consist of Bill McCloskey-Kentucky (subcommittee chairman), Steve McHenry-Maryland, Gary Smith-Pennsylvania, Patrick Evans-Illinois, and Steve Ferguson-Iowa.

President LaBrie reviewed several legislative items that were taken to Washington DC in March. Copies of the letters, bills and meeting were handed out. Copies are posted to the web site. Those issues being: Change the verbiage of a First Time Farmer to include average size farm instead of median size farm and 2.) Remove the dollar amount limit on depreciable agricultural chattel property. Communicating for Ag coordinated those meetings for us. We were able to meeting with 50 state offices. Those attending Washington DC meetings were Terri LaBrie-South Dakota, Annette Curl-North Dakota, Dudley Beyer-Nebraska, Walt Anseth-Montana, Gary Smith and Jared Grissinger-Pennsylvania, Ben Schierer and Michael Smedsrud-CA. Tony Stafford indicated that he had forwarded the information to the Missouri Farm Bureau.

USDA Ag Outlook Forum is scheduled for Arlington Virginia - February 20-21, 2015 – Recommendation of making another DC trip during that time as members will already be in in the DC area.

Annette Curl and Bob Humann – North Dakota gave a short talk on the 2015 NCOSAFP annual conference. It will be held in Medora ND August 24-26, 2015. Flights can be taken into either Bismarck or Dickinson ND. Current carriers at this time are Delta, United, American, Allegiant and Great Lakes. Members should be thinking about the 2016 conference as it does take time to nail a spot down. Listing of the previous conference locations is attached.

Board of Director nominating committee report was given by Dudley Beyer-Nebraska and Tammy Nebola-Iowa (Jared Grissinger absent). Terms for Montana and Vermont were up for nominations. Both states have agreed to stay on the board. Bob Humann-North Dakota moved to approve and Tony Stafford, Missouri seconded the motion to approve both states for a 3 year term. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

Tony Stafford, Missouri moved to approve and Sarah Isham, Vermont seconded the motion to approve the current Board of Director offices remain for an additional term. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

Board of Directors officer are as follows:

President – Terri LaBrie, South Dakota
Secretary – Annette Curl, North Dakota

Vice President – Bill McCloskey
Treasurer – Steve Ferguson, Iowa

ABA Ag Bankers Conference will be held in Omaha NE on November 9-12, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Dudley Beyer-Nebraska will man the booth. Please get any information you would like at the table to Dudley. Instead of printing up the Directory or having DVD's available at the booth, it was decided that Steve Ferguson-Iowa would generate some sort of flyer that could be handed out with our web site address information on it. A recommendation was received that the membership approve the payment for the ABA Annual Conference booth for a 2 year period. Generally the registration is due prior to the next NCOSAFP annual conference so this would allow the treasurer to pay when due. Steve McHenry, Maryland moved to approve and Bill McCloskey, Kentucky seconded the motion to allow for payment for the next 2 years. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The web site has been redesigned and should be up to date. There were several states that we were unable to reach for the directory updates.

Verbiage for removal of Communicating for Agriculture from the by-laws was discussed. Karen Rhynsburger, Utah moved to approve and Walt Anseth, Montana seconded the motion to remove CA from the by-laws. Motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Annette Curl, ND, Secretary
NCOSAFP Steering Committee

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

1986	Missouri	2001	Illinois
1987	Tennessee	2002	Georgia
1988	Alabama	2003	Iowa
1989	Colorado	2004	Virginia
1990	Florida	2005	Alabama
1991	Minnesota	2006	New York
1992	Alabama	2007	Missouri
1993	?	2008	Vermont
1994	?	2009	Montana
1995	Colorado	2010	Pennsylvania
1996	Tennessee	2011	Nebraska
1997	California	2012	Kentucky
1998	Missouri	2013	Iowa
1999	North Carolina	2014	Maryland
2000	South Dakota	2015	North Dakota

2014 NCOSAFP PROPOSAL

What: 2014 ABA National Ag Bankers Conference

When: November 9-12, 2014

Where: Hilton Omaha & Century Link Center
Omaha, Nebraska

Cost: \$750 booth space

Our Booth: Space #44 has been reserved for us
Pending NCOSAFP board approval of payment

Exhibit Hours:

Monday, November 10

10:00 am to 1:00 pm Setup

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm Refreshment break in Exhibit Hall

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Reception in Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, November 11

7:00 am to 11:30 am Exhibit Hall open

7:00 am to 8:15 am Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

10:00 am to 10:30 am Refreshment break in Exhibit Hall

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm Refreshment break in Exhibit Hall

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Reception in Exhibit Hall with door prizes awarded

Items to decide

1. NCOSAFP board approval to pay \$750 to pay for booth space
2. Explore who is available to host our booth space
3. What items each state can/should provide
4. Where states are to send their items to be included in booth
5. Other items?