

# Clippings

The newsletter of NYS Association of County Agricultural Agents

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## **NACAA Delegates Accept Northeast Region's Bid to Host 2005 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference**

by Joan Petzen, 2005 NACAA AM/PIC Chair

The Northeast Region's bid to collectively host the 2005 National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) was accepted by the NACAA Delegates at their August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The New York Association Board of Directors has affirmed their confidence in Joan Petzen as Conference Chair at their August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Now it is time to get down to business. Chairs need to be appointed and committees organized for each aspect of the AM/PIC. Contracts will be negotiated with hotels and the convention center in Buffalo in the near future. Funds must be raised to support a strong professional development program. A meeting theme must be selected early in the planning process will help guide us as we set program priorities.

Committees will be required to organize each aspect of the 5-day NACAA AM/PIC. Help will be needed from each state to accomplish this tremendous task. The leadership team for the meeting will be comprised of a group of dedicated committee chairs. A list of the committees, all of whom need good help, are listed below. Please contact your state President or Joan Petzen, Conference Chair, to indicate which committee you might be interested in working on or chairing.

<b>2005 AM/PIC Committees</b>	
Annual Banquet	Barbecue/Picnic
Budget & Finance	Commercial & Educational Exhibits
Decorations	Entertainment
Facilities	4-H Talent Review
Inspirational Service/Opening Ceremony	Hospitality
Life Members	Publicity
Presentation Equipment	Reception & Information
Registration	Sons & Daughters
Special Meals	Spouses
Squanto	Sunday Night Supper
Tours	Transportation
Check the NACAA Annual Meeting Handbook on the web for a complete description of the duties of each committee. ( <a href="http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/coext/regions/southeast/cumberland/NACAA/NACAA.html">www.cas.psu.edu/docs/coext/regions/southeast/cumberland/NACAA/NACAA.html</a> )	

Serving NACAA as a member of the 2005 AM/PIC offers opportunities for members to build a stronger network of colleagues from across the Northeast Region. These relationships help us to more effectively accomplish our local task of providing relevant educational information to our local communities. The personal satisfaction gained working as part of a professional team to accomplish an encompassing task like the AM/PIC is great.

Leaders from across the region have met a few times to set the planning process in motion and identify a host city. One of the goals identified was to have committee chairs come from as many states as possible. We would also like each committee to have membership from as many states as possible.

Recent NACAA annual meeting committees have required donations of \$150,000 to \$160,000 to accomplish their goals for an effective professional development program. Each member needs to be thinking of potential donors in their local area. Every organization from local farm bureaus and granges to large corporations can be approached for a donation. If each member in the northeast secures a couple of donations, it will go a long way toward achieving our fund-raising goal. The budget and finance committee will meet soon to outline our fund-raising process.

A theme needs to be identified soon to help guide our planning process. Once a theme is selected, we will be able to move forward with development of a logo and a consistent image to use for fund raising and publicity.

### ***DUES TO INCREASE***

At the NACAA Annual Meeting - Professional Improvement Conference, the delegates approved an increase in national dues of \$15 for 2002. At the August 24 NYSACAA Board meeting, the board meeting approved increasing NYSACAA dues to \$65.

Your state association is in good financial shape, and therefore state dues do not need to be raised. However, there is not enough money in savings to pay the increase for the membership – with the 2005 meeting being held in NYS.

The national association was forced to raise dues, since it has been using savings for the last two years or so to

meet operating obligations. It has been 10 years since the national association increased the dues.

### ***NEW TREASURER NEEDED***

Andy Dufresne has been serving this year as interim treasurer. Although he is quite capable, Andy is not interested in holding the position for the next three years. If you are interested in becoming NYSACAA Treasurer, contact Past President Monika Roth at [mr55@cornell.edu](mailto:mr55@cornell.edu). The treasurer serves a three-year term. He or she is responsible for keeping the financial records of the association and maintain the bank accounts.



Annual Meeting attendees have an enjoyable time at State Nights Out.

### ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!***

Say welcome to these people who have joined the Ag Agents Association this year:

Rosemarie Baglia, Orange County  
 Mick Bessire, Greene County  
 Sarah Bruce, Westchester County  
 Deborah Clute, Animal Science Dept., CU  
 Eric Giberson, Jefferson County  
 Malinda Martin, Erie County  
 Lynn O'Brien, Allegany County  
 James Ochterski, Schuyler County  
 Cathy Martin Sheils, NY FarmNet  
 Rochelle Smith, Orleans County  
 Dave Swaciak, Cattaraugus County  
 Tim Weigle, Lake Erie Regional Grape

## **JAYCEE'S YOUNG FARMER AWARD**

**State Applicants** – Get free room and board at the January 2002 meeting in Buffalo, NY.

The winner gets \$ 100.00 cash prize, with alternates getting various other prizes.

**State Winner for 2002** – Gets all expense-paid trip to the national meeting that would be held in February 2003. Final National application would be due in September 2002.

### **Protocol for Agent assistance:**

1. Agents help identify young farmers from 21-39 years of age for the award
2. Give a list to the local JAYCEE'S chapter (County based or nearest region coordinators)
3. JAYCEE chapter coordinator contacts nominees and has the farmers fill out the application
4. Local JAYCEE Chapter sends applications to State Program Manager
5. Nominees get called by State program manager to attend State Meeting
6. A state winner is selected in January 2002
7. State program manager helps State winner complete National application by September 2002
8. February 2003 State winner goes to National meeting with all travel and expenses paid

Web site for JAYCEE'S – [www.usjaycees.org](http://www.usjaycees.org). The application for the award can be downloaded from this site, included on the application are the judging criteria. This is listed under, Nationwide Projects/OYF/NOYF Nomination Form.

**NACAA New York State Contact** – Larry R. Hulle, 845-344-1234 or [lrh6@cornell.edu](mailto:lrh6@cornell.edu)

## **REDISTRICTING PLAN TO BE VOTED ON**

At the August 24 NYSACAA Board meeting, the board discussed plans to change the number of districts in NYS. The chair of the redistricting committee, Ken Carnes gave a report. He is suggesting that the Finger Lakes district be merged with the Western District. The other suggestion is to merge most of the Southern Tier district with the Central district. However, Delaware County will merge with the Southeastern district.

At the NYSACAA Annual Meeting in Cooperstown, members present will have an opportunity to vote on this change in districts.



Joan was really having a good time. Just caught her at the wrong time! This is the other half of the state nights out crew.

## **GOOD DEAL ON BOOK**

At the NACAA AM/PIC, Larry Hulle was able to get a deal on "A guide to Plant Poisoning of Animals in North America." The Teton NewMedia company will offer agents a 25% discount if they order 20 or more copies to one location. Larry offered to coordinate the ordering.

Larry has sent out an Email regarding this offer already. If you are interested in getting the book and CD, contact Larry. The state association will send a bill to your county association for the set.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR NEW PUBLICATIONS**

Award recognition for field staff programs takes place early in the year through NYSACAA. Because New York field staff wanted to recognize folks at the College for the information they provide us, we created a new publication award.

Members have another month to nominate authors for their bulletins, videos, training material or other information that helps field staff in their program efforts.

Send your nominations to Walt Nelson (CCE, 425 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira NY 14904 or [wnn1@cornell.edu](mailto:wnn1@cornell.edu)). He will work with a panel of

judges and select this year's award recipients. They will be recognized at the NYSACAA spaghetti dinner during the Ag and Food Systems In service on Campus.

**NYS Agricultural Agents Spaghetti  
Dinner  
Tuesday, November 27  
Statler Hotel  
5:30 PM  
Cost - \$11.00 per person**

Our annual spaghetti dinner will be held Tuesday night of the Ag and Food Service In service. Not only can you attend this dinner, but your dues for 2002 will also be gratefully accepted. If you pay your dues by the spaghetti dinner, you are eligible for the early bird drawing.

To help get an accurate count for the meal, please contact Paul Westfall, CCE of Niagra County.

**ACCEE CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 17 - 19  
COOPERSTOWN, NY**

It is still not too late to sign up for the annual ACCEE conference. The conference this year will be held at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown. Highlights for agricultural educators are:

- the state annual meeting Wednesday afternoon
- agricultural tours Thursday
- awards dinner Thursday night

To register, visit the website at [www.cce.cornell.edu/conferences/accee2001](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/conferences/accee2001).