

NACEB

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards

Message from NACEB President

As current NACEB President, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our summer meeting. As you can see by the schedule in this newsletter, we will be focusing on how we can become better advocates for Extension. Although we may have made it through round number one, many more challenges are likely to lie ahead as our state representatives decide how we will deal with our state's budget. As a result, the University and Extension will be affected. As advocates for Extension, we need to learn the skills to promote Extension and put them to use.

As many of you already know, Kevin Wilkins was elected to be the president of NACEB in 2010. However, in February Kevin resigned from his office when he accepted a new position as the Marketing and Development Director for the city of Fort Morgan, Colorado. Although he will be missed in our Association, we wish him the best in his new endeavors.

As a result, as President Elect I moved into the position of President. Although I am fairly new to NACEB, I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we work to better Extension in Nebraska. I look forward to seeing each of you at our summer meeting in June.

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NACEB Mission

NACEB supports, advises, and advocates for Nebraska Extension Boards to enhance UNL Extension.

Summer Meeting Plans

The NACEB summer meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, at the Southeast Research and Extension Center located at the Christenson Building at the ARDC near Mead (map on back) starting at 9:00am.

The agenda will include:

- 9:00am Meet at the Christenson Bldg
- 9:30 Workshop on Advocacy
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00pm Business Meeting

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for the evenings of June 17 and 18 at the following hotel:

Country Inn & Suites
5353 North 27th Street
Lincoln NE
402-476-5353

Please make your own room reservations by calling the number listed. Ask for the NACEB Block. The rooms will be held until June 1.

To register for the NACEB summer meeting please send your \$15 registration fee by June 11th to:

Lucille Stone, Treasurer
5120 17th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

NACEB Dues Notice

The 2010 dues notice is attached to this newsletter. Dues are \$100 per Extension Board and due to NACEB Treasurer, Lucille Stone by July 1.

NACEB Annual Meeting

The NACEB annual meeting was held Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Extension Office in Grand Island.

During the meeting Dean Elbert Dickey gave an update on Extension and discussed the importance of NACEB taking a role as advocates.

A panel of Extension Educators (Gary Zoubek, Lisa Kaslon, Steve Prichard, Cami Wells, and Jenny Rees) discussed the *Spires of Excellence from an Educator's Perspective*. Senator Kate Sullivan from District 41 addressed "*A Senator's Views and Ideas for Extension*."

Just before lunch the State Fair speech winners made presentations and during lunch the following award winners were honored:

NACEB Outstanding Business Person
Bob Kobza, Kobza Auction
Bellwood, NE

NACEB Outstanding Volunteer
Dan Barrett
York, NE

NACEB Outstanding Young Adult
Paige Bek
Curtis, NE

NACEB Outstanding Support Staff
DeAnn Epley
Fullerton, NE

NACEB Scholarship Winners
Landon Bloedorn; Wisner, NE
Bailey Kobs; Blair, NE

Joseph McDermott, Executive Director of the Nebraska State Fair gave a Fair update and Kevin Wilkins made a presentation on the 2009 PILD Conference.

The NACEB business meeting was held at 3:00pm with a discussion of current business and election of officers.

2011 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 29, 2011 for the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards; location TBA.

Email it ON!

Extension Educators, please take a few minutes to email this on to your County Extension Board Members. It will be a quick way to inform them of our NACEB activities.

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Map to the August Christenson Building at the ARDC Summer Meeting June 18, 2010

