



*Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards*

***Message from NACEB President***

It appears that spring has finally arrived, and with it, all the activities that surround warmer weather. Whether it be spring planting or spring cleaning, it's great to live in Nebraska where we get to experience the change of seasons.

It was great to see so many people at our annual meeting in North Platte. For those in attendance it was a opportunity to listen to several of our elected officials give their impression of the challenges facing our state. The panel did an excellent job of conveying the concerns of a tight budget and how it affects activities at the different levels of government, as well as its impact on the University and Extension. As president of NACEB, it was an excellent opportunity to listen to their concerns and address several opportunities to advocate for Extension.

I would also like to congratulate those people who were recognized for their service to Extension in Nebraska. Without volunteers such as these, Extension would not be what it is today. Listening to their stories and hearing about the impact they are having is truly inspirational. I would also like to congratulate Tyler Wichmann and Carmen Warner as recipients of the NACEB scholarships.

As we go about our spring work, I would like to draw your attention to the plans being made for our summer meeting to be held in Scottsbluff on June 10. I hope to see you there.

At this time, the budget process is moving along in the Unicameral. However, crunch time is yet to arrive. As the end of the session nears, more

and more work will be done to define the final budget. Along with this, it is important that we keep in tune with what is going on in the budget process and be prepared to advocate for Extension. I encourage each of you to keep in contact with your state senators and other elected officials, encourage them to support Extension, and thank them for their support in the past.

Thank you,  
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NACEB President

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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 10, at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center located in Scottsbluff.

The agenda will include:

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| 10:00am | Meet at the Center<br>Tour of the Research Center |
| 12:00   | Lunch   |
| 1:00pm  | Business Meeting                                  |

Hotel Information will be sent out in early May.

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

Lucille Stone, Treasurer  
5120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68845

### ***NACEB Dues Notice***

The 2011 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 29, 2011 at the Extension Office in North Platte.

During the meeting District Directors Susan Williams and Twig Marston gave an update on Extension. Ron Withem, Associate Vice President for University Affairs gave a Legislative Update.

A panel of State Senator Tom Hansen, NU Regent Bob Phares and Lincoln County Commissioner Joe Hewgley discussed the "*Current Budget Issues and Extension.*"

Later during the meeting, Stuart Shepherd, Director of the State 4-H Foundation and Dewey Lienemann, NCEA President also made presentations. The following awards were presented:

NACEB Outstanding Business Person  
Nadine Hagedorn  
Westpoint NE

NACEB Outstanding Volunteer  
Doug Kershner  
David City, NE

NACEB Outstanding Young Adult  
Katie Frenzen  
Fullerton, NE.

NACEB Outstanding Support Staff  
Donna Kircher  
McCook, NE

NACEB Scholarship Winners

\$1000 Scholarship  
Tyler William Wichmann  
Palmer, NE

\$500 Scholarship  
Carmen R. Warner  
Arapahoe, NE

The NACEB business meeting was held at 2:00pm with a discussion of current business and election of officers.

### ***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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