

NACEB

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards

Message from NACEB President

The summer has finally come to a close and the fall harvest season is upon us. This is one of my favorite times of the year as we are given the opportunity to look back on the year and see the fruits of our labors.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a report on our summer meeting. It was great to see so many people at the meeting and I feel we accomplished quite a few tasks. One topic of discussion centered on our future structure for NACEB. Under our current structure, it requires a significant amount of travel and a large number of representatives for each meeting. As a result of this discussion, a committee has been formed to consider a simpler structure that still provides the proper representation. If a new structure can be agreed upon, we may be presenting it at the Annual Meeting in February. Based on our discussions so far, I am very encouraged by the idea.

You will also notice the annual meeting is changing its form. I am excited with the changes and look forward to the opportunity to meet with our state representatives. I hope each and every one of you will try to be at the meeting. It will be a great opportunity to advocate for Extension!

Thank you,
Todd Gerdes
NACEB President

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NACEB Mission

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

Annual Meeting Plans

The NACEB annual meeting will be held on Friday, February 3, at the Governor's Residence (lower level) in Lincoln.

The tentative agenda will include:

8:30am	Continental Breakfast
9:30am	Business Meeting
10:30	Legislative Update
	Public Value of Extension
12:00	Lunch with Senators
1:00pm	Awards
1:30	Annual Business Meeting
2:30	Personal Visits to Senators

Registration and hotel information will be sent out in December. The tentative cost will be \$25.00.

The luncheon is on the Legislative Calendar. If you plan to attend the annual meeting you may wish to call your state senators office and extend a personal invitation reserve the date on his/her calendar. You can indicate more information about the invitation will be provided later.

NACEB Summer Meeting

The NACEB summer meeting was held Saturday, June 10, 2011 at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff.

During the meeting Dean Dickey gave an update on Extension accomplishments by noting that Nebraska Extension is one of the top programs in the country. He discussed the federal funding challenges and how they might impact Nebraska Extension. Dean Dickey thanked NACEB members for their leadership in advocacy and challenged them to look at an organizational structure that would enhance advocacy.

A panel of Mark Masterson, Scotts Bluff County Commissioner and Steve Erdman, Morrill County Commissioner discussed "*State Budget Impact on Local County Government*"

The NACEB business meeting was held at 3:00 pm with a discussion of current business. President Gerdes appointed a committee to study NACEB structure.

NACEB Dues

If you have not paid your NACEB 2011 dues please send the form and a check to:
Lucille Stone
5120 17th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Award Nominations

Each year NACEB recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals and businesses at our annual meeting. Your help is needed in the form of nominations. Award categories include:

Young Adult
Adult Volunteer
Support Staff
Business

Please take a few moments to reflect on the huge contributions made by individuals or businesses to Extension in your community. Award forms are attached to this email note. You may re-nominate a candidate who candidate who did not receive the award previously. **Applications are due November 23, 2011.**

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.

Important Dates

November 23, 2011	Service Award Nominations Due
February 5, 2012	Annual Meeting - Lincoln
March 15, 2012	Scholarship Applications Due
July 1, 2012	2012 Dues Due

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