

## **Message from NACEB President**

Thank you to all NACEB directors, educators, administration, county extension board members and guests who attended the 2015 summer meeting at Stumpf International Wheat Research Station near Grant, Nebraska, held Friday, June 26.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all members that took the pre-meeting survey for our strategic planning session and to our leader Deanna Vansickel-Staudt for her amazing direction and engagement techniques!

Please read the newsletter carefully and mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting with Senators scheduled for February 8, 2016 at the Nebraska Club in Lincoln. We encourage NACEB members to advocate for Extension and keep current on events, research and opportunities in Nebraska. This is made possible by visiting the Extension website, listening to monthly Chat with Chuck webinars, finding advocacy tips on our website, and subscribing to This Week @ IANR and UNL Extension- Keeping Up newsletters. The most important role we have in our support of Extension is to spread the word, network and build relationships locally with county commissioners, stakeholders, state senators, and to communicate with our national representatives in Washington D.C. Through conversations, we can share the amazing impact that Nebraska Extension has on our State!

Julie Jacobson, NACEB  
President

## **Report on Summer Meeting**

After our meet and greet activities, Deanna Vansickel-Staudt, Unit Leader Douglas Sarpy Extension, led our strategic planning session to help us identify as a board, communication blockers (Who, What, Why, When), strategies to develop board engagement, developing relationships, and creating follow up activities to measure this engagement. Dean Hibberd in summary, captured the plan with his 5 key element comments: Purpose: Clarify our purpose & speak with one voice; Define Roles & Responsibilities of board members; Relationship building; Communication: what are we trying to communicate; and Accountability (Who, What, Why & When identified).





Western Nebraska Crops Specialist Bob Klein informed the group on Irrigated and Dry-land Cropping Systems.



Other guests presenting research from West Central District were Julie Peterson, Agroecosystems Ecologist on Managing insect Pests in Cropping Systems, Tony Adesemoye, Cropping Systems Disease Management Specialist on Managing Plant Pathogens in Cropping Systems, and Greg Kruger, Weed Science and Application Technologist Specialist on Pesticide Application Technology.

## ***From Your Advisor – Being Connected***

One of your important roles as an Extension Board member is to be connected with your local County Extension Office to ensure you are up-to-date with programming and other initiatives being accomplished by Nebraska Extension for your county. Extension Board meetings are held quarterly or at other agreed-upon intervals throughout the year. Being connected as an Extension Board member now has even more critical meaning as new Issue Teams are being formed to address big issues across the state and additional programming will be scheduled for counties.

By connecting with your Unit Leader and others in the Extension Office, you'll learn more about the new Issue Team development and also how some of these issues will have outcomes to impact your county. As advocates for Nebraska Extension, you will be able to share your newly gained knowledge with County Commissioners, County Boards of Supervisors, and other stakeholders.

The NACEB Board is now working to develop efficiencies as a result of the June 26 strategic planning session. Be on the lookout for conference call opportunities and other activities to help build one voice of support for Nebraska Extension across the state.

Wayne Moore  
Associate Dean/Associate director

## ***Message from Dean Hibberd***

The October *Chat with Chuck* can be accessed via the following link. <https://connect.unl.edu/p43gjwn8dcb/> Please forward comments and questions to Dean Hibberd. [hibberd@unl.edu](mailto:hibberd@unl.edu)

## **Important Dates**

**November 30, 2015** – Applications for NACEB Annual Awards for Volunteer, Young Adult, Support Staff & Business are due

**February 8, 2016** – NACEB Annual Meeting

**March 15, 2016** – Applications due for Scholarships

## **NACEB Mission**

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

**NACEB Website:** <http://go.unl.edu/naceb>

## **NCEA and Nebraska Extension Annual Awards Banquet Invitation to Attend November 12, 2015 in Kearney**

Allan Vyhnalek, NCEA President has invited NACEB members to be a part of the Fall Conference Annual Awards Banquet at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, Nebraska on November 12 starting at 6:30 p.m.CST. Cost per person is \$20 payable at the door to Nebraska Extension. Please let Linda Tempel ([ltempel1@unl.edu](mailto:ltempel1@unl.edu) or 402-472-3967) know by November 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend and your meal choice of either sirloin steak, grilled chicken breast or vegetarian.

## **NACEB DUES WERE DUE JULY 1, 2015.**

### **The following counties still owe dues:**

Box Butte, Sioux, Chase & Perkins, Furnas, Polk, and Thayer. Please send payment ASAP to NACEB Treasurer, Jo Bek, 39565 Hwy 23, Curtis, NE 69025. For questions or comments you can reach Jo by Email: [tbek1@unl.edu](mailto:tbek1@unl.edu); 308-367-5523.

## **NACEB Annual Meeting Important!!! Change of Date!!!**

**Save the Date, Mark your Calendars & Plan to Attend! Monday, February 8, 2016**

The Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

## **Tentative Agenda**

8:30-9:30	NACEB Board Meeting & orientation of board members
9:30	Registration
10:00	Extension & Legislative Updates
11:30	Greet Senators
12:00	Lunch with Senators
1:15	Awards Presentation
1:45	NACEB Business Meeting

## **NACEB Award Nominations**

Each year NACEB recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals and businesses at our Annual Meeting. Nominations were distributed at the Summer Meeting, by email and forms are posted on our website. Submissions can be made by Extension Boards, Educators, Specialists, Extension Administrators or the general public.

Award categories include:

- Young 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 did not receive the award previously. Submission deadline is November 30, 2015. All applications should be sent to Award Committee Chairperson, Scotty Andreasen, 45358 N. 390 Ave., Genoa, NE 68640-4069; [sdandre@nppd.com](mailto:sdandre@nppd.com); 402-948-0213.

***Congrats to the 2015/2016 NACEB Scholarship winners.*** They will be honored at the 2016 NACEB Annual Meeting/ Senator Luncheon in February at the Nebraska Club in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**\$500 Upper Classman Scholar Award:**  
**Emily Manning**, daughter of Leanne and Mark Manning from Crete, Nebraska. Emily is a senior at UNL majoring in Family and Consumer Science Education. She was active in 4-H for 12 years in Saline County. Emily plans to attend graduate school as she continues her passion for Extension.

**\$1000 Freshman Scholar Award:**  
**Savannah Schafer**, daughter of Craig and Stephanie Schafer of Nehawka, Nebraska. Savannah is a freshman at UNL majoring in Agricultural Education. Savannah chose this major because of her passion for agriculture and working with the younger generation. Her and her family have been active volunteers in Cass County, striving to make a difference and give back to their community.

**Congratulations to Emily and Savannah on their academic achievements!**

***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.