

## **NCOSAFP Annual Business Meeting Omaha, NE – September 14, 2011**

The annual business meeting of the National Council of State Ag Finance Program was called to order by Chairman Jeff Ward, Iowa at 8:30 a.m., September 14, 2011.

Member State Attendees were:

Jeff Ward, Iowa	Tammy Nebola, Iowa	Annette Townsley, Iowa
David Skinner, Georgia	Jacob Redmon, Georgia	Bill McCloskey, Kentucky
Cyndi Hall, Kentucky	Tony Stafford, Missouri	Gary Smith, Pennsylvania
Annette Curl, North Dakota	Teri LaBrie, South Dakota	Paula Gregg, South Dakota
Melanie Scott, Vermont	Sarah Isham, Vermont	Patricia Duffy, Vermont
Dudley Beyer, Nebraska	Wayne Nelson, Comm for AG	Ben Schierer, Comm for AG
Martin Matsen, Wyoming		

Non - Member Attendees were:

Zack and Alicia Hillier, Zack Hillier Farms, Kansas

Annual meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Ward from Iowa.

Minutes were distributed from the 2010 business meeting. Chairman Ward asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none the minutes were approved.

Tony Stafford, Missouri handed out the treasurer's report (attached). There is a total of Bill McCloskey, Kentucky and Teri LaBrie, South Dakota performed an audit of the books and found everything to be in order. Chairman Ward asked for any corrections or additions, hearing none the treasurer's report was approved.

Chairman Ward mentioned that 2012 NCOSAFP is planned to be in Kentucky. A site has not yet been identified. Des Moines, Iowa will be the site for 2013 which will be a combination of the NCOSAFP and Rural Rehab Conferences.

Chairman Ward talked about donating \$4,000 to Communicating for Ag, for overseas agricultural programs. Ben Schierer, Communicating for Agriculture Education Programs gave a brief presentation on how the money is being used. Chairman Ward asked for a motion. Annette Curl, North Dakota made a motion to approve, seconded by Tony Stafford, Missouri. Vote taken, all Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ward indicated a couple of legislative items being pursued:

- 1.) Change the verbiage of a First Time Farmer to include average size farm instead of median size farm.
- 2.) Remove or increase the dollar amounts listed as depreciable agricultural chattel property. (Verbiage for the change will be attached to the minutes.)

Recommended that the Council make a trip to Washington DC in the spring.

Chairman Ward handed out the steering committee term schedule which stated that North Carolina and Montana were up for re-election. Chairman Ward took nominations for Vermont and for Montana. Teri LaBrie made a motion to approve, seconded by David Skinner, Georgia. Vote taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Ward mentioned the ABA conference in Indianapolis, IN, November 6 - 9, 2010. Ward asked for anyone who would like to help with the booth at the conference to let him know. The council's membership includes 3 registrants however, if more would like to attend, please notify Chairman Ward.

The web site is updated every two years along with the new directory. If there are any changes that the states would like prior to that, please contact Annette Curl, North Dakota.

Chairman Ward thanked Dudley Beyer, Nebraska for a great conference.

Steering committee will meet on a conference call at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Annette Curl, ND, Secretary  
NCOSAFP Steering Committee