

NACTA June 2012 Reports

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NACTA Officers' Reports

NACTA President's Report – Jeannette A. Moore

One of the first responsibilities as the incoming President was to send letters of congratulations to award winners who were recognized at the annual conference, and to encourage them to stay active in NACTA.

As President, I made appointments for vacant Liaison and Committee Chair appointments. Prasanta Kalita rotated off after two terms as Teacher Recognition Chair, and Nick Fuhrman was appointed the new Chair. Foy Mills opted to end his longstanding term as CAPICU Liaison, and Al Conklin was appointed to that role. Kevin Bacon chose to not continue as AASCAR Liaison, and Billye Foster was appointed.

Jeff Hattey, who had just begun his second year as Southern Region Director, was promoted to Assistant Dean and relocated to The Ohio State University, which is outside the Southern Region. Jean Bertrand, Southern Region Director-Elect, agreed to start her term immediately following the Fall 2011 Executive Committee meeting in Minneapolis.

When I took office, only one future conference (2012) had been secured. With help and hard work from fellow officers, the 2013 (Virginia Tech/Rick Rudd), 2014 (Montana State University, Bozeman/Tracy Dougher), and 2016 (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada/Kent Mullinix) conferences have been planned. The 2015 conference site is not yet determined, but the University of Georgia is considering it (Jean Bertrand).

There were two minor changes to the Bylaws that needed to be enacted, and I worked with the Executive Committee to get those proposed changes in place. One edit was to change the Book Review & Instructional Media Committee to instead be a Host Committee Silent Auction Liaison. The other change was to put into the Bylaws that five years of future conferences would be listed on the NACTA website along with proposed dates and the name of a contact person.

The Executive Committee met in October to vote on the award nominations that were due October 1st, to plan for upcoming conferences, to vote on the bylaw changes mentioned above, and to take care of other business. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to discuss possible future directions of NACTA; we met three times during the spring via web conference call. Thanks to Rick Rudd, Jeff Hattey, Bonnie Walters, and Kirby Barrick for serving with me on the committee. Thanks to Rick and Marilyn Parker for hosting the first web conference and providing helpful information. Thanks to Jeff Hattey for hosting the third meeting and for compiling the report.

I look forward to being able to continue to serve NACTA as Past President, and I am confident the strong leadership team that is in place will continue to move NACTA forward in a positive direction.

Past President – Kirby Barrick

Distinguished Educators chosen were Dr. Foy Mills, Sam Houston State University, Texas and Dr. Ed Miller, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

President Elect – Rick Rudd

Wayne Banwart, University of Illinois, was selected to receive the Murray Brown Leadership Award

Secretary Report – Marilyn Parker

Membership records for NACTA are maintained in a Microsoft Excel file. This provides the least expensive and the most flexible recordkeeping system. The records include addresses, email addresses, year paid, membership type, and region. Records can be sorted and presented in a variety of ways and most NACTA members can be sent an email. Members continue to receive a unique membership number. Regional directors are supplied with lists of members in their regions twice a year or when requested.

A NACTA E-Newsletter is sent out several times during the year to update members and to keep email addresses current.

Membership notifications go out through email to individuals in the fall. If dues are not paid by the end of February of the next year, their name is taken off the mailing list. Members receive at least two personal reminders for membership renewal. Reminders also go out through the NACTA E-Newsletters. Payment can be taken by credit card or check. Credit card payments can be mailed or faxed. Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year payment option. Every renewing member receives an email thanking them for their renewal. The NACTA Secretary appreciates the involvement of the Membership director and the Regional directors to encourage renewals for general memberships.

Every new member receives a letter welcoming them into NACTA and their name is passed to the Regional Director and the Membership Director.

There are approximately 850 members of NACTA - which includes individuals, institutions, and libraries. There were 150 new Institutional Active/Active members for 2011. (This number includes 71 Institutional Active/Active members from the 2011 University of Alberta Conference of which only 7 renewed for 2012). There were 24 new graduate students and one new Life membership. Approximately 180 did not renew for 2011 - many of them long time members. Membership numbers are calculated after June conference and before fall renewals.

A number of universities/colleges promote NACTA memberships and pay for either a one or three-year membership for individuals. In addition, some schools' departments pay for some faculty NACTA memberships on a yearly basis. Those that have participated this past year are: Pennsylvania State University; Virginia Tech, Purdue University; University of Florida; University of Nebraska; University of Illinois; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Crowder College, Neosho, MO, North Carolina State University and Kansas State University. For the record, if you know of some that have been missed, please inform the Secretary.

Several institutions were/are very late, are still in the process of renewing or did not renew for 2012. If you are aware of Dean/leadership changes, the secretary would appreciate the updated information. Regional Directors were very helpful in obtaining some of the institutional membership renewals. We have two new schools due to the NACTA Judging contest – Butler Community College, El Dorado, Kansas and Ivy Tech Community College, Terre Haute, IN. There were several colleges that participated in the Judging contest but did not pay their Institutional membership. How can we make sure this requirement is carried out?

We have sixteen Canadian members plus 11 from the 2011 conference; five Canadian Institutions and three Canadian libraries. We have two foreign members, and three foreign libraries.

All member institutions received notification by email of their ability to present the Teaching Award of Merit Certificates and other advantages of Institutional membership. This year 37 Teaching Awards of Merit and 15 Graduate Student Awards of Merit were presented. This is a few more than last year. **How can we make them more aware of this award?** This information is available on the NACTA website. There were several current NACTA members that received this award.

Online voting was much more successful this year.

Action Item: Encouraging new memberships and retaining memberships is an ongoing theme. Why did 180 members not renew for 2012?

Treasurer Report – Marilyn Parker

Below is a profit and loss statement created by QuickBooks. The accounting firm of Mayes & Waters, in Rupert, Idaho, provided help in verifying the records. A detailed Profit & Loss statement is available for any NACTA member.

The membership dues are the major factor in keeping NACTA financially viable. In order to totally support the annual teaching awards, the current membership would need to double. The increase in dues in June 2007 put NACTA in the black in 2008-2009. One-time costs associated with the new NACTA website and the first annual hardcopy of the Journal put NACTA in the red for the 2009-2010 year. Website costs were down for 2010-2011. The \$8000 from Oklahoma State University donated to NACTA in October 2010 from hosting the NACTA 2009 conference, was placed into the NACTA UW Platteville Foundation account in September 2011. Additional money was spent on secretarial work to scan all historical individual membership and institution records.

To keep NACTA in the black, it is critical that current membership's levels be maintained or preferably increased. Also, we need to determine a way to make sure the schools/colleges that participate in the NACTA Judging contest pay their Institutional membership fees. There were seven participating institutions that did not pay which amounted to \$900.

The ending bank statement for the checking account for May 2012 is \$48,390.
(PDF of Disbursements attached separately)

Membership Director – Ron Hanson

A personal letter of invitation to join NACTA was sent to each of the 74 persons whose names were submitted at the 2011 NACTA Annual Business Meeting at the University of Alberta. A *Recruiting New Members Tip Sheet* has been developed and was approved by the NACTA Executive Committee at our NACTA Executive Committee Fall Meeting. Also an outline stating the *expected duties for the NACTA Regional Director position* was developed and was also approved at Fall NACTA Executive Committee Fall Meeting.

Dana Minihan at Kansas State University has made arrangements with a retailer to offer several new items of NACTA clothing attire for NACTA members. The selection of items will be limited (polo shirts for men and women, causal long sleeve shirts/blouses, a NACTA jacket, and NACTA caps). The new NACTA logo will be used on each item. A NACTA STORE link will be added to the NACTA website to view these items and to place an order. Dana is checking into the possibility that a certain amount of the revenue from the sale of these items could be directed to the NACTA Foundation. This could be accomplished by allowing the retailer to add a certain amount (i.e. \$5) to the cost of each item being purchased or the retailer giving NACTA a percentage of the sale receipts based on the amount of actual sales.

Dana has also expressed a strong interest in serving as co-director and assuming the leadership responsibilities to develop a public relations program to better promote NACTA to our members (as well as potential new members) and to gain more awareness/recognition for NACTA on our respective campuses.

A personal letter of appreciation will be sent to each college/school that paid for multiple NACTA memberships (faculty and graduate students) in 2012.

Journal Editor – Rick Parker

Submissions and Reviewers

Table 1 describes the NACTA manuscripts submitted, reviewed, accepted and rejected through FastTrack for the past six years.

Table 1. *NACTA Journal* Manuscripts Submitted and Accepted

| Year | Submitted | Accepted | Percent | Rejected | Percent |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 83 | 49 | 59% | 34 | 41% |
| 2010 | 73 | 54 | 74% | 19 | 26% |
| 2009 | 58 | 42 | 72% | 16 | 28% |
| 2008 | 48 | 30 | 63% | 18 | 37% |
| 2007 | 44 | 29 | 66% | 15 | 34% |
| 2006 | 41 | 30 | 73% | 11 | 23% |
| Average | 58 | 39 | 67% | 19 | 33% |

During the past six years, manuscript submissions doubled. Manuscript submissions for the past year were up by 10 manuscripts from the previous year. (Last year's submissions include four submissions that didn't fit in the Journal and were never pursued beyond being submitted.) With about 50 accepted manuscripts per year, each issue of the Journal contains 12 to 14 published manuscripts, a reprint from a past *Journal*, Teaching Tips/Notes, occasional book reviews. The NACTA Yesterday feature from the Historian has been discontinued.

Besides the manuscripts submitted through the NACTA FastTrack (<http://nacta.expressacademic.org/>) 17 Teaching Tips/Notes and five book reviews were submitted in 2011. These items are not peer reviewed. For 2012, 45 manuscripts have been submitted as of mid-June. The *NACTA Journal* Review Board in 2011 consisted of 45 reviewers from 35 different institutions. Reviewers with three-year terms ending the last day of June 2012 have all been notified. About 10 new reviewers will need to be solicited for the coming year.

The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site include: 467 total submissions in 6 years and 2 months; 6.2 submissions/month, 75.8 submissions/year (including book reviews and teaching tips/notes); 1061 reviews: 1 (0%) pending, 1045 (98%) completed, 6 (1%) expired and 37.3 average days in review.

2012 NACTA/DOCE: For this year's conference the Editor received and oversaw the review of 176 abstracts. (down from 185 in 2011 and 225 in 2010, but up from 170 in 2009 and 140 in 2008). Abstracts were electronically submitted to the website <http://nactaabs.expressacademic.org/>. Each abstract was assigned three reviewers. Based on the reviews abstracts were accepted as oral presentations, poster presentations, or rejected (8). The abstracts are published in a booklet for participants at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls Conference. They are also published online on the *NACTA Journal* website (NACTAteachers.org). Abstracts from this year can be cited as NACTA Journal vol. 56, supplement 1, page x and or abstract x.

Website and electronic publishing: All issues of the NACTA Journal are available on NACTAteachers.org. The most recent eight issues require a member login and password. Older issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available to anyone. An annual hard copy of the 2011 *Journal* was mailed to all members. Again, this year Sheridan Press in Hanover, PA printed and mailed the annual hard copy issue in January 2012 to all NACTA members with paid memberships for 2011.

The NACTAteachers.org website continues as a very valuable communication tool. The content is changed frequently. Statistics on use are gathered by Google Analytics. During the past year the NACTAteachers.org had 23,765 visits with 15,280 unique visitors and 3.1 page views per visit. Of the visitors 62% were new and 38% were returning. Based on "hits" the table below lists the most popular articles on the website:

| Most Popular Articles | Hits |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Teaching Awards | 10304 |
| Position Announcements | 10005 |
| NACTA Organization | 8146 |
| Upcoming NACTA Conferences | 6586 |
| NACTA Judging Conference | 6393 |
| About | 6013 |
| NACTA Membership | 5519 |
| 2012 Calendar | 5092 |
| Annual Reports | 3484 |
| 2010 State College, PA | 3213 |

Through the NACTAteachers website we can have award nominations submitted and reviewed. This seemed to work better this year; thanks to the work of Nick Fuhrman. One improvement for the submissions could be to require a photo and bio at the time of submission. This would expedite the preparation of the awards booklet for the conference.

NACTA is on Facebook and 195 people "Like" us. We have 89,763 friends of fans and during June 2012 our weekly reach ranged from 504 to 293. [Find us on Facebook](#). Leave us a comment on our "wall." Content is added on a regular basis.

NACTA Enewsletter: The Enewsletter is used less frequently. Hopefully more members are relying on the NACTA Facebook and the NACTAteachers.org website. Also three of the websites -- the abstract submission site, the manuscript submission site and the NACTAteachers.org have the ability to easily and quickly email all of the members. More use is being made of this feature.

New this year: Articles that won the Jack Everly, E.B. Knight and honorable mention Journal awards were printed in a handout to be distributed at the 2012 Conference. Also, in February 2012, all of the teaching tips/notes from 2007 to 2011 were assembled into one 68- page E-booklet and made available through the NACTAteachers.org website.

Recommendations:

- Find 10 new reviewers to join the *NACTA Journal* Review Board.
- Involve others in contributing to the NACTAteachers.org website
- Increase the use of the NACTA website by members.
- Invite submissions to the Teaching Tips/Notes section
- Make sure that 2012 presenters submit their poster or PowerPoint to our website.
- Ask award nominees to submit a bio and photo with their nomination.
- Increase the exposure of the NACTA Journal by "featuring" more of it in different ways on NACTAteachers.org and on the Facebook page.

Historian – Kevin Donnelly

I have completed most of the missing history of regional directors for NACTA who served prior to 2002. The first five years are still uncertain. Finding the history of the past host schools for the NACTA Judging Conference has been more challenging. I am getting Schowengerdt's first 25 years history from the Archives at Southeast Missouri State that will hopefully include more details for both early officers and the contests. It appears that the judging contests were held during the annual meetings in the early years, but I have not determined when they became independent. Attached are the lists showing missing data if anyone had information to help complete them.

Once completed, I hope to have these lists posted on the website, listed in the Journal, and filed in the permanent records. Through the banquet program, we have kept pretty good records of past presidents and award recipients. The NACTA Secretary has a record of past NACTA annual conference hosts, and will include that in the banquet program next year.

I selected "NACTA Reprint" articles for March and June NACTA Journal issues.

Missing NACTA Judging Conference History:

1959 – Berea College

1960 –]

1961 –

1962 – Fresno State (held during NACTA convention – results in May 1962 Journal) -

1963 (national conference was in Hays, KS)

1964 (national conference at Sam Houston)

1965 –

1966 –
 1967 –
 1968 –
 1970 –
 1971 – Tennessee Tech
 1972 –
 1973 – Abilene Christian University
 1974 –
 1975 – Illinois Central College
 1976 – West Texas State University
 1977 –
 1978 – University of Tennessee - Martin
 1979 – University of Minnesota - Crookston
 1980 – Ohio State University – ATI
 1981 – Fort Hays State University ??
 1982 – Texas Tech University
 1983 – Illinois State University
 1984 – Hawkeye Institute of Technology
 1985 – Western Kentucky University
 1986 –

Missing Regional Directors History:

| Year | Name | Year of Term | Region | University |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1955 | William F. Brazziel, Jr. | 1 | Central | Central State College (Ohio) |
| 1955 | | | Eastern | |
| 1955 | M. Hayne Folk | 1 | Southern | Louisiana Polytechnic Institute |
| 1955 | Guy Hayes | 1 | Western | McPherson College (Kansas) |
| 1956 | | ? | Central | |
| 1956 | Burton DeVeau | ? | Eastern | Ohio University |
| 1956 | | | Southern | |
| 1956 | | ? | Western | |
| 1957 | | ? | Central | |
| 1957 | H. O. Corbus | 1 | Eastern | Western Michigan University |
| 1957 | James D. Hamilton | 1 | Southern | Austin Peay State College (Tennessee) |
| 1957 | J. Wendell Stucki | 1 | Western | Ricks College (Idaho) |
| | G. Carl | | | |
| 1958 | Schowengerdt | 1 | Central | Southeast Missouri State College |
| 1958 | Burton DeVeau | ? | Eastern | Ohio University |
| 1958 | | ? | Southern | |
| 1958 | Laurie Pearson | 1 | Western | Ricks College (Idaho) |
| 1959 | | ? | Central | |
| 1959 | | ? | Eastern | |
| 1959 | | ? | Southern | |
| 1959 | | ? | Western | |

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| 1960 | | ? | Central | |
| 1960 | | ? | Eastern | |
| 1960 | | ? | Southern | |
| 1960 | | ? | Western | |
| 1961 | J. R. Wells | | 1 Central | ? |

Regional Directors' Reports

Canadian Region – Martin Zuidhof

Eastern Region – Tracy Hoover

As I receive electronic notices from the NACTA Secretary identifying new members, I send an email to each individual to thank and welcome them to NACTA. I also share the website as well as information on the 2012 Conference.

The Secretary also sends notice regarding renewed and non-renewed member, an initial notice and a 2nd reminder. Additionally, I sent an email to college leadership to ask them to consider renewing their institutional NACTA membership. The email message emphasized the benefits of NACTA membership and provided information on the summer conference.

In March, I attend the Winter Academic Programs Section meeting in Washington, D.C. I provided information on benefits of NACTA institutional membership and a copy of the Journal, Volume 55 to those who were interested.

Our Associate Dean's office provided NACTA memberships to new faculty/staff with a 25% + teaching appointment. We provide faculty and staff a stipend to attend the NACTA conference if a paper or poster is accepted. Additionally, teaching award recipients also have the option to receive a \$1000 stipend to attend the NACTA Conference or receive \$500 in their departmental allocation.

Central Region – Kevin Bacon

Western Region – Tracy Dougher

In August, 'Thank you for attending' letters were sent to all new NACTA conference, western region attendees.

Input was given on the "Tip Sheet" for recruiting new NACTA members.

In September, a verbal agreement was secured from the Montana State University College of Agriculture Dean, Jeff Jacobsen, to host the 2014 NACTA conference. Montana State University conference services have been contacted. It was determined that Wednesday June 25th - Sat June 28th, 2014 would be the most optimal and available dates for hosting. Conference rooms and dormitory space are being held for the conference.

In April, NACTA Secretary, Marilyn Parker, forwarded information on non-renewing members and institutions from the region. 1 institution and 6 individuals had not renewed, but 3 individuals renewed due to Marilyn's prompting. No other action was taken at this time.

In June, a letter of proposal was forwarded to the NACTA president regarding Montana State University hosting of the 2014 NACTA annual meeting.

Southern Region – Jean Bertrand

Jean Bertrand (Southern Regional Director-elect) was asked to assume the Southern Regional Director position as Jeff Hattey had moved out of the region. She agreed. Her term as Regional Director will go until June 2014.

Welcome letters to new members have been sent from Marilyn and me. Seven individuals from the Southern region joined as new members for the annual conference. This includes:

| | | |
|-----------|--------|--|
| Wright | Amy | Auburn University |
| Stallmann | Judith | University of Missouri |
| Hodges | Nancy | UNCG-Consumer, Apparel, & Retail Studies |
| Faulkner | Paula | North Carolina A & T State University |
| Pinto | Elsa | University of Puerto Rico |
| Nahashon | Samuel | Tennessee State University |
| Parrott | Scott | University of Tennessee at Martin |

The following individuals from the Southern region joined NACTA since the annual meeting in June.

- Dr. Daniel Poole, Dept. of Animal Sci., NCSU, Institutional Active
- Dr. Carrie Pickworth Poole, Dept. of Animal Sci., NCSU, Institutional Active
- Heather Glennon, Graduate Student, NCSU
- William Farmer, Graduate Student, NCSU

The University of Georgia is preparing to sign a contract with the University of Georgia Hotel and Conference Center to host the 2015 Annual NACTA meeting from June 16 to June 20, 2015. This contract will be reviewed at this Executive Committee meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

2012 Conference Program & Host Site – Bonnie Walters / Tim Buttles

Registration – current numbers are about 230. Numbers are somewhat lower because of decrease in DOCE participation.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| NACTA member (early) | 117 |
| NACTA member | 10 |
| Non-NACTA member (early) | 35 |
| Non-NACTA member | 8 |
| Student non-NACTA member | 21 |
| Student NACTA member | 22 |
| UWRF NACTA member | 3 |
| UWRF Non-NACTA member | 11 |

- Tours – All tours will be provided even with low numbers for two of them. We decreased size of transportation in order to provide all tours.
- Catering – Wednesday Lunch Italian buffet, Thursday box lunches, Friday chicken fajita buffet.
- Banquet – salads will be served, buffet main course, desserts will be preset on tables.
- Welcome Reception – Passport through CAFES (College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences)
- Blue Ribbon Presentation will be on Wednesday and Keynote Address will be on Thursday to accommodate Keynote Panel members.
- Workshops – Accommodate NACTA International Committee, A submitted abstract that was requested as a workshop, Smart board use and technology, Entering Academia for Graduate students.
- Scientific Presentations – About 95 poster and 75 oral presentations

Everything seems to be falling into place.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Walters, 2012 NACTA Conference Chair

2013 Conference Program & Host Site – Rick Rudd

Dr. Pavli Mykerezi is the chair of the Virginia Tech planning committee. He will be presenting a DVD at the Business Meeting for the 2013 conference.

2014 Conference Program – Tracy Dougher

A letter has been received from Montana State University, Dean Jeff Jacobsen, College of Agriculture, indicating interest in hosting the 2014 NACTA Conference.

Journal Awards – Neil Douglas

The Journal Award Committee has again completed its task of reviewing and selecting articles for recognition at the 2011 annual conference. Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to all active committee members for their dedication to reviewing and selecting winners from all the articles in each issue. We continue to employ a two ballot system introduced in 2005 to allow participation of all committee members in all stages of the selection process and to increase the effectiveness of our selection process. Initial ballots were sent to committee members in mid-February resulting in 7 of the 53 articles (13.2%) ranked as first by participating committee members. Six of the 53 articles from the 2011 issues were then selected as finalists to appear on the second ballot issued in late March. Award winners were notified via letters sent out the first week of April.

This will be the second year for the new and popular *Top Teaching Tip Award* since the executive committee charged our committee to create it at the 2010 meeting held in State College, PA. This award continues to showcase outstanding strategies or ideas that positively contribute to the increasing body of literature in support of successful and dynamic teaching. We would like to continue to recognize these contributions. Again, the committee would also like to thank Ron Hansen for his motion to create this highly desired new award.

Five new members were added to the committee in 2011 and we are thankful for their participation. As during the previous year, twelve of the 20 total members submitted ballots. As usual, we are continuing to actively recruit new members in an effort to broaden, renew, and expand the committee's ability to recognize and promote the scholarship of teaching excellence. Below is the list of participating committee members for 2011.

Journal Award Committee Members that selected journal award winners:

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|--------------------|--|
| Allen, Crystal | University of Illinois |
| Bacon, Kevin | Western Illinois University |
| Cooke, James C. | Abilene Christian University |
| Douglas, Neil | Berea College |
| Gilbert, Rodney | Delaware Valley College |
| Logan, JoAnne | University of Tennessee, Knoxville |
| Maiga, Harouna | University of Minnesota, Crookston |
| Marsh, Lurline | University of Maryland, Eastern Shores |
| Olexa, Michael | University of Florida |
| Stark, Robert | University of Arkansas at Monticello |
| Stephenson, Robert | Fort Hays State University |
| Westrom Lyle | University of Minnesota, Crookston |

The committee would also like to express its gratitude to Editor Rick Parker for his expertise and diligence in selecting articles for the 2011 NACTA Journal. Once more, these selections have continued to inspire and promote excellence in teaching.

The number of articles continues to increase with each year and we applaud these authors, so dedicated to forwarding this field, for their hard work. However, it is becoming more difficult to complete our task with the increased volume of papers to be reviewed. Editor Parker and I have discussed limiting the number of papers to approximately five from each issue for review by our committee. The papers would be “flagged” as candidates for journal awards by the editorial team and forwarded to the Journal Awards Committee chair. If approved by the Journal Awards Committee, we would expect the selection process to move more effectively and efficiently by providing a more manageable pool of articles from which to choose winners.

In closing, the committee chair would also like to express appreciation to the NACTA Secretary for her diligent support of our committee and its goals.

The Journal Award Committee selected the following articles and teaching tip/note for recognition:

E.B. Knight

Explaining Student Cognition during Class Sessions in the Context of Piaget’s Theory of Cognitive Development, 55(1)68-75, John C. Ewing, Daniel D. Foster and M. Susie Whittington.

Jack Everly

Undergraduate Student’s Use of Time in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University, 5(4)45-52, Krishna M. Shrestha, Murari Suvedi, and Eunice F. Foster.

Certificate of Honorable Mention

Quantifying the Critical Thinking Skills of Students Who Receive Instruction in Meat-Animal or Meat Product Evaluation, 55(1):50-54, C.C. Miller, C. C. Carr, J.H. Brendemuhl, J. C. Ricketts, B.E. Mers and T.G. Roberts.

Top Teaching Tip/Note Certificate

Preparing Effective Demonstrations for the Classroom and Laboratory, 55(2)92-93, Edward Franklin.

Educational Issues & Teaching Improvement – Ann Marie VanDerZanden (Kimberly Moore, incoming chair, will be presenting)

The EITI committee was updated in June 2011 and includes 11 members, each assigned to a 3-year, 2-year or single year term. The committee has representation from 9 different universities and 9 different agriculture related disciplines.

Kimberly Moore chaired the annual meeting and the following people attended the EITI committee meeting on June 17, 2011 at the annual conference at the University of Alberta:

Committee members: Kimberly Moore, substituting as Committee Chair; Peg McMahon, Tom Paulsen, Ed Brokaw, Tom Broyles, Lee Wood

Guests: Chelsea Geiger, Kelsey Reimer, Merv Pritchard, Carol Speth,

The committee suggested 5 potential speakers for the 2012 Blue Ribbon presentation. VanDerZanden secured Bonnie Walters as the Blue Ribbon Speaker for the 2012 meeting. One suggestion from the group was that the current year's recipient of the award should give the Blue Ribbon talk the following year. However, the group raised concerns that NACTA might be limiting itself to the list of NACTA Teaching of Excellence Award winners.

The committee discussed issues associated with the 2012 in Wisconsin River Falls including the following suggestions:

1. Workshop ideas for 2012
 - a. Teaching portfolios
 - b. What is the scholarship of teaching and learning?
 - c. Assessment in group projects – team member contributions
 - d. Recruitment and retentions – getting students excited about careers in agriculture fields
2. Good of the Order suggestions
 - a. Open discussions – the group suggested having 3 to 4 rooms available either before or after lunch for small group discussions. The group suggested that discussions are better before or after lunch – not during lunch.
 - b. The following topics would be in the center of the room. Each person would have candy to vote for the topics they would like to discuss. Cups by each topic would hold the candy. The cup/topic with the most votes would be openly discussed in the room. If time permits – additional topics could be discussed.
 - i. Teaching tips
 - ii. Recruitment
 - iii. Retention
 - iv. Assessment
 - v. P&T
 - vi. Distance education/ technology in the classroom
 - vii. Write in topic
 - c. Suggestion for oral presentation for future meetings
 - i. Limit the number of oral presentations to 3 presentations per hour (20 minutes- 10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion)
 - ii. The committee would like to see more discussion and Q&A
 - iii. The moderator for each oral session should be prepared to start the discussion and pose questions if there are none from the audience
 - iv. The committee would like to see high quality oral presentations with more time for discussions
 - d. The committee liked the longer format for the posters. The committee would like to see a room with better acoustics for future poster sessions
3. Other business
 - a. This committee suggested the host school for the following year should attend the EITI meeting to get ideas.
4. New chair starting 2012 – the group suggested Kimberly Moore chair the committee, she accepted and the group agreed.
5. The EITI committee will meet Friday June 29th during the committee meeting time. A reminder email was sent to current committee members and interested faculty to encourage them to attend the upcoming committee meeting.

Teacher Recognition – Nick Fuhrman

The Teacher Recognition Committee had their annual meeting on June 17, 2011 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Nine individuals attended the meeting (highlighted in the table below), including two new members. Nick Fuhrman, assistant professor at the University of Georgia, was elected to serve as the new Committee Chair, filling the role previously held by the much appreciated Prasanta Kalita. As presented in the table below, the committee is now comprised of 37 members.

Highlights of the meeting included the following (TR committee action items are in **bold**):

- ❖ Although some glitches were found with the online submission/review process (e.g., signing in and getting logged in), the system is working well. We greatly appreciate Dr. Kalita's leadership in developing this! **The online submission process will be strengthened with additional information on file size limits and how to scan files in for review. Maximum file size information will be added to the website.**
- ❖ Graduate student teaching award submissions and John Deere award submissions were lower this year. Nine out of 11 graduate student submissions were awarded. **Faculty will be encouraged to nominate graduate students via the NACTA e-newsletter.**
- ❖ Nineteen Teacher Fellows were awarded. **Additional nominations will be encouraged from the Western Region and Canada where submissions were lower.**
- ❖ Inconsistencies were discussed between the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit checklist and the required documents list. **Consistencies will be reviewed and improved between these two documents for all awards.**
- ❖ A suggestion was made to keep Regional Directors more “in the loop” on members who have received awards in their region and who are eligible to receive awards. **Those who have received awards from each region will be shared with Regional Directors. Regional Directors will be encouraged to nominate members from their region.**
- ❖ A suggestion was made to develop more rigorous guidelines for reviewing award packets. The committee decided that **three reviewers will review each award and scores below “X” (still to be determined) or if 2 out of 3 reviewers vote “no” that an award would be denied. In addition, more senior level Teacher Recognition Committee members will be assigned higher level award packets to review.**

2011/2012 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee Members

| Member | University | Member | University |
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| Nick Fuhrman, Chair* | Univ. of Georgia | Mickey Latour | Purdue Univ. |
| Grace Armah-Agyeman* | SW Minn. State Univ. | Lurline E. Marsh* | Univ. of MD Eastern Shore |
| Kirby Barrick* | Univ. of Florida | Ed Miller | Oklahoma State Univ. |
| W. Stephen Damron | Oklahoma State Univ. | Foy Mills | Abilene Christian Univ. |
| Sam Doak* | Virginia Tech | Jeannette Moore | North Carolina State Univ. |
| Kevin Donnelly* | Kansas State Univ. | Michael D. Mullen | University of Kentucky |
| Fred Fairchild | Kansas State Univ. | Tory Parker | Brigham Young Univ. |

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| Harry Field | Oklahoma State Univ. | Greg Pillar | Queens Univ. |
| Jean Gleichsner | Fort Hays State Univ. | Bryan Reiling | Univ. of Nebraska |
| Kelsey Hall | Texas Tech Univ. | Herman A. Sampson | North Carolina State Univ. |
| Lynn Hamilton | Calif. Poly State Univ. | Shelly R. Sitton | Oklahoma State Univ. |
| Alan Hansen | Univ. of Illinois | Robert J. Stephenson | Fort Hays State Univ. |
| Ronald J. Hanson | Univ. of Nebraska – Lincoln | Kirk Swortzel | Mississippi State Univ. |
| Jennifer Henke | Univ. of California | Elaine Turner | Univ. of Florida |
| Robin Peter Horstmeier | Univ. of Missouri | Bonnie Walters* | Univ. of Wisc. – River Falls |
| Dann Husmann | Univ. of Nebraska – Lincoln | Wendy Warner | North Carolina State Univ. |
| Donald M. Johnson | Univ. of Arkansas | Jerry Williams | Virginia Tech |
| Prasanta Kalita* | Univ. of Illinois | Dean Winward* | Southern Utah Univ. |
| Thomas Kuzmic | Oklahoma State Univ. | | |

Note. * attended 2011 committee meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

International Committee – Mark Russell / Chris Morgan

The International Committee held its first NACTA Conference workshop in 2011 “Developing the Global Citizen” with 18 in attendance and great discussion about conducting international study abroad experiences for our students. Committee follow-up discussion about a special edition of the NACTA Journal inviting paper submissions on international topics was well received as was the idea of adding an International Programs button to the NACTA website. Neither of these projects progressed in 2011 and both are on the agenda for 2012 actions. The Committee is conducting its second workshop at the 2012 Conference titled “Internationalizing the Curriculum” to focus panel discussions on examples of bringing the international perspective into the campus experiences for students without traveling abroad.

Committee chair, Mark Russell, intends to resign as chairman at the end of this conference as he is now the Eastern Regional Vice President, and recommends that current co-chair, Dr. Chris Morgan, UGA, be appointed to complete his term. Chris has contributed much of the leadership to rejuvenate this committee and will do an excellent job as chairman.

Liaison Reports

Silent Auction Liaison – Greg Pillar

The Silent Auction Conference 2011 book sales from the University of Alberta brought in \$840 (this amount includes the books brought home from the conference and sold online).

There will be a minimum bid of \$5.00 for each book (this was determined /voted on by the NACTA leadership).

Greg spoke with the Cengage rep and they are giving us two copies of every book this year for the auction.

Greg will not be at the conference this year but is planning to be at the Virginia Tech conference. He has asked Bonnie Walters to help with the bid sheets and we will need help with the actual sales.

Delta Tau Alpha – Jean Gleichsner

Greetings to the Executive Committee and members of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, I am pleased to report on the activities of DTA over the past year. Total historical membership is almost 16,000.

National DTA Website. Information about DTA can be found at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/agriculture/natdta>.

53rd Annual National Convention Highlights. The National Convention was hosted by University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO on April 5-7, 2012. A special thank you goes to the members and advisors of the University of Central Missouri DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

- Twelve chapters attended the national convention.
- New officers were elected. The officers for 2012-2013 are:
 - ✓ President: Casteel Kirk, Missouri State University
 - ✓ VP-Eastern: Katie Dickson, Tennessee Tech University
 - ✓ VP-Midwest: Eric Schneider, Northwest Missouri State University
 - ✓ VP-Southern: Chanel Ingram, University of Louisiana - Monroe
 - ✓ Secretary: Justice Adams-Courtney, Middle Tennessee State University
 - ✓ Parliamentarian: Gabriella Starr, Middle Tennessee State University
 - ✓ National Advisor: Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University (2nd year of a two-year term)
 - ✓ National Treasurer: Dr. James Casey, University of Louisiana - Monroe (elected to 1st year of a two-year term)
- Arkansas State University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and Missouri State University was second.
- Fort Hays State University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter. Honorable mention went to Eastern Kentucky University and Arkansas State University.
- The University of Louisiana - Monroe won the Highest % Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to Tennessee Tech University and Arkansas State University.
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Future Conventions

The convention normally rotates among the three regions. Bids have been accepted through 2014.

2013 (Southern) – University of Louisiana – Monroe.

2014 (Eastern) – Tennessee Tech University.

Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). ACHS has created a national project as a way to achieve a long-standing goal of the organization: to increase the visibility of both ACHS and its member societies in the higher education community. The ACHS National Project is on social responsibility. As a member society, DTA Chapters are encouraged to participate in the

national project. Ideas for projects are available at the ACHS web site (a link to the ACHS web site may be found at the DTA web site).

National Faculty Officer. The term for National DTA Advisor will expire in 2013. Dr. Jean Gleichsner is willing to serve another term pending appointment by the NACTA President.

NACTA Judging Conference – Lyle Westrom

The 2012 NACTA Judging Conference was held at Coffeyville Community College, Coffeyville, Kansas on April 12-14, 2012. Competitions were held in 13 contest areas with 876 students competing. Nineteen four-year division schools competed and 21 two-year division schools competed. The four-year division sweepstakes was won by Northwest Missouri State University while the two-year division was won by Butler Community College.

Derek Dick from Coffeyville Community College chaired the business meeting with Terrill Bradford from the University of Minnesota Crookston serving as Secretary. Derek Dick was elected to another two year term. Coffeyville Community College announced it will donate \$1000 to the Coaches Fund award. A storm that passed through the area sent many teams home early and others were forced to wait until the storm passed. Needless to say it created an extra challenge the last day of contests and the evening of the banquet.

A motion of commendation was made to present at the banquet to express appreciation to Derek Dick and all workers for their hospitality and excellent set of contests. Given the storm, it is desired we re-express that appreciation in this liaison report as justice may not have been given to Coffeyville Community College given the weather that challenged the events on Saturday.

The 2013 NACTA Judging competition will be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas on April 3-5 2013. The host school will not let schools register next year if their Institutional dues are not paid.

Future sites include:

2014 –Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO

2015 – Blackhawk University, Galva, IL

APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) – Jean Bertrand

The Academic Program Section of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities held a teaching summit from June 17-19, 2012 in Loveland, Colorado. The theme of the program was “Creating Change: Enabling Excellence in Teaching and Advising.” The following sessions were held:

- Survey of our Colleges’ Teaching Culture, John Foltz and Jeremy Falk, U of ID
- Shaping a Culture of Teaching and Advising on University Campuses, Dale Whittaker, Purdue
- Breaking the Barriers to Excellence in Teaching and Advising, Tracy Hoover, Penn State

- Using Science to Teach Science, Carl Wieman, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Teaching, Advising, and Learning in Challenging Economic Times, Marlene Strathe, Oklahoma State
- Breakout sessions on Strategic Partnerships
- Measuring the Impact of Teaching, Timothy P. Nadreau, EMSI
- Panel discussion on Thriving as a Teacher in a Research-Oriented Culture
- Marketing the Value of Teaching on Campus and Elsewhere, Cameron Faustman, U of CT

While not an APLU event, a national teaching conference “Teaching and Learning in the Animal Sciences – Challenging Old Assumptions and Breaking New Ground for the 21st Century” was held in Madison, WI from June 19-22, 2012. This conference was funded by a grant from the USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant Program. The organizing committee was Dr. Michel Wattiaux, UW-Madison (Co-chair), Dr. Jean Bertrand, U of GA (Co-chair), Sandy Bertics, UW-Madison, Dr. Dave Buchanan, NDSU, Dr. Hasan Khatib, UW-Madison, Dr. Larry Miller, ADSA Discover Conferences, Dr. David Thomas, UW-Madison, Molly Kelley, ASDA Discover Conferences. The format of the program was a speech following by break-out sessions with reports back to the entire group. Topics and speakers were:

- The changing landscape of undergraduate education – the curriculum and the instructors, Dr. Ronnie Green, U of NE
- The changing landscape of undergraduate education – the students – Ken Esbenshade, NCSU
- Creating an effective teaching and learning environment, Frank Robinson, U of Alberta
- Fostering scholarship and a new teaching and learning “culture,” Nancy Irlbeck, CO State
- Providing incentives, recognizing and promoting effective teaching among current and future instructors, Michel Wattiaux, UW-Madison

AASCARR (American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture & Renewable Resources) – Billye Foster

New NACTA Liaison Appointed

Last fall I agreed to serve as liaison for AASCARR and NACTA. While it is true, after spending 15 years at the University of Arizona, I do speak “land-grant,” I am still learning to speak “state college!” I do believe the one thing mandatory for the success of us all is to keep the channels of communication open.

I was unable to attend the annual AASCARR meeting in the fall of 2011, but I am on the list-serve and hope to continue to learn more about the institutions represented through this organization. I see my new role as simply a communication vehicle. I will do my utmost to convey the visions and concerns of AASCARR to the appropriate sources when requested. You can reach me via email at bfoster@tntech.edu or at billyef@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting each of you during my time as liaison.

Current AASCARR Member Institutions:

In mid-March, Bill Richardson (FAEIS) provided a current list of membership institutions offering bachelors & masters' degrees in Agriculture & Renewable Resources (including Forestry)

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Angelo State University
Arizona State Univ. Tempe/Polytechnic Campus
Arkansas State University
Arkansas Tech University
Austin Peay State University
California Poly State Univ., San Luis Obispo
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University-Chico
California State University-Fresno
California State University-Stanislaus
Cameron University
Chadron State College
Dickinson State University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eastern New Mexico University
Fort Hays State University
Framingham State College
Humboldt State University
Illinois State University
Louisiana Tech University
Michigan Technological University
McNeese State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Minnesota State University-Mankato
Missouri State University
Montana State University-Northern
Morehead State University
Morrisville State College
Murray State University
New Mexico Highlands University
Nicholls State University
Northern Arizona University
Northwest Missouri State University
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
SUNY at Cobleskill
SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
Sam Houston State University
Southeast Missouri State University

Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern Arkansas University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Utah University
Southwest Minnesota State University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Sul Ross State University
Tarleton State University
Temple University
Tennessee Technological University
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Texas State University-San Marcos
Texas Tech University
Truman State University
University of Arkansas at Monticello
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Central Missouri
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
University of Hawaii at Hilo
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Minnesota-Crookston
University of Montana-Missoula
University of Montana Western
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Tennessee- Martin
University of Washington-Seattle
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
West Texas A & M University
Western Illinois University
Western Kentucky University

CAPICU (Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges & Universities) –

Al Conklin from Wilmington College in Ohio was appointed as CAPICU Liaison in 2011 when Foy Mills stepped down. Al recently announced that he will not be continuing, and the position is vacant. The CAPICU institutions are:

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| CAPICU |
| Abilene Christian University |
| Andrews University |
| Berea College |
| Berry College |
| Delaware Valley College |
| Dordt College |
| Ferrum College |
| Florida Southern College |
| Lubbock Christian University |
| McPherson College |
| Wilmington College |
| Non-CAPICU |
| Brigham Young University |
| College of the Ozarks |
| MidAmerica Nazarene University |

CFAVM (Canadian Faculties of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine) and CADAP (Canadian Association of Diploma In Agriculture Programs) – Kent Mullinix

Nothing to report at this time. No response to his queries to the directors. Efforts need to be renewed.

Foundation Report – Marilyn Parker, Kirby Barrick, Tom Lindahl

Individual donations to NACTA Foundation at DL Evans Savings (Rupert, Idaho) were:

- * \$1,000, June 2011
- * \$500 Oct 2011
- * \$250 Dec 2011
- * \$1000 December 2011, for NACTA Judging contest
- * \$100 March 2012, for NACTA Judging contest
- * Donation of \$5 per member to Savings - \$3175
- * Awards monies from Savings to checking - \$4000

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| Beginning balance June 30, 2011 | \$11,683.99 |
| Ending Balance May 31, 2012 | \$12,716.88 |

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville NACTA Foundation numbers are blow:

**NACTA Development Fund
Univ WI- Platteville Foundation
Report dated September 2012**

| Fund component ending balances: | FY 2013 Q1 | FY 2012 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Spendable (available to spend) 02 | 12,150.71 | 9,685.02 |
| Endowed (perm restricted/principal) 03 | 101,251.64 | 101,251.64 |
| Life-to-date Net Market (Loss) 04 | (12,378.48) | (12,503.81) |
| Net Market Gain/(Loss) for Current Year consists of: | | |
| Market Gain/(Loss) | 4,524.97 | (4,707.43) |
| Allocation to Spendable 7/1/12 | (2,465.69) | (1,468.36) |
| Allocation of Gen & Admin Fee | (1,933.95) | (1,773.95) |
| Net Market Gain/(Loss) per year | 125.33 | (7,949.74) |

Ad Hoc Committee Report for the Planning of Leadership Transition

Committee Members: Jeannette Moore, Rick Rudd, Kirby Barrick, Rick Parker, Marilyn Parker, Bonnie Walters, Jeff Hattey

An Ad Hoc Committee at the fall NACTA Executive Committee meeting following a discussion with Rick and Marilyn Parker indicating they may retire as NACTA Journal Editor, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer, and NACTA Foundation Treasurer at some future date. To ensure a seamless transition the committee was charged with creating a duty list associated with positions of NACTA Journal Editor, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer; and NACTA Foundation Treasurer and recommend future options for providing these services to the NACTA membership.

The committee, with significant input from Rick and Marilyn Parker, compiled a list of duties associated with these respective roles within NACTA and the NACTA Foundation. (Those duties provided as requested.) The committee also discussed selection of current NACTA members or a third party to provide these services. Based on identified duties, the committee recommends:

Existing NACTA standing committees evaluate the committee's capacity to fulfill some duties currently associated with the NACTA Journal Editor and NACTA Secretary/Treasurer positions.

NACTA President appoints a committee to write a request for proposals for a third party to provide executive management services to NACTA members, the NACTA Journal, and the NACTA foundation. This committee would solicit and evaluate bids for NACTA and the NACTA Foundation and make recommendations to the NACTA membership for consideration.