

# NACTA June 2013 Reports

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## **NACTA Officer and Officer-Chaired Standing Committee Reports**

### **President - Rick Rudd**

### **Immediate Past President - Jeannette Moore**

One of the duties of the Immediate Past President is to work with the other two most recent presidents to secure names for officer elections. Other current NACTA officers provided input at the June conference, and I was able to speak with several potential candidates while still at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. Kirby Barrick, Mike Mullen, and I communicated via email in fall 2012 to finish the ballot slate. The nominees approved by the Executive Committee in October were:

#### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

- Tracy Dougher, Montana State University, Bozeman MT
- Bonnie Walters, University of Wisconsin, River Falls WI

#### **EASTERN REGION DIRECTOR-ELECT**

- Lurline Marsh, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne MD
- Kimberly Bellah, Murray State University, Murray, KY

#### **WESTERN REGION DIRECTOR-ELECT**

- Bill Hoch, Montana State University, Bozeman MT

#### **SOUTHERN REGION DIRECTOR-ELECT**

- David Jones, North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC

- Ed Brokaw, Abilene Christian University, Abilene TX

Mike Mullen, Kirby Barrick, and I discussed the difficulty NACTA always has in securing nominees for regions with few NACTA members. In discussion, all three of us recommend that NACTA re-consider the regional boundaries to try to make the membership from each region be more equal.

The second main duty of the Immediate Past President is to receive the Distinguished Educator award nominations. One nomination was received (for Ron Hanson) and was approved at the October 19, 2012 Executive Committee meeting.

## **President - Elect - Jeff Hattey**

Dr Jim McKenna's name was approved for 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 using the administrative side of NACTA allows for more flexibility. 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. Payment can be taken by credit card on the NACTA membership website with PayPal, or mailing, faxing or calling the NACTA Secretary. Checks can also be taken. We also now have the ability to bill and receive payments through Quickbooks (Intuit). Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year payment option. Every renewing member receives an email thanking them for their renewal. Every new member receives a letter welcoming them into NACTA and their name is passed to the Regional Director and Membership Director. The NACTA Secretary appreciates the involvement of the Membership director and the Regional directors to encourage renewals for general memberships.

There are approximately 780 members of NACTA – paid for 2013 - which includes individuals, institutions, and libraries. This includes 57 graduate students, five new Life members, and 58 new members from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls conference. About a dozen of those have renewed for 2013. In total, we have about 200 new members this year but approximately 200 did not renew for 2013 - many of them long time NACTA members.

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: Texas A&M University, Commerce, Pennsylvania State University; Redlands Community College, OK, University of Illinois, Virginia Tech, Purdue University; University of Florida;

University of Nebraska; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. For the record, if you know of some that have been missed, please inform the Secretary.

We have three new Institutions – North Carolina A&T University, University of Alaska, Southeast and York Technical Institute, York PA. There were several smaller institutions that did not renew for 2013. We have not been able to obtain renewals for Oregon State University, Arizona State University and Eastern Kentucky University. If you are aware of Dean/leadership changes, the secretary would appreciate the updated information.

We have three new schools due to the NACTA Judging contest – Garden City Community College, KS, Houston Community College, TX and Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell. There were fewer colleges that did not pay their Institutional memberships this year in connection with the Judging Conference. Derek Dick has been very good to follow through with reminding these schools about payments to NACTA.

We have six Canadian members, six Canadian Institutions and two 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 50 Teaching Awards of Merit and 13 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 not as successful this year.

Action Item: Encouraging new memberships and retaining memberships is an ongoing theme. Why did 200 members not renew for 2013?

## **Treasurer Report – Marilyn Parker**

Below is a profit and loss statement created by QuickBooks. The accounting firm of Anderson, Arritt, Robins & Waters, in Burley, Idaho, conducted a compilation of the financial records of NACTA to verify 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. Increases were in Conference income from the silent book auction, royalties and manuscript page charges.

Additional monies have been spent for secretarial help for Journal, conference preparation, website up keep and accountant help. Scanning of all historical records and memberships continues.

Registration for the pre-conference event brought in approximately \$3225 but the costs were \$3762.25. NACTA lost \$537.25 but it was successful in terms of attendance.

*To keep NACTA in the black, it is critical that current membership's levels be maintained or preferably increased.*

The bank statement for the checking account ending in May 2013 is \$52,022.  
(PDF of Disbursements attached separately)

## **Membership Director's Report – Ron Hanson**

No progress has been made in offering selected NACTA clothing apparel items on the NACTA website using a NACTA STORE link. The retailer previously working with Dana Miniham is not willing to allocate \$5 from each purchase by a NACTA member to the NACTA Foundation. The retailer reports that this is too much of an accounting headache and wishes to no longer be involved in this project. A couple of follow up inquiries by Dana to other retailers yielded the same response. The Executive Committee has the following three options to consider: (Option #1) continuing searching for a clothing apparel retailer who will offer a limited selection of NACTA clothing items and is willing to allocate \$5 from each purchase to the NACTA Foundation; (Option #2) drop the idea of requiring that \$5 for each NACTA purchase being allocated to the NACTA Foundation; and (Option #3) no longer pursue the idea of the NACTA STORE link on the NACTA website for new clothing apparel items.

There was a great response from the NACTA membership to my personal email request for volunteers to serve as a NACTA Campus Ambassador for their respective campus and to also serve as a member of the NACTA Membership and Public Relations Committee. The names of each Campus Ambassador will be shared with the NACTA Regional Directors. This should provide an opportunity to create more awareness of NACTA as well as increased participation in NACTA activities on some campuses that have not been very involved in the past.

A personal letter of appreciation will be sent later this summer to each college/school that paid for multiple NACTA memberships (faculty and graduate students) in 2013.

## **Editor's Report/Publications Committee Report – Rick Parker**

Submissions and Reviewers: Table 1 shows the number of *NACTA Journal* manuscripts submitted, reviewed, accepted and rejected through FastTrack for the past seven years.

Table 1. *NACTA Journal* Manuscripts Submitted and Accepted

<b>Year</b>	<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Percent</b>
2012	82	54	66%	28	34%
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	27%
Average	61	41	67%	20	33%

During the past seven years, manuscript submissions doubled. 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.

Besides the manuscripts submitted through the NACTA FastTrack (<http://nacta.expressacademic.org/>), 13 Teaching Tips/Notes and three book reviews were submitted in 2012. These items are not peer reviewed. For 2013, 58 manuscripts have been submitted as of mid-June and 27 of these are for the special September 2013 issue, "Globalization: Implications for teaching and learning in post-secondary agricultural education."

Issue themes and deadlines were announced for 2014 NACTA Journal (<http://www.nactateachers.org/announcements/2058-themes-for-the-2014-nacta-journal-.html>)

The *NACTA Journal* Editorial Board in 2012 consisted of 47 reviewers from 35 different institutions. Reviewers with three-year terms ending the last day of June 2013 have all been notified. In April 2013, a request for new members of the Editorial Board was sent to all individuals using the NACTA FastTrack submission site. Twenty-three new members from 11 new institutions were added to the Editorial Board. With some loss due to long service and inactive service, 65 members will serve on the 2013 Editorial Board. This will help with the increased manuscripts to review and the abstract reviews.

The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site include: 593 total submissions in 7 years and 1 month; 6.8 submissions/month, 83.1 submissions/year (including book reviews and teaching tips/notes); 1363 reviews: 48 pending, 1299 completed and 36 average days in review.

For the 2013 NACTA Conference, the Editor received and oversaw the review of 275 abstracts - about 100 more than any previous year (176 in 2012, 185 in 2011 and 225 in 2010, 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. The abstracts are published in a booklet for participants at the Virginia Tech Conference in Blacksburg. They are also published online on the *NACTA Journal* website ([NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org)). Abstracts from this year can be cited as *NACTA Journal* vol. 57, supplement 1, page x and or abstract x. Additionally, all presenters were invited to share their presentations as PDFs for jpps, which will be posted on the [NACTAteachers.org](http://NACTAteachers.org) website under the 2013 Conference.

Website and electronic publishing: All issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available on [NACTAteachers.org](http://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 2012 *Journal* was mailed to all members. Again this year, Sheridan Press in Hanover, PA, printed and mailed the annual hard copy issue in January 2013 to all NACTA members with paid memberships for 2012.

The NACTAteachers.org website continues as a very valuable communication tool. The content is changed frequently. Table 2 lists the most popular articles or ‘hits’ on the website:

Table 2. Most Popular on NACTAteachers.org

<b>Most Popular Articles</b>	<b>Hits</b>
Position Announcements	14413
Teaching Awards	14364
Upcoming NACTA Conferences	11921
NACTA Organization	11182
NACTA Judging Conference	10432
About	8523
2013 Calendar	8215
NACTA Membership	7773
Teacher Fellow Award	5122
Annual Reports	4704

This year we added the ability to join/renew NACTA memberships online, and we added a registration module to the website which was used to register individuals for the first annual preconference. Also, we added a NACTA Foundation page to the NACTAteachers.org website.

Through the NACTAteachers website we can have award nominations submitted and reviewed. Chair Nick Fuhrman made more positive changes and improvements to the process this year.

NACTA is on Facebook and LinkedIn: On Facebook 416 people "Like" us (up from 195 last year). We have 201,210 Friends of Fans and our weekly reach averages 1,060. All measures show an increase over last year. We are on Facebook as NACTA.teachers. Content is added on a daily basis, except during the summer months. NACTA Teachers is a discussion group on LinkedIn.

NACTA E-Newsletter: The E-Newsletter 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 to provide members with information and reminders.

Continuing this year: Articles that won the Jack Everly and E.B. Knight Journal Awards and Honorable Mention were printed in a handout to be distributed at the 2013 Conference.

New this year: This year we started the First Annual Graduate Student Poster Contest to be held at Virginia Tech. As of mid-June, 22 graduate students are registered for the contest. (Rules and guidelines can be found here: <http://www.nactateachers.org/announcements/2057-first-annual-nacta-poster-contest-for-graduate-students.html>).

### Recommendations:

- Review a format/modernization change for the NACTA Journal.
- Add the ability to accept credit cards on the website for NACTA Foundation donations.
- Look into Kindle/iPad publishing of the NACTA Journal.
- Invite submissions to the Teaching Tips/Notes section.
- Solicit ideas for improvement of Journal and website.
- Provide more activity to NACTA Teachers on LinkedIn.
- Consider a limit on the number of abstracts for a conference.

## **Historian – Kevin Donnelly**

After last year's annual meetings, I completed the lists of past regional directors for NACTA to the extent that I could find. There are still some gaps for the first five years.

The history of NACTA Judging Conference sites is also nearly complete. Information from Schowengerdt's first 25 years history obtained from the Southeast Missouri State archives helped a great deal. These documents will be posted or linked from the NACTA website.

Although not directly related to history, I presented a poster at the meetings of the American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America in Cincinnati last fall. My topic was the value of the NACTA Crops Contest as a tool for both assessment and preparing students to take the Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) exam. This was an opportunity to get the NACTA name in front of members of the Undergraduate Educational Community of ASA.

Next year will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NACTA conference. I would recommend that the Executive Committee spend some time discussing whether we want to do something special to acknowledge this in the programming or promotion that I could then coordinate.

## **Regional Directors/Directors – Elect Reports**

### **Canadian Regional Director Report - Martin Zuidhoff**

I have followed up on one new Canadian membership (the single Canadian, I understand at the 2012 NACTA meeting), welcoming her to NACTA and inviting her to fully participate. I have encouraged institutional and individual Canadian members to nominate their colleagues and graduate students for NACTA awards.

Last year at around the same time as the NACTA meeting, the "Heifer in Your Tank" teaching team was invited to present to the Teaching and Learning in the Animal Sciences meeting in June, 2012 in Madison WI, so the Alberta group was unable to attend NACTA. We continue to present to student services groups and have begun to try to connect communities such as rural pharmacy interns and rural medical doctors with the richness of the agriculture-related activities in their community.

I would like to thank NACTA members and staff for their inspiration around building strong agricultural learning communities, and encourage everyone to enrich learner experiences with co-curricular student engagement opportunities.

## **Eastern Region Director's Report – Mark Russell**

Throughout the winter and spring I followed up the electronic notice from the NACTA Secretary congratulating new NACTA graduate student and institutional members from the Eastern Region with an electronic letter revised from Ron Hanson and Tracy Hoover

Welcome to the Eastern Region of NACTA!

I am privileged to be your Director for the Eastern Region and am here to address any questions or concerns you may have. I have just registered and made my lodging arrangements for Blacksburg and want to invite you to this great experience. At my first NACTA conference, the president stated “the discipline at NACTA is teaching and learning, so you can leave your crops or animal sciences at the door”. I found like-minded professionals and a bond of NACTA fellowship developed as members continue to make new friends and often develop collaborative efforts for teaching programs and instructional improvement projects.

It is time to plan to attend the **2013 Annual NACTA Conference June 25-28 at Virginia Tech** in Blacksburg, Virginia. The Conference begins on Tuesday with a great Pre-Conference workshop “Assessing Outcomes of Teaching and Learning Experiences” <http://www.nactateachers.org/nacta-event-registration.html> followed by a welcome reception and culminates on Friday night with the awards banquet. Registration pricing goes up on May 24 and includes participation in all conference events, conference materials, selected tour, opening reception, BBQ, continental breakfasts, and lunches. Register at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/nacta/index.html>.

The annual NACTA Conference provides its members ample opportunities to make an Oral Presentation and/or Poster Presentation to document their teaching and/or student advising programs. The oral presentation and poster schedule can be found at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/nacta/schedule.html>. The 2014 Annual NACTA Conference will be held at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT.

The NACTA Journal provides you with a wide range of opportunities to publish articles relating to teaching philosophies, creative ideas, methodology, and research related to new teaching innovations, curriculum models, assessment strategies, teaching methods to enhance student learning, student advising and engagement, as well as student recruitment/retention strategies. There is also a very useful and accessible section of NACTA Teaching Tips in the NACTA Journal to document new teaching strategies and/or teaching innovations in the classroom. This is an ideal way to share your scholarship related to teaching and learning.

Being a NACTA member provides an individual the opportunity to be recognized for their teaching excellence and expertise with a NACTA Journal Award and/or NACTA Teaching Award. Nominate and recognize graduate students who excel as teachers in the agricultural disciplines through the Graduate Student Teaching Award. You or one of your colleagues

should be nominated for a Teacher Fellow Award to recognize those individuals whose efforts represent the very best in agricultural higher education.

I congratulate you for becoming a member of this professional organization dedicated to the improvement of scholarship and excellence of teaching and learning. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you and I sure look forward to seeing you in Blacksburg at our NACTA Conference.

Sincerely,



Mark Russell,  
Professor of Animal Sciences

I have been working to encourage university contacts to nominate graduate students and eligible teachers for teaching, merit, and Fellow awards for this 2013 round of opportunities. There is a letter and email process to nudge the university contacts to nominate the Teacher Fellows in the Eastern Region for the Regional Awards.

## **Central – Kevin Bacon**

Kevin responded to all emails regarding new members in the Central Region.

## **Western Region Director's Report - Brenda Seevers**

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

Throughout the year, as the NACTA secretary, Marilyn Parker, forwarded information on new members from the Western Region, a letter of welcome and introduction was sent. Six new members from the Western Region were contacted:

Dr. J. Chris Haynes – University of Wyoming  
Dr. Connie Lunds Fisk – University of Wyoming (Life Member)  
Dr. Michael Pate – Utah State University  
Dr Kelsey Hall – Utah State University  
Dr. Jessica Kiesling – University of Arizona  
Dr. William S. Sakai – University of Hawaii – Hilo  
Dr. Stephen Devadoss – University of Idaho

At the 2012 NACTA annual meeting it was determined that Montana State University would host the 2014 NACTA annual meeting. Communications from Tracy Dougher, 2014 NACTA Conference Chair were sent to me as the Western Director.

## Southern Region Report - Jean Bertrand

### New Members

Since the 2012 NACTA Annual Meeting, the following 29 new members and 11 graduate students from the Southern Region have joined NACTA:

1. Martha Thomas, Abraham Baldwin Ag College
2. Ray Smith, Abraham Baldwin Ag College
3. Garrett M. Steede, Clemson University
4. Erdogan Memilli, Mississippi State University
5. Rachel Huffman, North Carolina State University
6. R. Lee Ivy, North Carolina State University
7. Clint Stevenson, North Carolina State University
8. Ranjith Ramanathan, Oklahoma State University
9. Jessica Lucia, Sam Houston State University
10. Mark Anderson, Sam Houston State University
11. Shannon Wyatt, Sam Houston State University
12. Erin Fortenberry, Sul Ross State University
13. Lindsey Walton, Sul Ross State University
14. Aaron Cooper, Sul Ross State University
15. Billy McKim, Texas A&M University
16. Stephanie McKenna, University of Arkansas
17. Anthony C. Andenoro, University of Florida
18. Mengsheng Gao, University of Florida
19. Richard Scholtz, University of Florida
20. William Pelletier, University of Florida
21. Becky Raulerson, University of Florida
22. Muthusami Kumaran, University of Florida
23. Zhaohui Tong, University of Florida
24. Robert Ahrens, University of Florida
25. Jennifer Hamel, University of Florida
26. Victor Harris, University of Florida
27. Paul Sarnoski, University of Florida
28. Amr Abd-Elrahman, University of Florida
29. James Bonczek, University of Florida
30. William Vencill, University of Georgia

Since the 2012 NACTA Annual Meeting, the following *graduate students* have joined:

1. Christina Leard, Clemson University
2. Ashley Sutton, Clemson University
3. Ashley Granata, Clemson University
4. Alicain Carson, North Carolina State University
5. Mindy Herman, North Carolina State University
6. Joy Marshall, North Carolina State University
7. Jared Barnes, North Carolina State University
8. Katharyn A. Ingerson, North Carolina State University
9. Caitlin Alberts, North Carolina State University
10. Amy Dronberger, Oklahoma State University
11. Felix Arnold, Texas A&M University

Emails were sent both from the NACTA Secretary as well as from me, Jean Bertrand, Southern Region Director, welcoming them to NACTA.

### **2015 Annual NACTA Meeting**

The Annual NACTA Meeting will return to the Southern region in 2015 when The University of Georgia will host the NACTA Conference at the University of Georgia Hotel and Conference Center from June 16 to June 20, 2015.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **2013 Conference Program & Host Site – Pavli Mykerezzi/ Rick Rudd**

*2013 Conference Host-Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech* –Registrations are going well; DOCE did not provide any funding this year but we want to keep the relationship open for future conferences; please tell the conference organizing/helping people “Thank You” as they have gone above and beyond to help make a successful conference.

### **2014 Conference Program & Host Site – Tracy Dougher**

*2014 Conference Host, Tracy Dougher, Montana State University* – Reported conference services at MSU are on board for the 2014 Conference; \$10,000 pledge from the Dean; five people from Montana State University are currently at the Virginia Tech NACTA Conference; a video will be shown at the NACTA Business meeting.

### **Journal Awards Committee Report - G. Neil Douglas**

The Journal Awards Committee has again completed its task of reviewing and selecting articles for recognition at the 2013 annual conference. Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to all active committee members listed below for their unwavering dedication to reviewing and selecting winners from all the articles in each issue. Since 2005 we have continued to employ a two ballot system that allows participation of all committee members in all stages of the selection process and to increase the effectiveness of our selections. Initial ballots were sent to committee members in mid-February. Of the 48 eligible articles, 7 (14.6%) were ranked as first and 6 (12.5%) were ranked as second by participating committee members. The top 7 articles from the initial ballot were then selected as finalists to appear on the second ballot issued in mid-March. Award winners were notified via email during the last week of March or the first week of April.

Again for the third year in a row, the *Top Teaching Tip Award* has continued to showcase outstanding strategies or ideas that positively contribute to the increasing body of literature in support of successful and dynamic teaching in agriculture. Of the 12 tips submitted for the 2012 issues, 5 were ranked as first by committee members. However, the tip selected for the 2013 award was ranked first numerous times on the initial ballot making it the obvious choice for recognition.

New members have been added to the committee in 2012 and we are thankful for all who participated. As during the previous year, eleven of the 23 total members submitted ballots. We will continue 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. Listed below are participating committee members for 2012.

**Journal Awards Committee Members that selected journal award winners:**

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

As always, the committee would also like to express its gratitude to Editor Rick Parker for his expertise and diligence in selecting articles for the 2012 NACTA Journal. The committee chair would also like to express appreciation to NACTA Secretary Marilyn Parker for her unwavering support of our committee and its goals.

Once more, the 2012 articles have continued to inspire and promote excellence in teaching. Forty-eight solid articles were published and have added to the burgeoning base of knowledge and experience of teaching within agricultural and related disciplines. In recent years, larger volumes of articles have tended to be published and it does not appear that this trend will abate. Although this has significantly increased our selection pool and at times slowed our process, committee members remain divided on the issue of editorial staff "flagging" and/or forwarding specific papers to our committee in an attempt to create a more manageable pool of articles from which to select. Therefore, the chair chose to retain the full complement of published articles to comprise the 2012 pool.

It has again been an honor to serve NACTA in this capacity and in closing the NACTA Journal Awards Committee has selected the following articles and teaching tip/note for recognition from the 2012 issues:

**E.B. Knight**

*An Experiential Learning Model of Faculty Development to Improve Teaching*  
56(1):79-86, Christopher M. Estep, T. Grady Roberts, Hannah S. Carter

**Jack Everly**

*Identifying Faculty's Knowledge of Critical Thinking Concepts and Perceptions of Critical Thinking Instruction in Higher Education*, 56(2):9-14, Nicole L. P. Stedman and Brittany L. Adams

**Certificate of Honorable Mention**

*Engaging Under-Represented Youth in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources through Pre-College Residential Summer Programs, 56(2):38-46, Eunice F. Foster and Leonard A. Savala*

### **Top Teaching Tip/Note Certificate**

Tips for Teaching Adult Students, 6(1):91-92, Brooks Doherty.

## **Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee Report – Kimberly Moore**

The EITI committee currently has 14 members from 10 different universities covering several agriculture disciplines. Kimberly Moore chaired the annual meeting on the EITI committee on June 29, 2012 at the annual conference at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls with 17 attendees (14 members and 3 guests).

The committee discussed the theme for the upcoming annual conference in Virginia (Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries) as it related to Blue Ribbon speakers. The committee was informed that the Blue Ribbon speaker does not need to be a past award winner but should be an involved NACTA member and contributor. Two names were suggested: Mike Mullins at NC State and Michel Wattiaux. The committee suggested that Kim work with Rick Rudd and the Virginia Tech (VT) group to select a speaker. After the October NACTA executive board meeting, Rick Rudd and the VT group was going to contact Mike Mullins and arrange the Blue Ribbon presentation.

The committee made several suggestions for round table discussions to be considered for future meetings.

- Grants - Integrated USDA Themes; NIFA grant proposals; Examples of good proposals that have a fully integrated educational component
- Teaching techniques - Tips and suggestions for integrating and using technologies; obstacles and challenges with different technologies and solutions
- Graduate student - One on one with students in small group format; possibly organize during lunch and have EITI committee members volunteer to sit with graduate students to answer questions and start dialog with them about key issues and concerns
- Class room technology policies related to texting in class, computers, phones etc.
- Social science surveys – How to conduct surveys with human subjects; survey development - how to write questions (or to ask the right questions) as well as the order of questions
- Recruitment and retention
- Rural futures – education to revitalize rural America; support and outreach in rural America; panel discussion

Other recurring themes to be considered for future workshops include: writing teaching portfolios (promotion and tenure), authentic assessment/assessment, recruitment and retention, and distance education/technology issues.

Good of the order suggestions (based on attendance at the River Falls meeting)

- More space for posters;
- Leave posters up a little longer during the meeting;
- Virtual posters using laptop computers

The EITI committee will meet Friday June 28, 2013 during the annual meeting in Virginia. A reminder email was sent to current committee members and interested faculty to encourage them to attend the upcoming committee meeting.

## **NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee Report - Nick Fuhrman**

The Teacher Recognition Committee reviewed 54 award dossiers this year and will present 51 teaching awards at the 2013 conference (39 awards were presented last year), in addition to the Distinguished Educator and Murray Brown awards. The following awards will be presented:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Number Presented</b>
Graduate Student	20
Teacher Fellow	28
Regional	3 (central, southern, and western)
John Deere	0
Teaching Award of Excellence	0
Distinguished Educator	Dr. Ron Hanson
Murray Brown	Dr. James McKenna

The online submission process continues to work well and Nick would like to give his sincerest thanks to Rick and Marilyn Parker, and the entire Teacher Recognition Committee, for their commitment to recognizing great teaching (and for putting up with Nick). During the individual committee meetings, the Teacher Recognition Committee will discuss: (1) recruiting nominees for the John Deere Award (not awarded the past two years), (2) changing the “Teacher Fellow” award name to “Teaching Scholar,” and (3) developing a more formal definition of “involvement with NACTA” for award nomination purposes. Nick is currently tracking member eligibility to receive higher level awards and he will use the Regional Directors and previous award nominators to help in nominating those eligible for higher level awards.

### **2012/2013 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee Members**

<b>Member</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>University</b>
Nick Fuhrman, Chair*	Uni. 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
Michelle Burrows*	Univ of Nevada Reno	Foy Mills, Jr.*	Sam Houston State Univ
W. Stephen Damron	Oklahoma State Univ	Greg Miller*	Iowa State Univ

Sam Doak*	Virginia Tech	Jeannette Moore	North Carolina State Univ
Kevin Donnelly*	Kansas State Univ	Tory Parker	Brigham Young Univ, UT
Harry Field	Oklahoma State Univ	Nick Paulson*	Univ of Illinois
Jean Gleichsner*	Fort Hays State Univ, KS	Greg Pillar	Queens Univ, SC
Kelsey Hall	Texas Tech Univ	Bryan Reiling	Univ of Nebraska
Lynn Hamilton	CA Poly State Univ	Herman A. Sampson	North Carolina State Univ
Alan Hansen	Univ of Illinois	Shelly R. Sitton	Oklahoma State Univ
Ronald J. Hanson	Univ of Nebraska – Lincoln	Robert J. Stephenson	Fort Hays State Univ
Cindy Haynes*	Iowa State Univ	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	Dean Winward*	Southern Utah Univ
David Jones*	North Carolina State Univ		
Prasanta Kalita*	Univ of Illinois		
Angela Kent*	Univ of Illinois		
Thomas Kuzmic	Oklahoma State Univ		

Note. \* attended 2012 committee meeting in River Falls, Wisconsin

## International Committee (2012-2014) – Chris Morgan

### Committee Updates since 2012 Meeting

- International Issue of *NACTA Journal* will be published in September. Response has been overwhelming! This will be a very successful endeavor.
- Preconference workshop on qualitative methodology has 41 paid enrollees, which exceeds expectations. Dr. Yvonna Lincoln, well known qualitative researcher and author will deliver keynote address and closing remarks. Three faculty from VT's Department of Agricultural and Extension Education volunteered to facilitate three breakout sessions.
- Conference workshop "Getting Started in International Programming" has secured three speakers.

### Major Accomplishments for 2012 (see details in Minutes):

- Hosting an International Issue of the *NACTA Journal*
- Hosting a preconference workshop about assessing the impact of international experiences on students
- Hosting a 2013 NACTA conference workshop about "Getting started in international programming"
- Working to provide more sources for international opportunities on the NACTA webpage.

### MINUTES June 29, 2012, River Falls, WI 08:00-09:30

In attendance were:

Member	Affiliation	Volunteered to...
Mark Russell (chair)	Purdue	Special Edition, Section Editor
Chris Morgan (co-chair)	University of Georgia	Chair committee
Ingelia White	Univ of Hawaii	Email reminders
Patrick Bell	Oklahoma State	
Margaret Khaitso	North Dakota State	Webpage - syllabi
Melanie Foster	Penn State	Pre-conf seminar

Daniel Foster	Penn State	Special Edition, Section Editor
Laura White	New Mexico State	NACTA Workshop
Barbara Gilbert	Delaware Valley College	
Ron Vos	Dordt College	
Paula Faulkner	North Carolina A&T State	Webpage – people & resources

- Chris Morgan opened the meeting at 8:00
  - Participants introduced themselves
  - Chris asked for suggested topics for future workshops. Some suggestions were:
    - Appropriately assessing the impact of international experiences (assessing outcomes)
      - Reach out
      - Competencies of what it means to be internationally competent in agriculture
      - Led faculty abroad – impact
    - Virtual study abroad
    - Using technology in the classroom to bring in guest speakers
    - How to get the biggest impact from the experiences with your study abroad students
    - Defining “international agriculture”
    - Agreed to a broad theme for workshop of “How to get started in international agriculture programming” and Laura White, New Mexico State agreed to chair
  
- Ingelia White agreed to send out a monthly email to remind committee members of their responsibilities beginning in August
  
- Mark Russell suggested that we pursue having an international issue of the NACTA Journal and asked for volunteers to assist with this endeavor
  - 6-8 month lead time needed
  - Daniel Foster agreed to assist Mark with this.
  
- Chris asked, “How can this committee better fulfill its purpose?”
  - A discussion ensued about the website format for international information
  - Add an International Programs Tab
  - After some discussion, the following webpage outline was agreed upon:
    - Have a tab on the NACTA homepage titled “Global and International Resources”
    - The member’s names within brackets agreed to collect this information and send to Chris, who will aggregate it and send to Rick Parker
    - Under that have the following links:
      - Conducting Global Experiences (syllabi, texts, etc.) [Margaret Khaitso]
        - On Campus
        - Off Campus
        - Hybrid
      - Institutional People & Contacts [Paula Faulkner]
        - Funding
        - University Programs (courses, programs, initiatives (minors, certificates), international programs offices, etc.
    - Each link would have an “importance statement” with it.

- Discussion ensued about having a preconference seminar about assessing outcomes from these international experiences, especially as it relates to analyzing qualitative data; perhaps a half-day program.
  - Melanie Foster agreed to pursue this.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

## Liaison Reports

### The National Honor Society of 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 over 16,000.

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

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention Highlights.** The National Convention was hosted by University of Louisiana - Monroe in Monroe, LA on March 7-9, 2013. A special thank you goes to the members and advisor of the University of Louisiana - Monroe DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

Eleven chapters attended the national convention.

New officers were elected. The officers for 2013-2014 are:

President: Katie Dickson, Tennessee Tech University

VP-Eastern: Justin Page, North Carolina State Agricultural Institute

VP-Midwest: Michelle Daubendiek, Northwest Missouri State University

VP-Southern: Tucker Ellington, University of Louisiana - Monroe

Secretary: Brittany Dargavell, Eastern Kentucky University

Parliamentarian: Emily Quas, Missouri State University

National Advisor: Dr. Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University (elected to 1<sup>st</sup> year of a two-year term)

National Treasurer: Dr. James Casey, University of Louisiana - Monroe (2<sup>nd</sup> year of a two-year term)

Middle Tennessee State University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and Tennessee Tech University was second.

Sam Houston State University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter.

Honorable mention went to Southeast Missouri State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

The University of Central Missouri won the Highest % Convention Attendance.

Honorable mention went to Tennessee Tech University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Tennessee Tech University won the Highest Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to Arkansas State University and Morehead State University.

## Future Conventions

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

2014 (Eastern) – Tennessee Tech University.

2015 (Midwest) – Open.

2016 (Southern) – Open.

**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 Executive Treasurer will expire in 2014. Dr. Naveen Musunuru, Northwest Missouri State University is willing to serve pending appointment by the NACTA President.

## **NACTA Judging Conference Liaison Report - Lyle E. Westrom**

The 2013 NACTA Judging competition was held at Texas Tech University on April 3-5. Eleven competitions were held. Results can be accessed on the NACTA home page. 856 contestants/entries participated from 42 schools in the two-year division and four-year division combined.

A business meeting was held on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was given by CEV Multimedia regarding innovative educational materials. The major item of business was in reference to going through rules a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of the contest to see that they align with the constitution. Lyle Westrom moved that the host school send their rules to a committee of three (per contest) that has been appointed by the President with full powers to act and send recommendations to the host school. The committee must inform the host school by January 1<sup>st</sup> of any needed revisions. The motion was seconded and passed. Derek Dick from Coffeyville Community College has one year remaining on his term as NACTA Coaches President. Margot Rudstrom from the University of Minnesota Crookston was elected as the new NACTA Secretary for a two year term. She succeeds Terrill Bradford from the University of Minnesota Crookston who had been Secretary for 6 years.

The 2014 NACTA Judging competition will be held at Northwest Missouri State University on April 10-12. Twelve contests will be held including Quiz Bowl, Ag Business, Ag Mechanics, Meats, General Livestock, Soils, Horticulture, Ag Computers, Crops, Livestock Management, Ag Communications, and Dairy Cattle Judging. Future NACTA Judging Conference host sites include Blackhawk East in 2015 and Kansas State (tentative) in 2016.

## **APLU – Jean Bertrand**

### **USDA Grant Funding in Question**

The FY14 President's Budget Proposal recommends moving the funding for the Higher Education Challenge Grants, the Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grant Program, and the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program to National Science Foundation.

Also in jeopardy is the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS) because it is funded through a small administrative tax on these and other programs. FAEIS provides detailed enrollment data for colleges of agriculture in the US. An effort was mounted by the Academic Programs Section to keep the FAEIS program in USDA.

### **APS Teaching Summit/Webinar Update**

APS will not offer a teaching summit in 2013 but will host a follow-up webinar on the [Comparative Analysis of Soft Skills: What is Important for New Graduates?](#), which featured the results of a survey involving 31 universities' alumni, faculty, students and associated employers.

APS will host a teaching summit in 2014 in conjunction with the NACTA meeting in Montana.

### **AASCARR (American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources) – Billye Foster**

No Report at this time.

### **CAPICU (Consortium of Agriculture Programs at Independent Colleges and Universities) – Ed Brokaw**

Those schools attending the NACTA Conference this year will be meeting together.

### **CAVAM (Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine) – Kent Mullinix**

No Report at this time.

### **CADAP (Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs) – Kent Mullinix**

No Report at this time.

### **Foundation Meeting and Reports**

#### **Foundation Report – Marilyn Parker & Tom Lindahl**

DL Evans Savings / University of Wisconsin-Platteville Development Fund Report

*Foundation Savings – DL Evans Account, Rupert, ID*

There were three donations for the NACTA Judging Conference awards deposited into the Foundation Savings account –

- ✓ Dec 2012 - \$500 from Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University, Ck # 1085, Ck Dated 12-27-12, Dep 12-31-12
- ✓ 2013 - \$500 from Coffeyville Com College to NACTA Judging Contest, 5-29-13
- ✓ 2013 - \$278.25 from Texas Tech to NACTA Judging Contest, 5-29-13 (Two separate bills paid from the \$500 - \$72.20 and \$149.05)

### ***NACTA Development Fund, University of Wisconsin-Platteville***

These numbers are from the report dated April 2013 –

#### **NACTA Development Fund R1680**

<b>Fund component ending balances:</b>	<b>FY 2013 Q1</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2013 to date</b>
Spendable (available to spend) 02	12,150.71	9,685.02	8,216.66	12,150.71
Endowed (perm restricted/principal) 03	101,251.64	101,251.64	93,251.64	101,251.64
Life-to-date Net Market (Loss) 04	(12,378.48)	(12,503.81)	(4,554.07)	(12,503.81)
<b>Net Market Gain/(Loss) for Current Year consists of:</b>				
Market Gain/(Loss)	4,524.97	(4,707.43)	22,276.45	12,921.09
Allocation to Spendable 7/1/12	(2,465.69)	(1,468.36)	(1,219.66)	(2,465.69)
Allocation of Gen & Admin Fee	(1,933.95)	(1,773.95)	(1,405.86)	(1,933.95)
<b>Net Market Gain/(Loss) per year</b>	<b>125.33</b>	<b>(7,949.74)</b>	<b>19,650.93</b>	<b>8,521.45</b>

### **Interim Foundation Report – Kevin Donnelly & Jeannette Moore**

The majority of my efforts have been in keeping the NACTA Judging Conference award funding project moving forward. We are currently at \$7653 of the \$10,000 goal. The past two NACTA Judging Conference hosts have contributed by waiving all (Coffeyville in 2012) or part (Texas Tech in 2013) of the \$500 sweepstakes support that NACTA provides. Northwest Missouri has already pledged to support us in 2014.

The NACTA Judging Contest Award funds have not been moved to the Foundation Account at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville as yet. Determining the best time to send is the major question. Currently they are being held in the DL Evans Savings account in Rupert, Idaho where the NACTA Checking account resides.

For June conferences and the Fall Executive meetings, the NACTA Secretary worked with Tom Lindahl, the current Foundation Director, in obtaining the foundation financial reports from UW-Platteville.

I was asked to be the Interim Foundation Director last June with the assumption that someone from the Executive board would visit with Tom about his responsibilities but looking back at the minutes from last June, perhaps I was supposed to do so.

In looking at the most recent statement from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Foundation (April 2013), the market value of our account has recovered almost to the actual amount of the original contributions deposited. I think most other foundations have moved above water on such accounts some months ago. We are paying about a 2% of the principal fee to the UW-Platteville Foundation each year for administrative fees.

If the NACTA Executive committee determines that a new director should be appointed, doing research on *how* University foundations do business with their “development funds” needs to be considered.