June 2019

NACTA

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**NACTA President Report – Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Iowa State University**

I have enjoyed serving the organization as president during this past year. It has been rewarding to work with a team of colleagues from across the country as we continue to move the NACTA organization forward, meet the needs and expectations of our members, and plan for the future. Below are a few highlights of initiatives from November 2018-June 2019.

Shepherded new bylaws language to create new co-chair position for standing committees. Language was approved by the Executive Committee in February 2019. The implications from this change will need to be discussed and implemented in the June 2019 conference committee meetings.

The taskforce I appointed to review current dues structure completed a majority of their work by February 2019. The taskforce reviewed current dues classifications and amounts, impact on institutions with large memberships, and identified potential dues increases based on membership type. The taskforce also initiated a ‘value of membership’ document that will be finalized and shared with the membership broadly. The taskforce will finalize the recommendation for a dues change in fall 2019 which will then work through the appropriate process for approval.

I led the development of a Request for Proposal, dissemination, and review and evaluation of proposals for an executive management firm (Action Step 7). The process is still ongoing and anticipated to be completed by fall 2019.

I continued to work on existing Action Steps (below) from the 2018 Visioning Report. Specifically work was completed on: identifying income and expenses relative to the funding needs for management services; additional work will be done in creating a NACTA business plan in fall 2019 (Action Step 4); results from the member survey completed by Tracy Rutherford were shared with the Executive Committee and will be used as part of the membership committee (Action Step 6).

**Action Step Teams**

- **Action Steps 2 and 3**: (revise NACTA mission and vision and review and update existing Articles and Bylaws) Leads - John Ewing and Tom Paulsen – with all Regional Directors

- **Action Step 4**: (Develop NACTA business plan) Leads - Art Wolfskill, Cheryl Wachenheim, and Foy Mills
• Action Step 5: (Define value of NACTA to prospective stakeholders) Leads - Kevin Donnelly, Dana Ladner/Tracy Rutherford and Lyle Westrom

• Action Step 6: (Phase 1: Develop; and Phase 2: Conduct- Comprehensive Membership Campaign) Leads – Tracy Dougher

• Action Step 7: Explore Management options Leads – Ann Marie and Executive Committee

**Immediate Past President Annual Report – Mark Russell, Purdue University**

NACTA Bylaws Section 2. Immediate Past President. The general duties of the Immediate Past President shall be to: (a) chair the Nominating Committee; and (b) chair the Distinguished Educator Award Committee.

NACTA Bylaws Section 10. Nominating Committee. The general responsibilities of the Nominating Committee shall be to: (a) select nominees for President-Elect and open Director-Elect positions;

NACTA Bylaws Section 6. Regional Directors-Elect for the Eastern, Southern and Western regions shall be elected in odd years.

Suggestions were solicited in September and October for the positions of President-elect, Eastern Region Director-elect, Southern Region Director-elect, and Western Region-elect. There was substantial interest and willingness to run for all positions and the Executive Committee approved the slate with multiple nominees for each position. The paragraph bios, pictures, and ballot were posted to the NACTA website Jan. 31 and 130 members voted electronically between Feb.1 and 28.

Those elected are Marcos Fernandez – President-elect, Elizabeth Karcher – Eastern Region Director-elect, Wendy Warner – Southern Region Director-elect, and Shannon Arnold – Western Region Director-elect. All nominated members received a thank you for their support and encouragement to be nominated in the future. I recommend that the Nominating Committee be populated with members and they solicit nominations and self-nominations in October from the entire membership for those positions to be elected that year. This will ensure a more inclusive process so that all members have an avenue to participation and not only rely on the network of the most recent past presidents and committee members.

NACTA Bylaws Section 13. Distinguished Educator Award Committee. The general responsibilities of the Distinguished Educator Award Committee shall be to: (a) establish and publish policies and guidelines for this award; (b) receive nomination materials; and (c) determine the award recipient(s).

In October, the NACTA Secretary sent an email to the membership on behalf of the NACTA Executive Committee to solicit nominations for both the NACTA Distinguished
Educator Award and the Murray Brown NACTA Leadership Awards. The submission deadline was in November for both awards. Two excellent nominations were submitted, and the committee chose to recognize Jeff Hattey with the 2019 Distinguished Educator Award. Identifying potential nominees and being inclusive is a challenge.

I also participated in most of the monthly Executive Committee online meetings and assisted the President and Membership Director as requested.

**President-elect Report – Foy Mills, Lubbock Christian University**

Since the mid-year meeting and site visit at the College of Southern Idaho, my efforts have included:

1) Monthly meetings with President VanDerZanden to:
   a) Discuss positioning NACTA for the future
   b) Assist with agenda development for monthly meetings of the executive committee
2) Interacted with Dr. Mark Russell and President VanDerZanden regarding current dues structure
3) Reviewed Actions Steps from Strategic Planning Sessions led by William Nelson. Assisted President VanDerZanden with completion and execution of:
   a) Action Step 4 – Develop NACTA Business Plan
   b) Action Step 7 – Explore Management Options Leads
      i) Reviewed scope of work associated with management of NACTA
      ii) Assisted with solicitation of bids from management firms
      iii) Involved with interviewing management firm finalists
      iv) Participated in selection of management firm
      v) Reviewed draft of management firm contract
4) Final preparation to assume duties of NACTA President from Dr. VanDerZanden at conclusion of annual conference

The 2018 APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) meeting was held November 10-12th in New Orleans, LA. The Academic Programs Section represents membership of Associate Deans of Academic Programs in Land-grant and (NARRU) Non-land-grant Agriculture and Renewable Resources Universities.

Todd Winters, Dean at Tennessee-Martin is our NACTA NARRU liaison and is also an APS member. Wendy Fink, Director of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and Executive Director for the BAA Academic Programs Section regularly attends our NACTA conference.

USDA/APLU/APS supports several awards and programs to support teaching and learning. Examples are the USDA/NIFA Teaching Excellence Award and the APS Innovative Teaching Award. Information on both of these awards can be found on the
Please note, there were changes to the nomination criteria for the above-mentioned teaching awards. Please check the web site for more details.

USDA to relocate the Economic Research Service (ERS) & the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Outside DC
On-going discussion is continuing to relocate ERS & NIFA*. A short list was shared in May 2019 with the top locations being in the Greater Kansas City Region (KS/MO), the Purdue University/Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and the North Carolina Research Triangle area. This relocation is intended to improve customer service, strengthen offices and programs, and save taxpayer dollars.
“This short list of locations took into consideration critical factors required to uphold the important missions of ERS and NIFA.

APS/APLU Employability Survey – The preliminary results of this study are being shared with APS members. There is a plan in the works to host an APS teaching workshop before NACTA 2020 to share survey results and opportunities to integrate results into academic programs. Wendy Fink has been in touch with Rick Parker to begin this conversation. If the NACTA annual meeting schedule follows past schedules this workshop could be offered Monday (all day) and Tuesday morning. More details will be shared in the future.

Secretary Report – Marilyn Parker, Rupert, Idaho

General
➢ Membership records are maintained in Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks. We continue to implement QuickBooks for membership record-keeping. Individuals and Institutions have received invoices for their yearly membership dues since fall 2018. Karen Kenny sends out invoices and helps in maintaining these records.
➢ Records include contact information (no phone numbers), payment type, membership code/region, unique membership number (no credit card numbers are kept on file).
➢ We have used MailChimp for e-Newsletters – information and reminders; continually updated.
➢ Continual update of online Journal access if membership is not paid.
➢ Position announcements received and posted throughout the year to the NACTA website; charges billed if they are not an Institutional member of NACTA.
➢ Authors of NACTA Journal manuscripts are billed if they are not NACTA members at the time of their manuscript publication.
➢ With the NACTA President, agendas for the fall and June executive meetings are prepared; minutes taken at these meetings, then prepared and sent to all executive committee.
➢ With the NACTA President, the yearly Conference Business meeting agenda is prepared; discussed at monthly online meetings and sent out to the executive committee.
➢ With the NACTA President, agenda for the monthly online meetings is prepared and sent out to the executive committee; minutes taken for monthly online meetings then prepared and sent out to all executive committee.
➢ September and October, preparations made for fall executive committee meeting – hotel with meeting room and appropriate technology available, lunch provided, work with hotel to obtain reduced room rate for those attending the executive committee meeting.
➢ Communication with NACTA President, President-elect, and executive committee on a host site visit. The visit occurs the day before the Fall executive meeting.
➢ Oversee preparation of E-newsletters with the NACTA Editor and send out approximately once a month; oversee MailChimp updates for the e-newsletter.
➢ Assist with current conference registration/communications as needed; other conference preparations include ordering of slide-in certificate plaques for awardees, preparing certificates for Journal Awards and Graduate student poster contests, ordering engraved plaques for conference awards, writing checks for conference awardees, preparation of first-time attendee materials for conference, and making sure all conference materials reach the conference.
➢ Continual preparation of financial records for twice yearly reviewing.
➢ Work with Foundation Director for accounting of finances

**Memberships – New and Renewals**
➢ Emails are sent to individuals in the fall; monthly reminders are sent through QuickBooks after that time.
➢ Payment can be taken by check, credit card (VISA or MasterCard) by PayPal (online) or QuickBooks-Intuit (GoPayment), fax or mail, or by calling the secretary.
➢ Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year membership option.
➢ New members receive a “Welcome to NACTA” letter through email and their name is given to the regional director and Membership Director. The Membership Director and the Regional directors also send an email letter of welcome.
➢ New Life members receive a “Letter of Welcome” and their name is sent to the Membership director, Regional Director, NACTA President, and President-Elect.
➢ Membership listings can be requested by regional directors; individual listings for a particular school can be/are requested for membership reminders or recruiting.

**Membership**
➢ Institutions – 124
➢ Individuals – 827 (approximately – includes Institutional Active, Active, Graduate Students, and Emeritus)
➢ Life Members – 176 (includes 5 new – either new members or members that changed to Life member status)
- Libraries – 36 (includes Canadian/foreign)
- Turnover in memberships continues to be approximately 200 per year

**Universities/Colleges**
- Institutions receive an email with an invoice for renewal in the fall; reminders are sent again in January, February, March and as needed.
- New institutions: Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL, North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, ND (Judging school), Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL, Rend Lake College, Ina, IL (Judging school)
- Note: All colleges/universities participating in the NACTA Judging Contest paid their Institutional memberships for 2019.
- Institutions not renewed for 2019: Cal State University-Fresno, Stephen F Austin State University, University of Alberta, University of Mount Olive, NC.
- Those institutions which pay for individual one-year NACTA memberships: University of Illinois, University of Florida, Penn State University.
- Note: If you are aware of changes in leadership for a college or university, please share that information with the NACTA Secretary.

**Canada / Foreign Members, Institutions, Libraries (numbers included in above count)**
- Canadian members – 11 / Institutions – 6
- Foreign members – 2 (Iran and University of the West Indies, Trinidad/Tobago)
- Libraries – 3 Canadian (University of Guelph, Ontario; University of Alberta; Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia) / 3 Foreign – Massey University (New Zealand), Chinese Academy of Agriculture (through EBSCO), Zayed University (through EBSCO)

**Teaching Award of Merit / Graduate Student Certificates**
- Total of 39 certificates were awarded this year - 2019 (25 faculty/14 graduates). In 2018, 62 certificates were awarded, 2017, 64 certificates were awarded and 89 were awarded in 2016.
- Institutions are reminded of these certificates when they are billed for renewal, and when they renew. (We are willing to ‘overnight’ a certificate if needed and have done so).
- Certificates are a mix of NACTA members and non-members.
- Continued importance and awareness of this award to institutions is needed.

**Online Voting**
- NACTA officer voting names and information is prepared for Survey Monkey
- At the end of voting, the NACTA Membership Director notifies all those who participated and the results
- Approximately 130 votes were cast for the officer elections through Survey Monkey.

**Action Item:** Retaining memberships and encouraging new memberships is an ongoing theme.
The NACTA Secretary greatly appreciates the help of Karen Kenny and Miriah Pace with the varied aspects and responsibilities of the NACTA work.

Treasurer, Interim Report – Marilyn Parker, Rupert, Idaho

Membership dues
- Major factor in keeping NACTA financially viable
- Critical to maintain current membership levels or increase
- Three-year membership payment option is working well
- Those paying the life membership through the $200 per year plan is working well
- Even though we had about 150 new memberships this year, approximate 200 people did not renew their memberships for 2019 after paying a 2018 membership. This is a loss of membership income of approximately $15,000 to $20,000
- Appreciation is given to Karen Kenny in our office for helping to maintain the memberships and renewals through QuickBooks

Profit and loss statement
- Created by QuickBooks
- The accounting firm of Clearpath Consulting LLC, Filer, Idaho, conducted a compilation of the financial records of NACTA to verify the records and accounting process
- This report is for the NACTA checking account, maintained at DL Evans Bank in Rupert, Idaho
- Detailed Profit & Loss statement is available for any NACTA member
- Beginning Assets (June to May): $111,714 – Ending Assets: $264,964; conference income approximately $124,000 at this time
- Currently in PayPal (6-13-19) $7,356 which has not been transferred to the NACTA checking account

Income sources (additional)
- Royalties from ITHAKA (JSTOR), ProQuest, Gale (Cengage), and EBSCO: $3,909.13
- Manuscripts publication fees – 5 @ $200 each – Total of $1,000
- Position announcements – 3 at $100 each – Total of $300

Donations
- The College of Southern Idaho gratefully acknowledges the donation of 2018 Conference proceeds from Iowa State University. The amount donated was $35,250, deposited in December 2018. These monies will be used for ten $500 travel grants for Conference attendees for 2019, 2020, and 2021 and to reduce the cost of the 2019 Conference registration for NACTA members

Expenses
- 2019 Conference expenses are tracked separately
Bank Balance

- Bank statement for the checking account ending May 31, 2019 is $230,548.37. (PDF of Disbursements attached below – Profit and Loss by Class and Balance Sheet by Class)

Submitted by Marilyn B Parker, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer, June 2019
## NACTA
### Profit & Loss
#### October 2018 through May 2019

### Accrual Basis

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| Expense                                      |                   |
| Reconciliation Discrepancies                | -50.00            |
| Advertisement                               | 210.49            |
| Bank Charges                                | 5,557.29          |
| Computer & Internet Expense                 | 1,248.02          |
| Conference Expense                          | 12,511.42         |
| Credit Card Fee                             | 204.17            |
| Dues and Subscriptions                      | 551.00            |
| Fall Exec Mtg                               | 50.98             |
| Honorariums                                 | 12,148.00         |
| Insurance                                   | 750.00            |
| Journal-Misc Expense                        | 3,036.01          |
| Journal Printing                            | -705.39           |
| Misc Expense                                | 103.98            |
| Office Expenses                             | 125.14            |
| Phone Charges                               | 489.88            |
| Postage                                     | 763.72            |
| Professional Fees                           | 150.00            |
| Promotional                                 | 88.00             |
| Travel                                      | 2,251.73          |
| Web Site Expense                            | 5,925.00          |
| **Total Expense**                           | 45,409.44         |

**Net Ordinary Income**                       | 212,489.71        |
**Net Income**                                | 212,489.71        |
# Balance Sheet

**As of May 31, 2019**

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## TOTAL ASSETS

| Total Current Assets    | 264,964.49  |

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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## TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

| Total Liabilities & Equity| 264,964.49  |
**Membership Director – Tracy Dougher, Montana State University**

- Tracy Dougher appointed Membership Director for 2018-2019.
- Contributed to the Executive Board discussions on the NACTA value survey for Action step 6 of the visioning plan.
- Updated the Campus Ambassador list
- Generated listing of NACTA members who have received NACTA Awards and gone on to receive subsequent national awards of USDA awards and NARRU Awards.
- Developed Western Region nomination list for the Past President
- In collaboration with Past President Mark Russell, developed NACTA membership benefits 1-pager to share at June 2019 Annual Meeting
- Regional directors are doing a superb job of welcoming new and life members.

Membership numbers and types will be shared by the NACTA Secretary.

**Journal Editor’s Report – Rick Parker, College of Southern Idaho**

**NACTA Journal**

Submissions and reviews: Table 1 shows the number of *NACTA Journal* manuscripts submitted, reviewed, accepted and rejected through FastTrack for the past 13 years.

**Table 1. NACTA Journal Manuscripts – A 13-Year Perspective**

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<td><strong>67%</strong></td>
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*In 2013, we produced a special September issue, “Globalization: Implications for Teaching and Learning in Post-Secondary Agricultural Education.” We received 36 manuscripts.*
During 2018 the NACTA FastTrack submission site (http://nacta.expressacademic.org/) received 117 submissions. Nine of these were Teaching Tips/Notes and 10 were incorrect submissions like final, revised manuscripts submitted as new; duplicates or incorrect versions. Teaching Tips/Notes are not peer-reviewed.

The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site: 1308 total submissions in 13 years, including manuscripts, Teaching Tips/Notes and book reviews. According to the statistics on the FastTrack site, the yearly average for submissions is 99. On average, manuscript reviews are completed in 38.8 days.

As of June 13, 2019, the NACTA FastTrack site received 54 manuscript submission and 25 of these submissions are for the special issue on “Engaging Students in Global Agriculture.” The reviews of these manuscripts for the special issue are not completed.

In 2018 mailing of the annual hard copy of the Journal was to all members was discontinued; however, members could still request and receive a hard copy at no cost, if they desired. Only a few members requested a hard copy. Eliminating the annual hard copy to members contributed to a savings of about $10K. Hard copies were mailed to libraries with active memberships. Hard copies were printed at Lulu.com, and anyone wishing a hard copy can still order from Lulu.com through our “NACTA Store.”

In April 2019 the NACTA Journal moved to a new publishing schedule. Manuscripts are submitted to the NACTA Journal electronically at the following website: nacta.expressacademic.org/. Each manuscript is reviewed by three members of the Editorial Board. Accepted manuscripts are published-on-acceptance (POA); thus, reducing the time from submission to acceptance. Quarterly issues are discontinued. The volume number for the year will be on each manuscript published during the year and page numbering will be consecutive. Also, for format for the Journal will change from two-column to one-column. Currently, the transition process and a backlog of accepted manuscripts slowed the publication of accepted manuscripts. We plan to still produce an annual hard copy that will be available through the NACTA store. Also, a few libraries continue to need hard copies of the Journal. Finally, we need to visit with the Editorial Board and the Executive Committee as to how POA will affect the special issue, “Engaging Students in Global Agriculture.”

Our tagline to promote the new NACTA Journal publication schedule: “Submission, Acceptance, Publication. Your manuscripts published-on-acceptance (POA)"

The NACTA Journal Editorial Board for 2018-19 consisted of 52 reviewers from 32 different institutions. Reviewers who do not maintain their NACTA membership are dropped. This year 14 inactive reviewers were dropped. The term for 12 Board members ends the last day of June 2019. These 12 will be asked if they would like to serve another term. We have a backlog of manuscripts needing reviewed so new members of the Editorial Board will be sought at the Conference and through social media.
Journal guidelines. A new document is being considered as a guideline for NACTA Journal manuscripts. Amanda Bowling at The Ohio State University helped create some guidelines of validity and reliability for authors engaging in social science research. The initial draft was reviewed by the Editorial Board. This is still in progress.

Conference abstracts: A historical perspective of the abstracts presented at the NACTA Conferences for the past 20 years is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Historical Perspective of NACTA Conference Abstracts

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Abstracts were electronically submitted to the website http://nactaabs.expressacademic.org/. Except for 2016 at the University of Hawaii, abstract submissions this year were comparable to the last six years. Each abstract was assigned two or three reviewers from the NACTA Editorial Board. Based on the reviews, abstracts were accepted as oral presentations, poster presentations, or rejected.
Authors whose abstracts are rejected can resubmit within a very restricted time. After the review authors are given a chance to submit a revised, final abstract before publication. This year the Editor and Editorial Board handled 285 submissions through the submission site. The local planning committee at the College of Southern Idaho and the NACTA home office scheduled the presentations.

The abstracts are published as NACTA Journal, Volume 63, Supplement 1, in hard copy for conference participants at the College of Southern Idaho. They are also published online on the NACTA Journal website (NACTAteachers.org), where they can be downloaded for free. Additional hardcopies are available for sale on the NACTA store at Lulu.com. Miriah Pace developed, assembled and designed NACTA Journal Volume 63, Supplement 1. It was printed at Lulu.com at a cost of $5.52 each (142 pages each). Printing and development of the abstract supplement is supported by the conference registration fees.

All presenters are invited to share their presentations as PDFs or jigs, which will be posted on the NACTAteachers.org website under the 2019 Conference. Some of these will also be shared on the NACTA Facebook page. Poster jigs and PowerPoints were collected as attachments to the original submission on the NACTA abstract submission site. PowerPoints were shared with the College of Southern Idaho, so the presentations could be loaded and ready for the proper concurrent session.

Conference Workshops. For the third time, conference workshop proposals were submitted to NACTA using a formal process developed by the Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee. A call for proposals was issued. These proposals were also submitted to the abstract submission site and identified as a “workshop.” This year 19 workshop proposals were received (up from 10 last year) and seven were selected to be presented at the 2019 Conference.

Website, Electronic Publishing and Social Media

Until very recently, the NACTA website and social media sites were primarily maintained by Miriah Pace. Miriah left for other employment. Currently we are adjusting schedules and workload to maintain the website, electronic publishing and social media.

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. Electronic issues of the Journal are also provided to ProQuest, the Gale (Cengage) Group and JSTOR. NACTA receives annual royalty payments from these groups, depending on access.

Registration module. Designated funds from the CHS Foundation were used to add the registration module to the website. The registration module was used for the conference at the College of Southern Idaho in 2019.
Teaching Tips/Notes: Teaching Tips/Notes submitted to the NACTA Journal are published electronically on the NACTA website and available to anyone: https://www.nactateachers.org/index.php/teaching-tips-notes. As of June 15, 2019, this page received 13,522 hits.

Additions to website. To make a better connection with two-year colleges through DTA and the NACTA Judging Conference, additions were made to the NACTA website for these groups. This past year has been a time to evaluate those changes. The DTA items on the NACTA website can be found here: https://nactateachers.org/index.php/delta-tau-alpha. As of June 15, 2019, 11,992 hits on the DTA site. The NACTA Judging Conference items are on the NACTA website here: https://nactateachers.org/index.php/nacta-judging. As of June 15, 2019, 5927 hits.

Funding from the CHS Foundation Grant made these changes possible.

Book reviews: Book/media reviews are currently on hold.

Social media and engagement. The new site provides an ongoing tally of the “hits” received by every NACTA Journal article. Also, the website provides “buttons” that link to the NACTA Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest sites.

Photos. Many photos and jogs of posters are loaded on NACTA’s Flickr site (https://www.flickr.com/photos/nactateachers/). Flickr allows for easier uploads and organization. We added photos from the 2019 NACTA Judging Conference. The Flickr account links directly from the NACTA website. This year Flickr started charging an annual fee.

Store. Working with a local Idaho business, we added a link (http://www.companycasuals.com/NACTA/start.jsp) to a “NACTA store” where members can purchase shirts, caps and other items with the NACTA logo embroidered on them. Little if any activity has been noted on the NACTA Store since it was started.

NACTA is on Facebook: On Facebook, 1458 people “Like” us (up from 1272 last year) and 1588 people follow the NACTA Facebook page. In May 2019, the reach of the Facebook pages was 1666. All measures show an increase over last year. Content is added on at least a daily basis, except during the summer months. Our Facebook link is https://www.facebook.com/NACTA.teachers.

NACTA Twitter: NACTA also has a Twitter account (@nactateachers) with 804 followers (up from 721 last year). The account is following 2339 others and sent 1446 tweets last year. Anything posted on the NACTA Facebook automatically goes to Twitter.

NACTA E-newsletter: We continue to use the E-newsletter (MailChimp) to reach a large audience of members and non-members of NACTA. The E-newsletter is used to inform and to promote. The NACTA Conference and the NACTA Judging Conference were
promoted through the E-newsletter. Between July 2018 and May 2019, 12 NACTA E-newsletters were sent. Hopefully, members are also using 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, can easily and quickly email all the members. More use is being made of this feature to provide members with information and reminders.

**Other Items**

**Continuing this year:** The Seventh Annual Graduate Student Poster Contest will be held this year at the College of Southern Idaho. This year we pushed to have individuals indicate their participation in the contest before arriving at the conference. SurveyMonkey and a QR code will be used for individuals to cast their votes for the top posters. The SurveyMonkey poll will remain open until the afternoon of the last day of the conference.

**QR codes for downloading:** QR codes and URL links will be used at this year’s conference. One will allow anyone to download an electronic copy of the NACTA Journal, volume 63, supplement 1 which contains the abstracts for the 2019 NACTA Conference. QR codes are also used in the NACTA Awards Program booklet so individuals can download the NACTA Journal award winners’ articles.

**NACTA Awards and Banquet Program Booklet:** The NACTA Awards and Banquet Program booklet has become a project of the NACTA Journal. This booklet is designed “in house,” by Karen Earwood-Kenny. This year the booklet was printed at Lulu.com. With shipping costs and the cost of proof copies, each booklet cost about $3.00.

**2019 NACTA Daily Program Booklet:** This booklet was developed and produced in-house this year. It is in full color. Each booklet cost approximately $6.90 to develop and print.

**Digital Object Identifier (DOI):** We have done some investigating in obtaining DOIs for the NACTA Journal manuscripts. More needs to be done. However, JSTOR, the company that archives all the NACTA publications does create DOIs for the NACTA Journal publications. Recently, JSTOR sent the Editor an Excel file containing DOIs for all the NACTA Journal articles they have archived. If useful this could be made available to the membership.

**Recommendations:**

- Produce an impact statement for the Journal.
- Finish work on special issue, “Engaging Students in Global Agriculture” and determine format for publication.
- Increase the fee charged to libraries for the NACTA Journal.
- Pursue DOIs for NACTA Journal articles.
- Continue transition to POA.
• Produce an annual hard copy of the NACTA Journal using the print-on-demand service of Lulu.com, and make the option to purchase available to libraries, the membership and anyone else.

• Consider other uses/outlets for the NACTA Journal-produced publications and website media.

Submitted by:
Rick Parker
NACTA Journal Editor/Publications Committee Chair

**Historian – Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University**

Activity related specifically to NACTA history was minimal. Updated the PowerPoint slide show of NACTA Past Presidents to be shown at the 2019 conference in recognition of the 65th annual meeting.

Worked to ensure that revised NACTA Judging Conference Constitution and the 2019 Judging Conference results and photos were provided to be posted on the website.

Participated in all of the monthly Executive Committee conference call meetings and provided input on management firm proposals.

Investigating whether NACTA was officially incorporated in the 1950’s if such records are needed by the management firm.

Developed letter to ask for funds to support the Rick & Marilyn Parker NACTA Faculty Engagement Award.

**Regional Directors Reports**

**Canadian Director Report – Frank Robinson, University of Alberta**

On May 3, 2019 an Alberta NACTA Teaching and Learning Workshop was held at the University of Alberta attracting 55 attendees. Registrations were received from the University of Alberta, Olds College and Lakeland College. The keynote speaker was Dr. Rick Parker and short presentations were made by 16 other people. Plans are currently underway to hold a similar meeting in 2020 with Lakeland College expressing interest in hosting it.

On June 11, Frank Robinson will be addressing the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Diploma Agriculture Programs to talk about NACTA.
Three successful award nominations were made this year from the University of Alberta.

Dr. Heather Bruce will be taking over from me as the Canadian Director this month.

**Eastern Region Director Report – Daniel Foster, Penn State University**

Dr. Daniel Foster (@FosterDanielD, foster@psu.edu),

Welcome letters continue to be sent to all new and renewing members (Thank you Marilyn Parker!)

Follow-up email messages are sent to those members from the Eastern Region Director.

Routine reminders both locally and within the region, are provided to:
- Renew membership
- Submit abstracts to conference
- Nominate for awards
- Engage via social media and organization website

Eastern Region Footprint includes:

1. Connecticut
2. Delaware
3. Indiana
4. Kentucky
5. Maine
6. Maryland
7. Massachusetts
8. Michigan
9. New Hampshire
10. New Jersey
11. New York
12. Ohio
13. Pennsylvania
14. Rhode Island
15. Vermont
16. Virginia
17. West Virginia

Eastern region will host the 2021 National Conference in Wooster, Ohio.
Central Region Report – Tom Paulsen, Morningside College, IA

As Central Region Director, I participated in the NACTA Conference held at Iowa State University in Ames Iowa in June. I also participated in 8 Executive Board meetings over the past year.

Following the 2018 NACTA Conference, I sent notes of congratulations to Central Region Award winners. I also sent welcome notes to new and renewing NACTA members and answered questions or shared information as requested. Over 60 notes were sent. As of June 18, 2019, the Central Region has 138 members.

Western Region Report – Ed Franklin, University of Arizona

Institutional Membership Reminders
Reminder emails sent to institutions by Marilyn requesting payment.

New Members

Welcome emails sent by Marilyn to the following new members:
- Andreas Wesemann, Utah State University
- David Anderson, Utah State University
- Janie Wagoner, New Mexico State University
- Becky Haddad, Oregon State University
- Rachel Gioannini, New Mexico State University
- Charles Watt, Montana State University
- Colin McClure, Montana State University
- Quintin Molina, University of Arizona (Life Membership)
- Anthony Hartshorn, Montana State University
- Tyler Thorp, University of Arizona
- Bradley Fox, Windward Community College, HI
- Jondie Rianda, Montana State University
- Jeff Pashnick, Montana State University
- Lance Stott, Utah State University
- Claudia Ingham, Oregon State University

Southern Region Report – Nick Fuhrman, University of Georgia

Not present. Wife Jessica expecting baby girl any day 😊
The 2019 NACTA Judging Conference was held at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky on April 10-13, 2019. The results are posted on the NACTA website in the “featured links” section. Murray State University hosted 15 contests. 79 schools participated, with 750 students participating. Brad Ramsdale is the new secretary.

A business meeting was held on Friday and was chaired by Mike Roeber from North East Community College. A new Secretary was elected. Mike Roeber will continue to serve as President.

Kevin Donnelly from Kansas State University gave an update on the NACTA Judging and Student Service Award. The recipient this year will be Brad Ramsdale from Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis NE. He will be honored in Twin Falls, ID at the 2019 NACTA Summer Conference this year.

Future sites for NACTA Judging competition include Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS on April 1-4, 2020. The 2021 site is Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS.

Standing Committee Reports

Journal Committee/Editorial Board, Rick Parker, College of Southern Idaho

Report with the Editor report

Educational Issues & Teaching Improvement Committee, Brian Pearson, University of Florida

The EITI committee received 27 applications for the 2019 NACTA Travel Grant award. Using funds provided by Iowa State University, 10 applicants were selected based upon the established award rubric. Among those selected, 9 were graduate students and 1 is an Assistant Professor. Two awardees were students of a 2-year institution. All 10 awardees are either an award winner, committee member, or presenter at the conference.

Nineteen conference workshop proposals were submitted for the 2019 conference. Seven workshops were selected based upon content and expected impact by the host-institution coordinator, Rick Parker, and EITI committee chair, Brian Pearson. Given the increase in the number of high-quality workshop submissions, up from 13 submission in both 2017 and 2018, a rubric has been proposed to help better establish the workshop
selection process. Discussion about the development of a rubric for the workshop submission process will be held at the 2019 EITI committee meeting.

The EITI committee was encouraged to develop and submit a workshop focused on qualitative statistics for the 2019 conference. Although a workshop proposal was submitted, the workshop was not selected for the 2019 conference. If continued, support for a similar workshop exists, the workshop proposal will be reviewed and resubmitted for the 2020 conference.

Membership & Public Relations Committee, Tracy Dougher, Montana State University

Report with the Membership Director Report

Teacher Recognition Committee, Wendy Warner, North Carolina State University

1. 2019 Awards Summary

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2. Timeline for review
By 2/8/19 – reviewers assigned (given 30 days to review)
3/11/19 – reminder sent for remaining reviews
~3/22/19 – reviews completed
~3/25/19 – notifications sent
3/31/19 – early bird registration ends
3. Awards Notification and Travel Grant
The Teacher Recognition Committee and Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee worked together to coordinate the timelines for the awards and travel grants. Three award winners also received travel grants.

4. Consideration of changes to scoring, requirements, applications
- NACTA Teaching Scholar
  - Value of Involvement or Contributions to NACTA is currently 100 points. Should this be higher?
- NACTA Educator
  - Should there be some requirement for NACTA membership?
  - Should applicants have to include Involvement to NACTA or Plans for Future Involvement?
- Graduate Student
  - Should applicants have to include Involvement to NACTA or Plans for Future Involvement?

5. Expectation for award recipients to attend NACTA conference?

6. Promotion of awards opportunities? Thoughts, ideas, approaches?

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7. Status of award reviewers
- 27 reviewers this year.
- Recruitment of new committee members. Generate a list of rewards to committee membership, expectations, and time commitment.
- Also, how to encourage committee members to pay dues by February

**Journal Awards Committee, Chad Miller, Kansas State University**

Based on the reviews: the results are as follows for the top two journal articles are:

**EB Knight Journal Award**

**Jack Everly Journal Award**
“Evaluation of Teaching in Departments of Agricultural Economics.” Brian Coffey and Andrew Barkley. Kansas State University

**Bob Gough Top Teaching Tip:**

**Journal Awards Committee Meeting Minutes, Chad Miller, Chair, June 21, 2019**

➢ There were four other individuals who attended the meeting; Mark Russell, Bob Stark, Jr., Kwame Matthews, and Lurline Marsh.

➢ A brief overview of the committee was given and discussion about the process from last year’s review.

➢ There was discussion over the rubric or criteria used for evaluating manuscripts. It was agreed that the criteria could be revised to assist in the evaluations. An effort will be made to align the criteria more closely with the currently published author guidelines for submitting manuscripts.

➢ The new timeline for manuscript review will be from October 1 to September 31. This will hopefully provide a better timeline for reviews (not crunched in the January break/beginning of the fall semester). Clarification on just how the division of reviews will change, with published on acceptance.
➢ No chair-elect was selected. Chad will reach out to others on the committee and solicit suggestions/recommendations for chair elect. Any suggestions of younger members who would like an opportunity to develop leadership are suggested!

*International Committee, Kelly Newlon, Ohio State University*

Agenda for June 20 or 21, 2019

Old Business:

- CIIETA Meeting in La Molina, Peru
  - NACTA is provided support to UNA La Molina, Peru as they plan the International Congress of Educational Innovation in Agriculture Topics October 17-19, 2018.
  - NACTA sponsored the keynote speaker with a travel sponsorship: UW-Madison Michel Wattiaux
  - US attendees

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Use of website
  - Current:
    - Previous conference workshop information
    - Videos of member institution SA programs
    - Resources

International themed NACTA Journal
  - Melanie Foster, Editor
  - Call for proposals has closed

New Business:

2020 NACTA Conference Workshop – Proposal Ideas
  - 2019: Thursday, June 20 3:30-5:30pm
    - Bridging Learning Across Continents: Effectively Leading a Study Abroad Experiences: Hock, Baker, Falk, Redwine
    - Previous suggestions for workshop topics (3- to 5-year vision)
      - Assessment
      - How we talk about these experiences (and how students talk about these experiences; how to show value)
      - Getting started in International Programming
    - Suggestions for future workshop speakers/presenters

How can the International Committee better serve NACTA?

Potential future grant exploring impact of education abroad on desired career outcomes for our graduates “Developing Authentic High-Impact Educational Practices in the FANH Sciences” – First wave led by Gary Wingenbach, TAMU

Chair elections
  - Kelly Newlon, Ohio State: Retiring
  - Liz Karcher, Purdue, was rising, but is now the Eastern Region Director-elect

Experiential Learning Committee, Dana Ladner, Kansas Department of Agriculture & Tracy Rutherford, Texas A&M University

Tracy Rutherford and Dana Ladner welcomed 12 NACTA members to the committee meeting at the annual conference on June 15, 2018.

Drew Cotton provided an update on the Judging Contest and milestones from the past year. They include development of steering committees for the six required judging
competitions, a mission statement for the contests, and learning objectives. All of the
topics/changes came from discussion at the 2017 committee meeting. The NACTA
website has been updated with information under the NACTA Judging Contest tab.
Kevin Donnelly noted the Judging Conference Constitution was revised in 2018.

From recommendations provided at the 2018 committee meeting, Cotton coordinated a
professional development opportunity for NACTA coaches during the 2019 NACTA
Contests. Cotton worked with Murray State (2019 hosts) to add the workshop to the
schedule. Dr. Jason Peake and Dr. Eric Rubenstein, UGA, were the presenters. The
topic was techniques in curriculum integration through experiential learning methods.
The speakers were selected from NACTA Annual Conference presentations as a
means to tie the two events together. Cotton requested $815 from NACTA to support
the professional development activity.

Rutherford, Ladner and Donnelly worked closely with Tracy Dougher on the survey sent
out to all members on the value on NACTA as an organization. Rutherford provided the
data to the Executive Committee.

_Undergraduate Experiential Learning Committee, Committee Meeting, Friday, June 21,
2019_ 
8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Taylor Building – Dining Area, College of Southern Idaho

Dana Ladner welcomed NACTA members to the morning committee meeting. The
meeting began at 8:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

There were 21 in attendance to include: Misti Sharp, John Lai, Monica
VanKlompenberg, Drew Cotton, Phil Hamilton, Tracy Quinton, Janet Kerr, Dennis
Buckmaster, Marcia Godey, Baron Wesemann, Kevin Donnelly, Mac Burgess, Dina
Liebowitz, Jennifer Clark, Nichole Anderson, Lyle Westrom, Jackie Jacobs, Xin Zhao,
Tasia Taxis, Michael Gunderson and Dana Ladner.

Ladner gave an overview of the establishment of the committee. Cotton, Donnelly and
Westrom provided an update on the Judging Contest at Murray State. A question was
asked if new faculty and graduate students could attend the contest as an observer to
learn about the event? Cotton stated he did not see why they could not. It was noted
this may aid in making professional connections for new faculty members.

There was discussion on continuing the Poster Contest at the 2020 contest. It is viewed
as a great way to showcase student academic accomplishments. A question was
posed, if the Poster Contest winners in the 2 and 4-year divisions could present their
poster at the summer NACTA Conference, possibly having their way paid? Minimal
discussion followed. Would it be possible for students attending the Judging Contest to
provide a poster on “Agriculture Across the Country”? This would be a great way for all
students to learn about the many differences in agriculture in the United States. It would
not be a judged contest but an educational opportunity for participants.
Ladner posed the question to the group on submitting a workshop proposal for the 2020 Annual Conference? There was a great amount of interest from the group on submitting a proposal for a workshop on student managed farms. Ladner will send out a “feeler” email early fall and those wanting to collaborate on the proposal will be identified.

Beginning at the conclusion of the 2019 meeting, committee structure will change to include a four-year commitment from individuals for committee chair assignments. There will be a Chair-Elect for two years, which then will role to the Chair for two years. Ladner will serve as Chair for 2019-2020 to complete her appointed term. Mac Burgess, Montana State University, volunteered and will serve as Chair-Elect for 2019-2020 and serve as Chair 2020-2022. A Chair-Elect for 2020-2022 will be selected at the meeting in Las Cruces.

Ladner thanked everyone for attending. The committee meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Addition: Ladner was in contact with Brittany Howell, Fort Hays State University 2020 host institution, during the conference and provided her information from the committee that they would like to see the Poster Contest continued at the 2020 Judging Conference.

Liaison Reports

**APLU / APS, Tracy Hoover, Penn State University**

The 2018 APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) meeting was held November 10-12th in New Orleans, LA. The Academic Programs Section represents membership of Associate Deans of Academic Programs in Land-grant and (NARRU) Non-land-grant Agriculture and Renewable Resources Universities.

Todd Winters, Dean at Tennessee-Martin is our NACTA NARRU liaison and is also an APS member. Wendy Fink, Director of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources and Executive Director for the BAA Academic Programs Section regularly attends our NACTA conference.

USDA/APLU/APS supports several awards and programs to support teaching and learning. Examples are the USDA/NIFA Teaching Excellence Award and the APS Innovative Teaching Award. Information on both of these awards can be found on the APLU/APS website [http://www.aplu.org/members/commissions/food-environment-and-renewable-resources/board-on-agriculture-assembly/academic-programs-section/index.html](http://www.aplu.org/members/commissions/food-environment-and-renewable-resources/board-on-agriculture-assembly/academic-programs-section/index.html).

Please note, there were changes to the nomination criteria for the above-mentioned teaching awards. Please check the web site for more details.
USDA to relocate the Economic Research Service (ERS) & the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Outside DC

On-going discussion is continuing to relocate ERS & NIFA*. A short list was shared in May 2019 with the top locations being in the Greater Kansas City Region (KS/MO), the Purdue University/Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and the North Carolina Research Triangle area. This relocation is intended to improve customer service, strengthen offices and programs, and save taxpayer dollars.

*This short list of locations took into consideration critical factors required to uphold the important missions of ERS and NIFA.

APS/APLU Employability Survey – The preliminary results of this study are being shared with APS members. There is a plan in the works to host an APS teaching workshop before NACTA 2020 to share survey results and opportunities to integrate results into academic programs. Wendy Fink has been in touch with Rick Parker to begin this conversation. If the NACTA annual meeting schedule follows past schedules this workshop could be offered Monday (all day) and Tuesday morning. More details will be shared in the future.

**NARRU, Todd Winters, University of Tennessee, Martin**

The Joint APS-NARRU Winter Meeting was March 5-8 in Washington D.C. & Alexandria, VA

- A major focus of NARRU was FY2020 re-appropriation of Non-Land-Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) Capacity Building Funds re-authorized with new definitions in the 2018 Farm Bill. We also strongly advocate other USDA-NIFA “Ag. Education” grant programs--Higher Education Challenge Grants and Multicultural Scholars Grants. In addition to Hill visits, NARRU submits written testimony to both the House and Senate Ag. Appropriations Committees, and attended the Ag. Research Congressional Forum in June (also in D.C.)
- Related to this, we have also been helping USDA-NIFA understand the new definitions of the Farm Bill Language for re-certification of NLGCA institutions. This certification process has started, and we encourage all Public Non-Land-Grant Agriculture programs to participate.
- A major learning topic of the joint APS/NARRU meetings was dealing with “Compassion Fatigue.”
- Another topic at joint APS/NARRU was better advocacy for the USDA-NIFA “Ag-Education” programs listed above. This is an area that NACTA could partner with APS and NARRU.

APS and NARRU are also partnering on a planned Pre-NACTA meeting in New Mexico for June 2020 on development of “employability” skills based on a recent national poll that was performed. NACTA Board Members Todd Winters and Tracy Dougher are on the planning committee.
NARRU represents ~60 Universities across the country, and about 25% of the Food, Agriculture, and Natural B.S. degree graduates nationwide.

Foundation Meeting and Reports

Advisory Committee – Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University with Secretary/Treasurer, Marilyn Parker

✓ The primary activity was to get the campaign for the Rick & Marilyn Parker NACTA Faculty Engagement Award rolling during the past two months. A letter was developed explaining the award and asking for donations to honor the many years of service of Rick and Marilyn to the leadership of NACTA. The initial letter was mailed to all life members on April 25, 2019. A revised letter was sent via email to all current members on May 23, 2019. A notice has recently been posted on the home page of the NACTA website. Pledge cards will be distributed at the 2019 meeting in Twin Falls. To date (June 12) contributions to the fund total $11,265 from 43 distinct donors.

✓ Reviewed Foundation Checking Account and Investment Balances
  o Investment Summary for 2018-2019
    ▪ Value of investments in Wells Fargo as of 5/31/19 = $159,842
    ▪ Initial investment = $137,000 ($125,000 in Aug./2015 + 12,000 in Dec.2017)
    ▪ Performance past year:
      • Balance of $170,288 in May 2018
      • Peak of $180,667 in August 2018
      • Low of $149,460 in December 2018
  o Major donations of $4,300 (11/18) from Purdue and $15,014 (12/18) from Iowa State
  o A current Foundation Checking Account Summary will be provided by Treasurer, Marilyn Parker. There is a lot of activity with the Parker Fund donations coming in. Verify transfer of $5 per member to Foundation for 2019 that is usually done in May.

✓ Recommendations:
  o Continue raising funds for the Parker Award. We have a good start, but we are far from our goal of $75,000.
  o Decide how much to transfer from Foundation Checking to Investments (minimum $5000 balance was suggested in past Foundation Director reports)
  o Appoint NACTA Foundation Advisory Council
    ▪ Members appointed initially in 2017-2018 (per Directors report June 2018):
      Dean Winward, Southern Utah University (2017-2018)
      Holli Leggette-Archer, Texas A&M University (2017-2019)
      Mark Russell, Purdue University (Current President)
      Tracy Dougher, Montana State University (Past President)
Tracy Hoover, Penn State University (Past-Past President)

- I do not think any changes have been made other than Tracy Hoover would have automatically rolled off for 2018-2019 and Ann Marie VanDerZanden was automatically a member as current NACTA President. If Dean was re-appointed, then his second two-year term would run through 2020. We need to re-appoint Holli or find a new member for 2019-2021.

**NACTA Foundation Checking Account Report – June 2019**

- Account opened August 2017
- Beginning Balance moved from Foundation Savings to checking $16,963.94
- Balance as of May 31, 2019 $10,084.37

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- Checks that will be written on the Foundation Checking account for the June 2019 NACTA conference:

  - Journal Awards
    - EB Knight Award – Lead author Robert Dalton, Michigan State University, $300
    - Jack Everly Award – Lead author Brian Coffey, Kansas State University, $300
    - Bob Gough Teaching Tip, OP McCubbins, TAMU, $150
  
  - NACTA Judging and Student Service Award, Dr. Brad Ramsdale, NE, $500
  
  - Excellence in Teaching and Learning with Technology Award, Dr. Henry Hochmair, University of Florida, $1,000 (from NACTA)
  
  - Teaching Award of Excellence, Dr. Nicole Stedman, University of Florida, $1,500
• NACTA Teaching Scholars
  o Dr. Emily Buck, Ohio State University, $500
  o Dr. Laura White, New Mexico State University, $500
  o Mr. Dean Winward, Southern Utah University, $500

• Murray Brown Leadership Award
  o Dr. Tracy Dougher, Montana State University, $500

• Cost for engraved awards plaques - $264.89

❖ Total cost from Foundation checking account for awards - $5750.89

Marilyn Parker
NACTA Secretary
June 2019