

NCDEA

Board of Directors Conference Call
Monday, July 10, 2006
11:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Present on Call:

Robert Dobbs, President
Cindy Moon, Vice President
Connie Richmeier, Treasurer
Glenda Lewis, Secretary
Rich Baden, Past President
Rich Duesterhaus, Executive Director
John Redding, NACD Treasurer
Greg Baneck, Irene Moore, Jeri Trebelcock, Tommy Brooks, Carolann Corado, Tim Riley, Carolyn Kelly

President Robert Dobbs opened the call at 11:07 a.m. welcoming Carolyn Kelly on board as the new Pacific Region representative and installed her officially.

President Robert Dobbs gave his Association Status Report. Robert stated he has been very busy and has attended numerous meetings and participated in several conference calls. He remarked that he is pleased with the progress being made on the Two Year Strategic Plan.

Robert Dobbs reported that he attended the National Association RC&D Councils meeting in Savannah, Georgia. He presented a session during the meeting on "How can district employees and districts work with RC&D councils". Participants identified five areas where Districts and RC&D Councils could work in partnership: legislative outreach, marketing, funding and working on joint partnership contribution agreements.

President Dobbs stated he was asked by Krysta Harden to provide an article for the upcoming NACD News and Views on the topic "Why You Should Attend the National Meeting". A copy was sent to the board for their comments. All thought it was a very good article.

President Dobbs then asked Rich Duesterhaus, Executive Director, if he had any comments to make. Rich Duesterhaus stated that a second letter would be coming out from NACD with reference to the computer security issue. He stated there have been partner staff meetings on the 2007 Los Angeles meeting.

Five teams have been formed and are gathering information for the new Farm Bill and will make recommendations to the NACD board at their mid-year meeting in August. Rich stated work continues on the planning of the National NCDEA Conference Call. An agenda will be complete and sent out soon. The plan is for this to be more of a listening format since we hope there will be many people on the call. The date for the call was set for Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Regional representatives will be sent this information and it will be their responsibility to get the notice to their state presidents. Rich will send the agenda and dialing instructions out on July 14th. Request was made to have people RSVP by July 24th so we will have some idea how many people will be on the call.

Financial Report

Connie Richmeier stated our operating account has a balance of \$17,770.99. The Don Aron Scholarship account has a balance of \$10,421.58.

Connie also reported she has received dues from four more states. They are New Hampshire, Montana, New Mexico and Washington. Carolyn Kelly requested Connie send her an updated report so she will know what states in her region have paid. To date a total of 24 states have paid dues.

Connie reported the Endowment Fund now has a balance of \$2,550.00, with 100% board participation.

Greg stated that he thought we should invest some of the scholarship fund money in a money market account. Suggestion was made that maybe it should be given to Rich Duesterhaus to manage so it would not have to be moved each time a new treasurer is elected. Robert Dobbs stated he will have the finance committee work on this.

Fund raising with the raffle was discussed. There maybe a problem with holding a raffle in California. More research will be done and brought back to the group.

The new Contribution Agreement for the National Data Base through NRCS has been signed. It will be a two year grant. \$20,000.00 will be awarded in the first phase and a draft letter will be sent out between January and March, 2007. Glenda Lewis expressed to everyone that updated information is needed from all areas. This database will benefit everyone but it will only be as good as the current information is. Regional Representatives were instructed to check the NCDEA website, update the information and send it to Glenda Lewis and Rich Duesterhaus.

Tommy Brooks stated that his Task Force Committee is working on their By Laws and Policy section. Tim Riley reported technical trouble with the scanner in his office, which has resulted in a delay in providing information to the committee. A part has been ordered and when repaired will continue scanning the information.

The status of the National Leadership Conference was reviewed. Dates for the National Conservation Partner Leadership Conference are November 29 & 30 in Nashville, TN, at the Music City Sheraton with a room rate of \$96.00. Would like to have at least 5 people from each state attend. A concept paper and agenda are being prepared. Rich Duesterhaus encouraged everyone to go ahead and make their hotel reservations. One travel scholarship of \$500.00 per state will be offered on a competitive basis.

President Dobbs asked Glenda to report on the Recruitment Package for Regional Reps. Glenda stated she has not begun work on this yet but plans to work on it this week.

NCDEA's Awards Program was discussed. Connie Richmeier has agreed to Chair the Awards Committee. Peter Vigil, Greg Baneck and Phil Griswold will also serve on the committee. It will be promoted to the states and on the website.

President Dobbs stated he plans to appoint an officers nominating committee in August. According to NCDEA's By laws Rich Baden as Past President will serve as the chair for this committee.

The 2007 Annual Meeting was discussed. Robert Dobbs asked John Redding if NCDEA would be responsible for any of the training sessions. John stated he would get back to Robert on this matter. NACD has a planning committee conference call scheduled for next week.

The NCDEA sightseeing bus tour, scheduled during the NACD Annual meeting was discussed. Suggestion made to have one outside of the city possibly to the Reagan Library and some areas along the California coast.

Rich Baden reported that he and the past presidents will start to plan the details for the NCDEA dance. It is scheduled for Tuesday night, February 6, 2007.

NCDEA Annual Luncheon/Meeting will be "Conservation Power Lunch".

NCDEA Associate Member brochures that Connie Richmeier produced were discussed. It was agreed to print additional copies and the send each regional representative 10 – 20 copies to use.

John Redding asked Connie Richmeier if she received the check for NACD's contribution to NCDEA (\$5000.00) and she stated she had.

John Redding also stated he would appreciate the employees encouraging districts to pay NACD quota dues.

The call ended at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted,



Glenda B. Lewis, NCDEA Secretary