

NCDEA

National Conference Call Thursday, July 27, 2006 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time

President Robert Dobbs called the First National Conference Call to order and welcomed everyone. President Dobbs then introduced the national officers, and the regional representatives that make up the executive board of NCDEA. President Dobbs then asked Rich Duesterhaus, Executive Director, to complete a roll call to determine who was on the call. President Dobbs then stated that because of the large number of people on the call discussion was going to have to be held to a minimum. He stated that if anyone had questions, to please email them to him and, if time allowed, we would address them at the end of the call.

Association Status Report

President Dobbs gave a brief history of NCDEA and reported we will celebrate our 15 year anniversary in 2007. He informed everyone that NCDEA has just recently become incorporated and has obtained 501C3 tax status. President Dobbs commented on the national, regional and local networking system that we use. He commented on the importance of the process of sharing information with local, state, regional, and national contacts. President Dobbs gave a list of the Committees and Boards that we have representation on. He reported he participates in quarterly meetings with the leadership of the partnership and has a very good working relationship with them and we are respected and trusted. He reminded everyone about the National Training Needs Survey and the National Training Strategy that was a result of the survey.

Financial Report

President Dobbs asked Treasurer Connie Richmeier to present the financial reports. Connie Richmeier gave brief comments on how NCDEA is funded. She explained the state dues, the endowment fund, the associate membership program through NACD, the proposed NCDEA associate membership program and the Don Aron Scholarship Fund. To date we have 25 states paying dues. The Endowment fund has a balance of \$3000.00 and will have a \$2000.00 match coming from an anonymous donor. President Dobbs stated that we have 100% participation from the board for this fund. The Operating Account balance is \$17,943.28. The Don Aron Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$10,421.58.

NRCS/NCDEA Contribution Agreement

President Dobbs asked Rich Duesterhaus, Executive Director, to present information on the latest Contribution Agreement with NRCS and NCDEA. Rich reported we have a signed two year agreement where NCDEA will produce a National Electronic Membership Database with phase one to be completed during this next year. Rich stated he is looking forward to working on this project. He will prepare a letter that will be used to contract with the states. He stressed the importance of keeping this information current with updates every six months as the goal. President Dobbs stated

here that money has been included in the MOU to give \$200.00 to the states that participate.

National Leadership Conference

President Dobbs asked Rich Duesterhaus to report on the National Leadership Conference that is being planned. The event will be November 29 and 30th in Nashville, TN. Travel scholarships of \$500.00 per state will be offered. Reservations can be made now and the name changed on them up until a few days before the event. NRCS, NACD, NRC&D, and NASCA partner leaders will be invited to attend.

Strategic Plan Update

President Dobbs requested Glenda Lewis, NCDEA Secretary go over the updated Strategic Plan. Glenda stated the mission, the vision and the four major objectives for NCDEA. A current copy has been sent to everyone.

Regional Representative Recruitment Package

President Dobbs asked Glenda Lewis to report on the Recruitment Package. Glenda stated this is a work in progress. She plans to contact the committee members next week. She also asked if anyone on the call had any suggestions to please send them to her. President Dobbs stated he felt this was necessary to let states know what qualifications the people recommended need to have.

Guidelines for State Leadership

President Dobbs asked Tommy Brooks, SEDEA President and chair of this committee to give a report. Tommy stated this is also a work in progress. Information is being compiled. Expected completion date of September 2006 will be met. President Dobbs stated that states need to know what kind of people to place in these positions. They need to be the cream of the crop, best of the best and this position should not be viewed as a training ground.

Employee Choice Awards

President Dobbs asked Connie Richmeier, Treasurer and chair of this committee to give a report. Connie reported the Awards Packet has been revamped and they feel we have potential to recognize some of the outstanding district employees and district officials. Connie stated she would send out the new 2007 Awards Packet to each regional representative so it can be distributed to each state president. She stated that special attention needed to be given to the narrative section of the award.

2007 Nominating Committee

President Dobbs stated according to our by-laws Rich Baden, past president, will serve as the chair of the nominating committee. The current officer team terms will expire in February 2007. President Dobbs requested each person interested in submitting their name for nomination please provide a resume' and letters of support.

Annual Board Meeting Agendas

President Dobbs encouraged everyone to attend the 2007 NACD National Meeting February 3 through February 7th in Los Angeles. The Board meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 3 fro 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The NCDEA Annual meeting and luncheon will be on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Another board meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2006. All NCDEA Boards Meetings are open to all.

Training Sessions

President Dobbs stated we are in the process of developing concurrent sessions for the NACD Annual Meeting. If you have any recommendations please send them to Robert by next week.

Bus Tour

Cindy Moon, Vice President, reported she is working on the plans for the tour.

Dance

Rich Baden reported the dance will be held on Tuesday night. The past presidents are planning the event.

Raffle

Connie Richmeier reported the raffle for a power point projector and laptop will be held. Tickets should be out by next month.

Questions

Barbara from Florida asked, "Is the Electronic Database of District Employees just full time employees"? President Dobbs state they would be available to any district employee, part-time or full-time – regardless of whom pays their salary.

Amanda from New York asked, "Who were the Training Surveys sent to?" President Dobbs listed the persons who received survey and results.

President Dobbs thanked everyone for calling in. The call adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted,



Glenda B. Lewis, NCDEA Secretary