



“PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT JACKPOT”

BY CRAIG KLEVEN
NDAAE PRESIDENT

“Professional Development JACKPOT” – What a conference theme for the 2010 NAAE Convention November 30 – December 4 in Las Vegas, NV! An NAAE/ACTE convention is always a great opportunity to “Strike it Rich” or “Hit the Jackpot” with professional development opportunities and networking among peers! It is too easy to say, “I just do not have the time”, whoever does unless we just make it a priority? “I know my supervisor will not assist with funding”, but did you ever ask? We do not always realize that we get stuck in a rut and need to step out of our day to day activities to refresh and refocus in our jobs. Traveling out of state for a week would be a good replenishment to finish out the semester and getting a chance to learn from others and capture new ideas! We harp on our students that they need to get out of small town North Dakota from time to time to see how really diverse the world really is and appreciate what we have back home. Take a “Gamble” this fall, pack your bags and hit the “Professional Development JACKPOT” in Las Vegas. Not to mention that Las Vegas is actually one of the more reasonable travel locations, the National Finals Rodeo will begin at the same time, and Las Vegas is a lot of fun, even if you do not gamble or like rodeo! **Author’s note: Deer Season will be closed by then, so this important event will be affected. Now you have no excuse to not attend! J**

I strongly encourage the NAAE membership to seriously take a look at registration for the conference this summer to capture some of the early pricing! Capture the early bird registration discount by July 9 at <http://www.naae.org/convention/registration/index.html>

Visit with your supervisor now to use end of year money at your school before someone else does and register early!

Do you need something to help convince your supervisor that you should attend the NAAE Conference? How about submitting a proposal for a professional development workshop to be presented by you at the 2010 NAAE Convention? Several of you are doing great things, why not share with others. Check the process at <http://www.naae.org/convention/workshops/index.html> and proposals are to be submitted electronically via e-mail by May 1, 2010, but I am sure they will take something a couple days late.

Region 3 this summer is in Mankato, MN from June 22-24. Take advantage of this opportunity as all members will be helping prepare to host Region 3 in Majestic Minot June 21-23, 2011. If you plan on attending Region 3, please let me know. At the writing of this article, there are 6 people who have stated that they plan on attending. Hopefully we will triple this number!

Have a great summer and I hope to visit with you before PDC at the State FFA Convention or Region 3!

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Tuned up in Tennessee!

ANISSA WILHELM
NDAAE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The 2009 NAAE National Convention was successful and worthwhile adventure. North Dakota attendees included Craig Kleven, Carmel Miller, Rocky Brown, Jerry Wettlaufer, Jeff Ball and me.



The convention provided a tremendous opportunity to network with many other agriculture educators from across the United States. The convention provided a variety of workshops, general sessions providing national updates affecting agricultural education and career and technical education, regional meetings and social opportunities. While it seems quite some time since November, I have referred to information gathered at the convention since then.

NAAE mission is “Professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.” To do so, it is important that we are involved beyond our state level. The national conference can provide this opportunity.

So what is next? Las Vegas...one of my favorite places!

The 2010 NAAE National Convention is scheduled for November 30-December 2 in Las Vegas. If you have not yet attended an NAAE National Convention, I encourage you to consider this opportunity this year and hit the Jackpot in Vegas. I recently spent a few days in Vegas. Let’s just say I was doing some prior research for the 2010 Convention. If my “research” was any measure, those who choose to attend are going to have a great time while we learn some important things at the convention. See you there!



NAAE REGION III SUMMER CONFERENCE

JUNE 22-24

Mankato, MN

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO



FarmAmerica
The Minnesota Agricultural Intrepretive Center

Tuesday June 22

Golfing for Ag Teachers

NorthLinks Golf Course - Mankato

\$40 (1/2 cart, 18 holes, and tax)

MN Sportsman Barrel O Fun

Indoor Archery - \$1 per person (Bows included in price)

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Tuesday Evening

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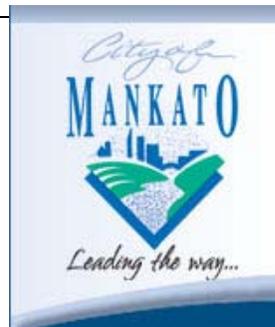
Conference Cost - \$70

Lodging:

Best Western Hotel
1111 Range Street
North Mankato, MN 56003
507-625-9333

\$73.99 plus 9.5% tax - non poolside

\$93.99 plus 9.5% tax - poolside



Stay tuned for more information

Lidgerwood FFA hold first FFA Banquet

Billie Jo Brause
Lidgerwood Agriculture
Education

The Lidgerwood FFA Chapter had their First Annual FFA Awards Banquet this year March 15th. There was a strong outpouring of support from the community and surrounding chapters. We had 173 people show up for the banquet. Prante and his chef class catered and Beth Bakke Stenehjem was the guest speaker. There have been nothing about praises towards what FFA does for students. People are very impressed with the Parli-Pro and discipline of the students and what they are all able to accomplish. The FFA Chapters are proving to people what students are capable of accomplishing and learning! Banquets are a large part of the FFA Season and are an excellent way to show the community and parents what all of the long hours and trips stand for. Keep up the good work!



District VIII is Making our Communities Great

Marcus Lewton South Heart Ag Education

Numerous chapters from around region eight have been serving their community this year. Although each chapter has a different way of providing a service for their community, they all agree that students want to make a difference in their community. Service learning, service projects, and service leadership all provide students with personal growth that also help support and sustain the communities we live in.

Providing a service for the community does not have to be a grand project. Service for our communities can be simple projects that can have a long-term effects. One example of this is by visiting with residents from local nursing homes. The Bowman County FFA chapter takes the time each year to visit residents of the local nursing home. They read letters, play cards, and eat cookies. Another example may be providing services for community events such as the local rodeo. The Killdeer FFA chapter takes time each summer to set up and tear down for the local Killdeer Roundup. Simple day-long or hour-long projects are not hard to set up and build relationships and trust within the community.

Service projects can also be large and complex. This can be accomplished by utilizing the leadership of chapter officers and other groups within the school. Each year the South Heart FFA co-sponsors a Veterans Day Ceremony with the local FCCLA organization. The event includes lunch, a ceremony, and a cookies and coffee hour. The FFA,



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Resources for enriching lives.

FCCLA, Madrigal Choir, Band, cooks, and elementary students all come together to show appreciation to the local veterans.

FFA chapters from the area can also come together to provide service projects that are large and complex. This Christmas Season the Belfield, Dickinson, New England, and South Heart FFA chapters utilized Alliance Pipeline Grants to build and provide small farm sets for children in the area whose parents could not afford toys. The farm sets were made of wooden farm machinery, wooden animals, Lincoln logs, and a wooden storage box. By working together these four chapters were able to provide twenty-five farm sets for needy children. They also had an opportunity to work with chapters whom they usually compete against in Career Development Events.

There are numerous ways to provide services to the community in which we all live in. These projects not only develop knowledge, but develop character. These projects can be short or long, big or small and in the end benefit everyone. The following is a list of projects that have been accomplished in region eight in the past year.

Visit nursing homes	Paint Christmas ornaments with	Host a Veterans Day celebration
Farm safety with elementary	Agrilympics for junior high	Build garbage can holders
Build park benches	Plant flowers	Provide labor for community pro-
Setup and clean up for commu-	Adopt-a-Highway	Food drive
Blood drive	Build flower boxes	Landscaping
Farm toy sets for needy kids	Plant Trees	Build blue bird houses

Teacher Turn the Key

Rocky Brown

Wishek Agriculture Education

For any of you in your second, third, or fourth year teaching, this article is for you. For you new teachers, this will give you something to look forward to. I was lucky enough to be selected to represent our great state of Agriculture Educators last November as part of the Teacher Turn the Key (TTTK) program at the national NAAE conference in Nashville. For one, it was an honor to go, but to be able to go for almost free, was even better. My flight, hotel, and registration was all covered by the sponsor of this award Dodge Ram. How awesome is that ~ a trip to Nashville with my only expense being my entertainment! You don't get that opportunity too often. Was it work to get there? I would be lying if I said no. Of course it was work. The application is big and a little intimidating at first. However, once I got started with it, it went pretty good. Plus, I have an idea of how to fill out other applications in the future now so that is a big helper.

I was one of approximately forty young agriculture educators selected from around the country. While there, we had some very informational sessions within our little group.

Things we did within the TTTK group were share ideas on everything in education from lesson plans, fundraising ideas, how to deal with stress as a young educator, what is causing our stress, to actual lessons that I took home and put to use. That was the main reason I was there, but they did give us plenty of time to take in the rest of the national convention. At the convention, there was well over one hundred different sessions to choose from. Some of them give you very hands on information to take home and put right into the classroom. Others give you heads up on changes that will be happening in our profession. You get to choose which ones you want to go to and at what time. I can honestly say there wasn't a single one I went to that was boring or a waist of time.

Along with all of the convention stuff to do, the networking and socializing was the best part. I met people from all over the county. I had dinner with the state advisor from New Mexico and discussed the differences in agriculture and especially what is taught in the different places and the importance of these conventions. I had many conversations with a past outstanding secondary teacher who is currently driving his FREE PICKUP. I also had some good conversations with New York's state advisor. All of these people made me feel like we as a state are great educators and that I, the little Wishek North Dakota agriculture educator, can make a difference nationally and I can compete with the big schools of the south for some of these awards later on in my career. I was watching what some of the national winners had done at their schools in some of the award areas and some of them have multiple riding barns, a few hundred acre farms, multiple green houses, and much more. While I watched this stuff, I had made up my mind that there was no point in applying for any more awards because there would be no way to compete nationally; however, after talking with some of these other people from across the country, they made me realize that yes I can, and yes we can, as a state.

I do realize that the application for this award is very large; however, the rewards are much greater. This next year the national conference is in Las Vegas, and who wouldn't want a free trip there. The conference is so great. All the learning you do and all of the people you meet is so much fun. If you didn't get time to complete the form this year and you are still eligible for it next year, please keep it in mind. Whenever I come back from one of these trips, I am so rejuvenated and ready to teach and try new things in the classroom. On top of that, I know have some connection across the country to get help with whatever I may need. I agree that nothing will beat the help I can and have received from the North Dakota educators, but a different perspective does help. So next year around this time, don't be afraid to get out there and at **TURN THAT KEY.**



NDAAE District Happenings

Here are happenings from a few districts. Thanks to those vice presidents who submitted information.

District 6

We had our annual spring meeting March 31st in Streeter where we judged proficiencies, planned our spring workouts and contests, and had some general discussion and venting.

We had a total of 67 proficiencies in 32 categories to judge. We had a good showing from all of our chapters and the judging, I felt, went very good. Once we had completed that, we moved on to our meeting.

We set up our early district workout date for May 18th and will go over Meats Evaluation, FBM, and Floral Design. Then we set our date for the large workout for June 1st. The following contests will not be covered at this workout- Horse, Dairy Showmanship or Judging, Ag. Comm, and possibly Nursery. Unless there are people out there that want to help put these contests on, we will not have them at our workout. The cost to attend will be \$5.00 per person with a max charge of \$25.00 per chapter to help cover the cost of some of the supplies. The workout will run two sections as it has been done in the past. The first section will begin at 9:00 AM and go until 12:00, and the second section will begin at 12:30 and go until 3:00 PM. The Carrington FFA alumni will also be serving a meal at the cost of \$5.00 per person. If you are planning on attending, Mr. Lemer would appreciate having some rough estimates on the number so that he can inform his alumni so that they can have enough food prepared. Then we discussed our district Ag. Mech contests and set a date for May 24th in Carrington.

We then set up our Tractor Driving contest for June 28th in Medina giving Missy one last thing to be in charge of in Medina before she moves up to Carrington.

Once we had those dates all set, we had some general discussion on award applications and Region III in Mankato, discussed who would be going, and the possibility of driving together. Also during this time we read the thank you cards that our district had received from FFA members who received plaques for a second through fifth placing at state in Crops, Livestock, and Ag. Sales. The cards we received were very nice and shows that the district sponsoring them was well worth it. As our discussion went on, we talked about how it would be really neat to see more of those types of plaques at other state contests for the second through fifth individual placing at state. The cost for our district was very minimal especially when you look at who the money was going to. If other districts had the financial ability to pick up a couple of contests, we felt that every contest could receive these plaques pretty easily.

District 8

See the great article by Marcus Lewton on some District 7 happenings (pg4).

District 9

District 9 will hold their spring meeting in Wahpeton on May 17th & 18th. This meeting provides opportunity for the colleges to address course articulation and PAS issues, not to mention a generally good time. Activities from this past year include a successful State PAS conference at which a record number of students attended. In March, National PAS conference was held in St. Louis, MO and again all went well. An Ag Teacher inservice is scheduled to be held in July during the week of the 12th. Watch the list-serve for more information regarding the agenda and specific times. The location of the inservice will be the NDSCS Agriculture Department in Wahpeton, ND.

District 10 & 11

The Farm Business Management group has been busy this spring with closeout season and is now wrapping them up as of the last week in March. Spring conference was held in Bismarck April 12-14th. An upcoming event of interest would be the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Conference which is being hosted in Fargo in June.

FFA Alumni Raffle winners

The ND FFA Alumni Raffle drawing was held in Bismarck on March 29.

Winners are named below:

\$100 Prizes: Owen Wallace (Fessenden), Jerome Held (Harvey), Roberta Reishour (Carrington)

Medora Musical Tickets - Karson Mairs (Lisbon)

Shotgun - Allen Pfennig (Bismarck)

TV - Jerry Hagemeister (Fessenden)

270 gun - Jim Eidman (Rugby)

4 Wheeler - Coleen Paczkowski (Abercrombie)

Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

Your support of ND FFA is greatly appreciated!

NDAAE Spring Meeting Minutes

Tracey Hartwig NDAAE Secretary

April 14, 2010

Bismarck State College—Prairie Rose room

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Kleven at 3:00 pm in the Prairie Room at Bismarck State College in Bismarck, ND.

Introductions were done. The following people were present: President, Craig Kleven; Past President, JoDee Free; Treasurer, Jeff Ball; Secretary, Tracey Hartwig; District I VP, Jeremy Carkuff; District II VP, Brandon Quam; District III VP, Wade Anderson; District V VP, Billie Joe Braise; District VI VP, Rocky Brown; District VII VP, Pete Hetle; District VIII VP, Larry Lundberg; District IX VP, Anissa Wilhelm; District X VP, Jory Hanson; District XI VP, Don Hagen, NDACTE Rep, Dan Spellerberg; Assistant State Agriculture Education Director, Aaron Anderson; NDSU AG ED, Dr. Young.

The secretary's report was handed out and reviewed. The treasure's report was handed out and reviewed. JoDee F. moved to accept the secretary report and treasurers report were approved Jory H. seconded, motion passed.

District Reports:

- 1 – Jeremy Carkuff: District meeting in New Town. Williston State will be holding a State Convention prep on Wednesday, June 2nd, @ 10:00. Most contests will be conducted
- 2 – Brandon Quam: District meeting held in Garrison, Proficiencies were judged. District workout dates were set. Region III was discussed.
- 3 – Wade Anderson: Held in Rugby, judged proficiencies and chewed the fat.
- 4 – No Representative
- 5 –Billie Jo Brause: Opening in Kindred. Proficiencies judged, workouts set up.
- 6 – Rocky Brown: District meeting held, proficiencies judged. State convention workouts set up. Tractor driving set up. Asked if districts would be interested in sponsoring 2nd through 5th place plaques for
- 7 –Pete Hetle: District contests held June 3rd, Beulah. \$25 fee for none district chapters.
- 8 – Larry Lundberg: Share resources for State Convention instead of workouts.
- 9 – Anissa Wilhelm: Meet in Wahpeton in May. State PAS conference this winter went well with much success. In March, National PAS conference was held in St. Louis, MO, all went well. Ag Teacher inservice to be held in July, watch the list-serve for more info.
- 10 – Jory Hanson: Spring meeting held in Bismarck.
- 11 – Don Hagen: National Farm Management Conference in Fargo June 13 – 17th. For more info go to NFBRM.com with topics. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wade Anderson presented an updated copy of the By-Laws and Constitution. Changes: Addition of Article VIII, By Laws. This includes:

These are policies of operation of the organization as defined by the constitution. Additions and amendments may be made by a simple majority of members in attendance at the regular annual meeting.

Section A. Courtesy Policy

A \$25 fee will be paid to the NDAAE treasurer when signing this form. The fee will be placed into a savings account

Upon activation and payment of the courtesy policy to a NDAAE member, each member needs to submit an additional \$25.00 to the savings account within 60 days. Neglecting to do so will terminate courtesy policy membership.

Upon death of a member of this policy, the sum of the above accounts will be paid to the beneficiary as designated by the member within 10 days.

Upon death of a child or spouse of member of this policy, the sum of the above accounts will be paid to the beneficiary as designated by the member within 10 days.

section B. Membership Awards

The following award opportunities are available to members:

Delmar Cengage Learning NAAE Upper Division Scholarship

NAAE Outstanding Teacher Award

NAAE Outstanding Young Member Award-NAAE Members who have completed at least three, but not more than five years of teaching are eligible to apply for this award; members who are currently in their sixth year of teaching are eligible to apply.

NAAE Outstanding Secondary/Middle School Program Award

NAAE Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Program Award

NAAE "Teachers Turn the Key" Scholarship – NAAE members who are currently in their second, third, or fourth year of teaching are eligible to apply for this award. This will provide you a free trip to the National Conference.

NAAE Teacher Mentor Award – NAAE members and who have mentored younger teachers and followed set of guidelines.

NAAE Ideas Unlimited Award

Achievement Awards: The following awards will be voted on by majority membership at the annual meeting and will be submitted for regional consideration.

NAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award

NAAE Outstanding Service Citation

NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award

Section C. Years of Service

Years of service will be recognized for years taught in North Dakota. Pins will be presented in increments of 5 years. (5-10-15-20-25-30-35-40), a gold watch will be presented at 25 years of service and banquet recognition for 30 years of service to the organization.

These revisions will be voted up in 60 days. Billie Jo B. moved, Brandon Q seconded. Motion passed.

Anissa Wilhelm reported on the State Supervisor Position Committee. A position title, job description, and rationale was presented. Document needs to be presented to Wayne Kutzer by June 2010. Aaron discussed how this would be received. Anissa presented to put together a group, Aaron, Z, an Adult Farm management individual and PAS representative to meet with Wayne to discuss it with him. Budget will be proposed in June, action needs to be taken quickly. Aaron will present the idea to him and find if he is receptive. The committee will then set up a meeting with him to present the paper that has been put together. Jeff B. moved to approach Wayne Kutzer with the document; Rocky B. Seconded. Motion passed. Anissa will edit this document one more time, sent out to the executive the list serve to be voted upon.

An update on the Intern position was given by JoDee Free. She has selected an individual. Between Jodi and the new intern, they will revise the intern position and duties for next fall.

NDACTE Rep, Dan Spellerberg, discussed the importance of the winners from today's judging to fill out the NDACTE application that is in line with their particular application. National dues will be increasing. If you register by the early bird registration in July, you will receive this year's cost. If you pay at PDC you will pay the new cost. Funds left over from last year will be used for Edutech classes for credit or for free or ACTE apparel.

NDSU Agriculture education update. 30 students. 5 current student teachers. 9 graduate students admitted to the program. Statistics and an Ag Ed/ FACS Ed class will be offered this summer for graduate credit. Science in CTE was discussed, final testing will be conducted in May. Wayne Kutzer and Dr. Young visited about science/math endorsement on the participants teaching license for the teachers that have participated in one or both of these programs.

Dr. Young expressed that Tam Maddock will be the existing Ag Mech tests and putting them in a test bank to be used for future state tests, chapter tests, ect. The FFA Foundation has donated \$400 to assist with the project. Dr. Young requested funds to

be allocated if money above and beyond is needed. Pete H. moved to donate up to \$200 for this project if needed. Larry L. seconded, motion passed. Dr. Young discussed the NDSU Advisory Committee and his assistance. He asked that we put this on hold for a couple of years, when he would better be able to serve on this and to assist with this committee.

Aaron Anderson gave a report from the State Office. Winter events will be moved to Minot in 2012. If we want NDSU involved dates will be March 26th, which is the tentative date at this time. Monday was chosen as a date to avoid any High school association dates and hotel availability. We also agreed with NDWS not to compete with the date they have set, this would allow a possible contest date.

CHS Star Program; Craig discussed the assistant secretary and assistant treasurer position be the contact for this program. CHS needs a detailed report of where the money goes is recorded and they items be fulfilled. Craig suggested this take place this next year as part of the duty list.

Craig discussed PDC Banquet plate, we are losing money, but recouping from the picnic. The money was intended to be used for profession development and materials, not to cover the banquet. Do we want to use this to counteract the banquet meal or do we want to raise the banquet meal plate. Jeff will check with the state tax department on a tax exempt number and if this includes hotel and restaurant taxes to cut down on a bit of the cost. Moved by Wade A and seconded by Larry L. to change the banquet meal plate to \$18.00/plate for the NDAAE banquet held on Wednesday night.

Region III is to be held in Mankato, MN in June 22-24. There is an online registration format that should be completed as soon as possible. Craig will announce the Committee chair for sessions at a later date. State Applications for the NAAE are due May 15th.

Region III, 2011 in Minot was discussed. A list will be coming out soon with the committees that will be needed of individuals to sign up. All and any help will be greatly appreciated.

JoDee F. has presented a variety of workshops for the Mentoring Program, she was thanked for all her hard work to assist new teachers. JoDee F. and Amanda H. will present again at PDC, we can utilize Star Program funds to assist with the cost of materials.

Craig K. talked about the district VP checklist; and making sure that VP's new to get them filled out for PDC for a chance at an award.

Session at State Convention was discussed and it was enjoyed by the students. Anissa W. moved to help fund the program again, JoryH. Seconded, motion passed. Committee based off last year, plus Tracey H., any others contact Tracey H.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 and award applications were judged.

Meeting was adjourned.

PDC Registration

Online Registration for PDC in August is now available.

- Early Bird: \$40 for registration completed between April 1 and July 19, 2010
- Regular: \$50 for registration completed between July 20 and August 3, 2010
- On-site: \$80 for registration completed at the conference

Go to <http://www.nd.gov/cte/pdc/register.html> to register and make sure you bring a printout of your online registration to the conference

ACTE Dues

2010-11 ACTE Dues will increase effective July 1, 2010

- Early Bird: \$95 for dues paid between April 1 and June 30, 2010 (regardless of renewal date)
- Regular: \$115 for dues paid on or after July 1, 2010

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