

MACS NEWS

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ZONE B Meeting

There were 9 of us that represented Minnesota at the Zone B meeting in Des Moines. The speakers included Chris Beyerhelm, Deputy Administrator of Farm Loan Programs and Todd Burke, Chief of Farm Credit Applications. Chris Beyerhelm talked about several key points including funding, marketing, lawsuits, 1165 and term limits. Todd Burke discussed FSA needs the right IT to do our jobs. He touched on a few items to come in DLS and MIDAS. A great wrap up of the speaker's presentations can be found on the NACS website in the March 2011 newsletter.

MACS SECRETARY

As most of you know, Leah Lindgren has moved out east. Leah accepted a FLM position in Maryland. Leah served as the MACS secretary. Thus, MACS is looking for a replacement secretary to fill her term. Please submit your nominations to the MACS Board.

JOINT STATE MEETING WITH MNASCOE

MACS is looking for input for the State Meeting. The meeting has typically been held in the third week of July in a central location. Please respond to the MACS board by April 30, 2011 if you want to provide any input or would like to see any changes.

STATE OFFICE CONSULTATIVE MEETING

An email was sent out in April requesting input on some items that came up from the State Office Consultative Meeting. We are waiting for final State Office editing of the MACS meeting minutes.

DUES

If you have not paid your 2011 dues, they must be paid now! All dues should be mailed to Ellen Dilly, Treasurer, Farm Service Agency, 4 Alfred Street, NE, Wadena, MN 56482.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FLM, FLO, FLS, DD (REGULAR MANAGERIAL) - \$156

CED'S WITH LOAN APPROVAL AUTHORITY -	\$156
FLOT'S (MANAGERIAL TRAINEE) -	\$58
FLP PT -	\$84
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (OTHER/RETIRED) -	\$20

CONCERNS OR COMMENTS

If anyone has any questions, concerns or comments for MACS, please let one of the Board members know!

NACS/NASE UPCOMING MEETINGS

National Convention June 19 – 23, 2011 in Salt Lake City

If anyone is interested in attending the National Convention, please let the MACS Board know.

LINKS

NACS - www.nacfsa.org

NASE - www.nasefsa.org

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