

MACS NEWS

January 2010

Minnesota Association of Credit Specialists - FSA

Web site address: www.macsfsa.org E-mail address: macs@macsfsa.org

ZONE B Meeting

The 2010 Zone B Meeting is coming up fast. Have you made plans to attend? It is on February 6th and 7th in Fargo, North Dakota. The registration deadline is past, but you can still attend if you wish. The registration information is still on the web site. If you are planning to attend, please let me know so I have current information for the State President's report.

This is also another opportunity to present resolutions, questions and concerns for NACS to address. If you have any ideas, please forward them to the NACS Zone B Rep or you can send them to me.

FLP OFFICE RESTRUCTURE

The proposed FLP office restructure plan was submitted to the National Office on December 22nd. As expected, several questions were raised and additional information and clarification was needed. Linda and Glenn have provided the additional information as requested. As of January 13th, I have not heard if the plan has been approved yet or if changes will be required.

There continues to be many questions and concerns regarding the implementation of the plan. The various comments and concerns that I have received have been discussed with Glenn & Linda. We continue to ask questions regarding the timeframes, employee rights, relocation, etc. What are your concerns? Are your questions being addressed?

CONTRACTING

We continue to be short staffed throughout the state as application activity and workload continues to increase. The option to utilize contracting for YEA's, farm inspections, and farm planning continues to be discussed, but the contracting process is cumbersome and very time consuming. We are trying to develop an efficient way to utilize contracts in an efficient and quality manner. What are the most important activities needed for contracts? What criteria should be included? Who is available for contracts? Should contractors be required to enter information into FBP? What about the security clearance? How can we establish contracts quickly because they are needed immediately for YEA's? I have asked Paula Lund, MACS VP and FLM in Roseau to assist with gathering information regarding contracting. We have many questions and need your input. If you have ideas, comments, names of potential contractors, or other options, please forward them to Paula with a CC to Jeff Johnson. We need to act quickly if we want the help during this loan making season.

ANNUAL MACS/MNASCOE CONSULTATIVE MEETING

We will be scheduling the annual consultative meeting with the State office within the next few months. As we plan for this meeting, we need to know what your issues, problems and concerns are. Please contact any of the MACS officers with your questions.

2009-10 MACS Board

President – Jerry Hurre
Vice President - Paula Lund
Secretary – Leah Lindgren
Treasurer - Scott Nordby
NASE State Contact – Karen Welander
Past President – Lee Crawford

District 1 Representative – Gary Schommer
District 2 Representative - Justin Phillips
District 3 Representative - Ellen Dilly
District 4 Representative – Kevin Lehman
District 5 Representative - Jennifer Robinson
District 6 Representative - Kevin Hagan
District 7 Representative - Mark Baumann
District 8 & STO Representative - Kelly Klingsporn