

MACS NEWS

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Minnesota Association of Credit Specialists - FSA

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ZONE B Meeting

The 2010 Zone B Meeting is next week. If you have not registered and would still like to attend, please contact Loren Drege, SD Zone B Committee at 701-883-5217, Ext. 107 to see if they still have room. These meetings are great opportunities to learn more about NACS and discuss issues about our jobs.

FLP OFFICE RESTRUCTURE

Nothing new to report.

NACS/MACS Dues

This year you may have noticed more of an urgency to collect the MACS dues. It is always important to pay your annual dues timely to support the organization and assist the Board with managing the budget. A major portion of the dues (\$120/yr) are NACS dues to support the National organization. The NACS budget year begins on July 1st and the MACS year begins October 1st. I am not sure why there is a difference. This year NACS began collecting the dues on a quarterly basis, so the first two quarters were due before we had collected dues from many of our members. It became critical to know who our members were and to collect the dues to meet the NACS requirement as well as maintain a balanced budget. If you have not paid your dues, please do so ASAP. Please also keep this in mind as we move into the new year. Dues for 2010/2011, will need to be paid in July or August if possible.

MACS vs NACS

MN Association of Credit Specialists (MACS), National Association of Credit Specialists (NACS) and National Association of Support Employees (NASE) have a long history of supporting Farm Service Agency and all FSA employees. They have accomplished numerous improvements and changes that have made our jobs more efficient and effective. As a member of MACS, you are part of our state association as well as the national association. To learn more about MACS, NACS and NASE, check out the respective websites at:

MACS - www.macsfsa.org

NACS - www.nacsfsa.net

NASE - www.nasefsa.org

The MACS website has links to all the websites under the LINKS tab. If you are not sure what MACS is all about, check out the history of MACS under the ABOUT MACS tab. This information and much more can be found on the website.

The resolution process is the primary method that is utilized to make improvements to our procedures, regulations, and policies. The most recent resolutions with N/O discussion were recently posted to the NACS website. Check out the NACS website for more details. Many times we have a concern or issue that we are

struggling with that many others across the Nation are also. The resolution and discussion process brings these concerns and issues to the National level with proposed solutions to improve our jobs. Do you have a concern or issue with a solution for improvement or to correct the problem. Please submit your idea as a resolution to any MACS board member or directly on the NACS website.

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