

# MACS NEWS

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*Minnesota Association of Credit Specialists - FSA*

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## 2009-2010 Budget and Dues

The 2009-2010 budget has been finalized and approved by the MACS board. The dues remain the same as last year. The dues are:

- MACS/NACS members - \$156/yr
- MACS/NASE members - \$58/yr
- FLOT members - \$58/yr
- MACS/NASE Associate members - \$46/yr
- Associate Members - \$20/yr

Please submit your dues to Scott Nordby at 1567 McMillan Street, Suite 1, Worthington, MN 56187 as soon as possible. If you utilize the payroll deduction option, you do not need to take any action at this time. If you are interested in payroll deduction to pay your dues, please contact Scott for more details.

The budget also includes funds to reimburse first time attendees to the Zone Meeting or National Convention. If you have never attended a meeting, this year will be an excellent time to attend.

## FLP OFFICE RESTRUCTURE

Linda Hennen, SED and Glenn Schafer, Exec. Officer presented the FLP restructuring plan to the managers and specialists during the Manager's meeting in Alexandria. The plan and related information was also sent by email to all FSA employees last week. They also plan to meet with all FLP employees during the October Manager's meetings to review the proposed plan, discuss the implementation process and answer questions. Hopefully by now you have had a chance to review the plan. If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please forward them to Linda Hennen, SED and Glenn Schafer by **October 23rd**. You may also send your comments to me. I will compile the comments and forward them to the STO. This continues to be a very important issue for the future of FLP. There continues to be many questions with the plan and implementation process. Now is the time to submit your comments. You know how the proposed plan will affect your local area and customers better than anyone. Please forward the info ASAP.

## MACS Committees

MACS continues to utilize four primary committees to work on various issues throughout the year. The committees also review and present the new resolutions to the members each year at the State meeting. The committees are: Farm Loan Program, Farm Program, Management/Personnel, and Information/Technology.

The current committee members are:

Farm Loan Programs: Rod DeGraaf, Kevin Hagen, Doug Kunde and Bev Turner  
Farm Programs: Derek Nelson, Kirk Phelps, Justin Phillips and Cory Christensen

Mgmt/Personnel: Jim Velde, Gary Schommer, Ellen Dilly, Anna McArdle and Cindy Schaupkol  
IT: Bonnie Ward

If you are interested in participating on a committee, please contact a committee member from the committee that you are interested in. Do you have a concern or issue with a regulation, policy or form? Do you have an idea to make our jobs easier? Submit your ideas to the committee to develop a resolution.

## NACS/NASE Upcoming Meetings

The 2010 National Convention will be held in Portland, Maine on June 19-23. If you are interested in attending, please be sure to let me know. NACS also has some incentives for first time convention attendees.

Zone B Meeting – Fargo, ND, February 6-7, 2010.

## NACS/NASE Information

NACS and NASE association information is available at their web sites. Information, newsletters, and other materials are available at their respective web sites:

NACS – [www.nacfsa.net](http://www.nacfsa.net)

NASE – [www.nasefsa.org](http://www.nasefsa.org)

Links to these sites are maintained on the MACS web site under “Links”.

### 2009-10 MACS Board

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