

# MACS NEWS

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## **NASE STATE CONTACT**

Sheree Krogstad, FLP PT in Wadena has been nominated and confirmed to serve as the NASE State Contact for 2010 – 2011 year. Sheree will be the contact point for NASE at the National Level. Please forward any issues regarding NASE to Sheree at [Sheree.Krogstad@macfsa.org](mailto:Sheree.Krogstad@macfsa.org).

Thanks Sheree for taking on the position!

## **NEW TREASURER**

Ellen Dilly, FLO in Wadena has been nominated and confirmed to be the new MACS treasurer. Anna McArdle has decided to pursue other options and resigned from FSA as of September 10, 2010.

Thanks Ellen!

## **CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM**

The unveiling of a new loan program at the end of the fiscal year did not seem to be very good timing. All offices were very busy processing applications by the end of the fiscal year to ensure funding and best customer service. However, the new Conservation Loan (CL) Program is here! A statewide conference call was held on September 22, 2010. MACS is looking for comments to submit to the State Office regarding this program. Please submit comments to MACS at [macs@macfsa.org](mailto:macs@macfsa.org) by October 15, 2010.

Is anyone concerned that a CL loan application is not considered complete until FSA receives a conservation plan? As defined of Exhibit 2 of 3-FLP, a conservation plan means an NRCS-approved written record. This could have a huge impact on our processing times and consequently affect our goals that are listed in our performance plans. Good communication between the agencies will be necessary so all employees involved understand the impacts beyond their desk.

## **JM MARKETING**

All of us who have attended joint MACS/MNASCOE meetings have heard JM Marketing presentations. NACS voted to accept the proposal from JM Marketing to provide insurance products to NACS members. JM Marketing will pay 3% of each new policy written or a

minimum of \$1,000 to NACS annually.

## **DISCOUNT FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2010 – 2011**

If you are a FLM or FLO and will be a first time member in MACS, the MACS board is passing on the NACS waiver of first year members dues. This is a savings of \$120 for the first year membership. Thus, the MACS dues will be only \$36.

## **DUES**

It's that time of year! The dues for 2010-2011 need to be submitted now! Please note that national NASE dues are increasing. NASE dues will be \$84 with \$52 going to National and \$32 going to Minnesota. No other dues changed.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>FLM, FLO, FLS, DD (REGULAR MANAGERIAL) -</b>	<b>\$156</b>
<b>CED'S WITH LOAN APPROVAL AUTHORITY -</b>	<b>\$156</b>
<b>FLOT'S (MANAGERIAL TRAINEE) -</b>	<b>\$58</b>
<b>FLP PT -</b>	<b>\$84</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (OTHER/RETIRED) -</b>	<b>\$20</b>

If you are not on payroll deduction and would like to be, the payroll deduction forms are on the MACS website under "About Macs" and "Join".

If you are interested in becoming a new member or have an employee in the office that is interested in becoming a new member, the membership application is also listed on the MACS website under "About Macs" and "Join".

Send Dues, payroll deduction forms, new membership application forms to:

Ellen Dilly, Treasurer  
Farm Service Agency  
4 Alfred Street NE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## **NACS/NASE UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The Zone B Meeting - Des Moines, Iowa, February 4-5, 2011

## **LINKS**

NACS - [www.nacsfsa.net](http://www.nacsfsa.net)

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

### **2010 - 2011 MACS BOARD**

**President - Paula Lund**

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