

Officer and Officer-Chaired Reports

President – Marcos Fernandez, Purdue University

My year as NACTA President (2020-21) is coming to a close. Personally, I consider it a privilege to have been entrusted with the opportunity to serve you -- the NACTA Family and the organization -- over the past year. My hope is that I have served you well.

Throughout the past year I had the privilege of serving alongside a large number of talented and dedicated NACTA members working towards: a common goal of managing this organization through COVID-19 Pandemic challenges (including two virtual annual conferences); the second of three years in our transition to a new management firm (*JulNet Solutions, LLC*, Huntington, WV); the merger of the previous NACTA Foundation (501c3) and the NACTA Organization (501c6) into one legal entity - The NACTA Organization as a 501c3; review and revitalization of past, present and future role of Regional Directors, the Membership & Public Relation Committee, and NACTA Campus Ambassadors; establishment of a *NACTA Journal* Editorial Board; a review of our membership and institutional membership categories; the relationship between the “parent” NACTA organization and the successful Annual NACTA Judging Contest; and the establishment of new NACTA By-Laws and Standing Rules. By no means is this an exhaustive listing of all that transpired over the past year, but it is an indication of how many talented and dedicated individuals that call NACTA “home” stepped-up, volunteered and made great things happen on behalf of the NACTA Family and the organization! Thank you!

Before I close, I want to share a special message of thanks to members of the NACTA Executive Committee for their steadfast work in leading and supporting your NACTA organization over the past year. A word of appreciation to our newfound colleagues in *JulNet Solutions, LLC* for taking the time and making the effort to get to know the NACTA Family, and assisting and guiding us through the continued transition of NACTA’s management. So, to my newfound friends and colleagues at *JulNet* – Julie, Danielle, Cassie, and Amoritia – thank you for all your support, guidance, and shared experiences! My sincere gratitude to our Parliamentarian (Daniel Foster) and Journal Editor-in-Chief (Frank Robinson), respectively, for the “heavy lifting” throughout the year working on the By-Laws and Standing Rules, and the establishment of the new Editorial Board and process for our *NACTA Journal*. To our outgoing NACTA Secretary/Treasurer – Lee Wood – thank you for patiently and graciously helping us navigate this year of transition at the organizational level as well as your particular leadership position. A special word of thanks to my NACTA leadership mentor and friend – Past-President Foy Mills – for his guidance, support, and wealth of organizational and historical memory, and to President-elect Susie Whittington for her willingness to enthusiastically take-on and run with a number of important organizational items.

In closing, thank you NACTA Family! The future of NACTA looks bright, and I look forward to being a part of the NACTA Family for years to come!

Past President, Nominating Committee, and 2021 Annual Conference Committee – Foy Mills Jr., Lubbock Christian University

- 1) President's Council – engaged in weekly planning meetings with President Marcos Fernandez (Purdue), President-Elect Susie Whittington (Ohio State), various NACTA committee chairs, Julie Hewett (JulNet), and other JulNet professional colleagues
- 2) Nominating Committee
 - a) Served as chair of the nominating committee
 - b) Worked with President Fernandez on appointments to committee
 - i) Ann Marie VanDerZanden (Iowa State), Past, Past NACTA President
 - ii) Jeff Hattey (Ohio State)
 - iii) Audrey Luke-Morgan (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – Georgia)
 - iv) Kimberly Moore (Univ of Florida)
 - c) Contacts made and candidates slated
 - d) Worked with Cassie Chinn and Danielle Inscoc (JulNet) to facilitate election
- 3) 2021 Annual Conference
 - a) President Fernandez appointed me chair of an ad-hoc committee providing oversight of the annual conference
 - b) Committee members
 - i) Tracy Dougher (Montana State) – Membership
 - ii) Daniel Foster (Penn State) – Parliamentarian
 - iii) Shyam Nair (Sam Houston State) – Awards
 - iv) Carrie Pickworth (NCSU) – EITI
 - v) Frank Robinson (Univ of Alberta) – Journal (Conference Abstracts)
 - vi) Cheryl Wachenheim (North Dakota State) – Central Reg Dir
 - vii) Lee Wood (Southern Utah) – Treasurer
 - viii) JulNet, Julie Hewett, Amoritia Hewett, Hannah McCreary, Danielle Inscoc, and Cassie Chinn
 - c) Set schedule, invited keynote speaker – Linda Martin (Univ of Tennessee), former NACTA president, etc.
- 4) Bylaws and Standing Rules – involved in review of proposed changes to both documents

President-Elect – Susie Whittington, The Ohio University

- Participated in weekly Zoom Meetings with President Marcos Fernandez, Past president, Foy Mills, and representatives from JulNet, and later by incoming President-Elect, Todd Winters.
- Participated in monthly NACTA Executive Committee Zoom Meetings.
- Supported NACTA President Fernandez when deemed appropriate.
- Participated in the ongoing review and revision of the NACTA By-Laws and Standing Rules, and corresponding Zoom Meetings.
- Initiated an adopted April NACTA By-Laws and Standing Rules review process with the Parliamentarian and President in preparation for officer transitions.
- Coordinated ad hoc conversations to consider verbiage change for describing the NACTA organization. The committee was comprised of Brian Pearson, Heather Bruce, Lynn Hamilton, Brittany Howell, Liz Karcher.
- Coordinated meetings to consider duties and possible restructuring of Regional Directors, PR/Membership Committee, and Campus Ambassadors. The conversations were comprised of Liz Karcher (representing Regional Directors, and Shelly Sitton (representing PR/Membership committee).
- Engaged in conversations with appointed positions (Daniel Foster, Frank Robinson, Dale Layfield, and Kevin Donnelly). Coordinated follow-up conversations as needed related to these positions.
- Final preparations to assume duties of NACTA President (2021-22).

Secretary/Treasurer – Lee Wood, Southern Utah University

I have greatly enjoyed my time as the Secretary/Treasurer of NACTA during the past two years. This is such a wonderful organization. I have loved working with the Executive Committee, and appreciate the strong membership we have. Thank you for giving me the chance to serve in this capacity!

- NACTA memberships are maintained by JulNet; all new members are sent a welcome letter and their names are passed to the regional director and membership director within 30 days of joining.
- Membership:
 - Institutional members – 142
 - Student memberships – 229
 - Life members – 180
 - Total Individual members – 728
- Walls and Associates accounting firm has been retained to audit the organization and prepare tax information for the Internal Revenue Service.
 - Financial records are reviewed monthly, quarterly, and annually
 - Bank accounts are based at Chase Bank, Huntington, West Virginia.
- The NACTA Foundation and NACTA merged into a single 501(c)3 nonprofit, charitable educational organization. Separate bank accounts are maintained for the NACTA Foundation and NACTA.
 - After the merger took place, October 2020 NACTA Statement of Financial Position showed a total equity of \$283,077
 - NACTA organization equity: \$69,499
 - NACTA Foundation equity: \$213,578
 - March 2021 NACTA Statement of Financial Position showed a total equity of \$336,449
 - NACTA organization equity: \$102,244
 - NACTA Foundation equity: \$234,205
- During this fiscal year, NACTA applied for and received \$104,500 in a 30-year, low interest (2.75%) loan
 - \$60,000 has been invested in a conservative, low to moderate risk portfolio
 - Interest earned is non-taxable
 - \$25,000 is available for system/technology upgrades and project to help advance the organization
 - \$19,500 is available in a liquid account for ready access if needed
 - The first installment of repayment starts September 2022

Journal Editor – Frank Robinson, University of Alberta – Edmonton

This past year has been very busy in the refining of NACTA Journal processes following the establishment of the NACTA Journal Task Force in June 2020. This group was charged to review NACTA Journal procedures and make recommendations to the Executive Board for approval relative to:

- NACTA Journal committee membership
- Efficient review, handling and publication of NACTA Journal manuscripts
- Streamline review / scheduling of abstracts for annual NACTA conference
- Coordinate / review content of NACTA website, including Teaching Tips
- Handling of NACTA Journal Awards
- Other issues arising through review

The task force membership consisted of:

- Frank Robinson (NACTA Journal Editor-in-Chief) – Chair
- Amoritia Strogon-Hewett (JulNet)
- Nick Fuhrman, NACTA member
- Elizabeth Karcher, NACTA Member
- Chad Miller, NACTA Member (NACTA Journal Awards, subcommittee Chair)
- Melanie Miller-Foster, NACTA member
- Brian Pearson, NACTA member

The task force recommended to the NACTA Executive Board that an Editorial Board be established on July 1, 2021 with the following membership:

- Editor-in-Chief – chairs editorial board
- Associate Editors (10):
 - 4 Associate Editors - Manuscript Review (each would have specific areas of focus)
 - Conference Program Chair (Associate Editor – Abstract review)
 - Associate Editor – Conference Symposia Chair (Ex Officio Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee Chair)
 - Associate Editor – Teaching Tips
 - Associate Editor – Web Content
 - Associate Editor NACTA Journal Awards (Ex Officio Journal Award Chair)
 - Associate Editor - Teaching Awards (Ex Officio Teaching Award Committee Chair)
- Technical Editor – Management organization personnel

This report was approved by the NACTA Executive Committee and the following people will comprise the editorial board (with varying terms from July 1 – June 30).

Position	Individual	Institution	Term
Editor-in-Chief	Frank Robinson	University of Alberta	2019-2022
Associate Editor – Manuscript Handling	Wendy Dahl	University of Florida	2021-2024
Associate Editor – Manuscript Handling	Krish Jayachandran	Florida International University	2021-2023
Associate Editor – Manuscript Handling	Elizabeth Karcher	Purdue University	2021-2024

Associate Editor – Manuscript Handling	Brian Pearson	University of Florida	2021-2023
Associate Editor – Teaching Tips	Chad Miller	Kansas State University	2021-2023
Associate Editor – Annual Conference Abstracts	Julie Weathers	Southeast Missouri State University	2021-2023
Associate Editor – Web Site Development	O P McCubbins	Mississippi State University	2021-2023
Associate Editor – Journal Awards	Kendra Jernigan	Abilene Christian University	2021-2023 (?)
Associate Editor – Educator Recognition (Ex Officio Committee Chair)	Dan Stein	Oklahoma State University	TBA
Associate Editor - Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement (Ex Officio Committee Chair)	Carrie Pickworth	North Carolina State University	2022
Editorial Assistant	Amoritia Stogen-Hewett	JulNet Solutions	ongoing

Volume 64 (November 2019-October 2020) was made up of 50 manuscripts. This year so far, Volume 65 has been made up of 14 manuscripts as well as 8 manuscripts in the Special Issue – “Covid-19 Teaching and Learning”. There are still 6 more special issues papers in preparation for publication.

The most valuable group that the NACTA Journal has is the dedicated group of reviewers. We still struggle with having busy reviewers complete reviews in a timely manner. I sincerely appreciate those of you who are reviewers and I know the time that goes into completing a review. This February, the abstract reviewers completed reviews of over 200 abstracts and it was all wrapped up in 3 weeks. I was able to notify authors sooner than the previous year.

Tasks for 2021-2021

- Editorial Board member orientation
- Evaluation of Manuscript / Abstract / Awards management platform
- Construction a key-words list with new manuscripts matched with key words
- Streamlining of the abstract form to ensuring a consistent style and quality
- Updating the NACTA Journal reviewer list
- Hosting NACTA Journal reviewer workshop(s)

Historian – Dale Layfield, Clemson University

Activities for 2020-21

- Revised and updated Historical List of NACTA Regional Directors to current 2020-21 status
- Developed series of Qualtrics-based surveys for members to complete regarding the impact of the tours of NACTA conferences from 2012-2019. Hopefully these can be advertised at the 2021 NACTA Virtual Conference. Information from the surveys will help in adding perspective to the historical records of past conferences and provide possible marketing content for future conferences.
 - 2012 – University of Wisconsin-River Falls
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uEZQuTHnLpZzim
 - 2013 – Virginia Tech
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7OtVonAwPWHkF3o
 - 2014 – University of Montana
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVqAnEgZmaZxPjo
 - 2015 – University of Georgia Tours
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3V2fZwbPvOLE9uu
 - 2016 – University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SVSHFqPwUx7lhY
 - 2017 – Purdue University
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_03y6NcSzXyXG22y
 - 2018 – Iowa State University
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZsJQEpxl3aeq9w
 - 2019 – College of Southern Idaho
 - https://clemson.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9vEDaOXnRzSyy7b

Planned Activities for 2021-22

- Meet with President Susie Whittington and Tamar Chute, Ohio State University Archivist, on developing ideas on how to strengthen historical aspects for NACTA (Zoom Meeting scheduled for July 14, 2021)
- Based on meeting with the Ohio State Archivist, develop a plan for steps in developing a historical online archive for NACTA.
- Present findings from surveys of 2012-2019 tours for presentation at the 2022 NACTA conference.

Parliamentarian – Daniel Foster, Penn State University

Note:

The parliamentarian is an appointed position serving at the will of the current president of NACTA. In June 2020, Daniel Foster was appointed by President Marcos Fernandez to serve in this capacity.

This is my second year to apply my professional credentials in parliamentary procedure in service to help advance the NACTA Organization.

Tasks include:

- 1) Advancing Standing Rules
- 2) Assisting with the Bylaws Amendments
- 3) Refining Conference Resources
- 4) Operationalizing the Parliamentarian Engagement for NACTA

1. Advancing Standing Rules

- a. The standing rules are a working document for every member and leader of NACTA as we all attempt to leave the woodpile higher for those who come after us in leadership. The Standing Rules were last amended in May 2021 and are currently 11 pages long.

2. Assisting with Bylaws Amendments

- a. Seven amendments to the bylaws adopted in 2020 were proposed. To assist with this the following process was followed:
 - i. A proposed bylaws amendment packet was created.
 - ii. The executive committee was lead in a review of the proposed bylaws to provide recommendations.
 - iii. A notice for the NACTA membership was created.
 - iv. A bylaws hearing will be conducted during the Conference Week.
 - v. Assistance with facilitating deliberation during the annual business meeting will occur.

3. Refining Conference Support

- a. To assist with the annual conference the following tasks were completed by the parliamentarian.
 - i. A Draft of Virtual Convention Rules were created.
 - ii. A draft of an agenda for the annual business meeting was developed.
 - iii. A business meeting script was prepared.

4. Operationalizing the Parliamentarian Engagement.

- a. To maximize impact of the Parliamentarian, the following actions were taken:
 - i. Instruction to President's council regarding use of Consent & Priority Agendas
 - ii. Commitment to conduct annual governing document review with Presidents Council in April
 - iii. Commitment to conduct annual Bylaws Hearing in June during conference week.

Parliamentarian Roster:

2019-present

Daniel D. Foster, Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP)
The Pennsylvania State University

Regional Director Reports

Canadian Regional Director – Heather Bruce, University of Alberta - Edmonton

COVID-19 put into suspense the teaching circle that was established at the University of Alberta in 2019, and also delayed the Western Canadian NACTA conference planned for May 2020 at Lakeland College. Welcome letters were sent to new members, and letters reminding past members to renew were sent as well. Mr. James Benkie of Olds College agreed to be the next Canadian Regional Director, and will commence his tenure July 1, 2021.

Eastern Regional Director – Elizabeth Karcher, Purdue University

The Eastern Region Representation was active for NACTA in 2020-21. Specifically:

- Facilitated 5 Regional Director 1-hour meetings
- Working with the Educational Issues & Teaching Improvement committee, assisted with NACTA Teaching Webinar on November 5, 2020 (Creating Engaging Online Learning When Everyone Wants to be Present)
- Represented Regional Directors in discussions with president-elect and the Chair of the Membership & Public Relations Committee on defining future membership roles

Routine reminders both locally and within the region, are provided to:

- Renew membership
- Submit abstracts to conference
- Nominate for awards

Eastern Region Footprint includes:

1. Connecticut
2. Delaware
3. Indiana
4. Kentucky
5. Maine
6. Maryland
7. Massachusetts
8. Michigan
9. New Hampshire
10. New Jersey
11. New York
12. Ohio
13. Pennsylvania
14. Rhode Island
15. Vermont
16. Virginia
17. West Virginia

Central Regional Director – Cheryl Wachenheim, North Dakota State University

Welcome letters sent to new NACTA members; follow-up messages sent to those members in the regions concerning: memberships, abstract submission, awards nominations; social media. Push to increase teaching award nominations as means to recognize teachers and increase membership. Participated in activities with other regions.

Western Regional Director – Shannon Arnold, Montana State University

Annual Report

- Continued to nominate and recruit faculty in the Western Region to apply for the NACTA Educator and NACTA Teaching Scholar Awards. One faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Technology Education at Montana State University, Dr. Dustin Perry, applied and received the 2021 NACTA Educator Award.
- Encouraged graduate student involvement in NACTA within the College of Agriculture at Montana State University.
- Encouraged faculty in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University to renew memberships in NACTA.
- Encouraged faculty in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University to submit abstracts to NACTA conference.
 - Meet monthly with NACTA Leadership Team.
 - Met bi-monthly with the NACTA Regional Directors Team.
- Worked with Regional Directors to clarify the roles related to the Membership & PR Committee including Chair and committee member volunteers, Regional Directors, and Campus Ambassadors.
- Worked with Regional Directors and President Elect to create a plan to streamline communication efforts in the future.

Future Plans

- Continue to promote faculty and graduate student attendance at our future conferences and become NACTA members.
- Continue to work with Regional Directors to clarify the roles related to the Membership & PR Committee.
 - Continue working with Regional Directors and President Elect to create a plan to streamline

Southern Regional Director – Wendy Warner, North Carolina State University

Over the last year, the regional directors (Shannon Arnold, James Benkie, Heather Bruce, Liz Karcher, Cheryl Wachenheim, Wendy Warner) met several times via Zoom to discuss our roles and create a list of specific responsibilities. I look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity. This summer I will send notes of recognition to conference and award winners from my region.

Judging Conference Director – Drew Cotton, Blackhawk College Illinois

The 2021 NACTA Judging Conference was canceled due to safety and participation concerns. The 2022 conference planning is proceeding on a normal schedule and will be held in North Platte, Nebraska March 30-April 2, 2022. The host school will be Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Please contact Dr. Ramsdale at bramsdale2@unl.edu or call 308-367-5225 for more contest information. Links to contest information will also be available on the NACTA homepage.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Educational Issues and Teaching Improvement Committee (EITI) – Carrie Pickworth, North Carolina State University (Chair) & Rebekah Oliver, North Dakota State University (Chair-Elect)

- Carrie Pickworth- NC State University elected as Chair of EITI for 2020-2022 and Rebekah Oliver- NDSU Chair Elect to serve as chair 2022-2024.
- Dr. Elaine Turner will present the 2021 NACTA Conference Blue Ribbon Presentation (deferral from 2020)
- 5 workshops deferred from 2020 will present at 2021 NACTA Conference (no new call for workshops was conducted)
- No conference travel grant awards were conducted due to virtual conference for 2021.
- 2 Committee meetings were held between 2020-2021 NACTA Conferences to discuss actions of the EITI Committee
 - Establishment of Webinar Series with goal of 1 per semester (1 held in fall 2020, spring 2021 did not occur)
 - Fall webinar: “Creating Engaging Online Learning When Everyone Wants to be Present”.
 - Spring webinar: Cancelled due to lack of time commitment (unable to arrange speakers and low participation was anticipated based on committee discussion).
 - Would like to establish a curated list of best practices resources
 - Would like to keep more visual record of presented workshops
- 76 people responded to survey sent out shortly after 2020 conference acknowledging they were a part of the EITI Committee and wished to continue to receive committee updates.

Teacher Recognition Committee – Shyam Nair, Sam Houston State University

- This was my second year as the chair of the Educator Recognition Committee. Dr. Dan Stain is the incoming chair for 2021-23.
- A big thank you to all the reviewers, especially those who reviewed additional documents at short notice during these unprecedented circumstances.
- The Educator Recognition Committee received 82 applications in 2021 and awarded 76 of them. The details of the applications and awards in each category this year and last year are provided in the table below.

Category	# Applications		# Awards		% Awarded	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Graduate Student Teaching Award	42	39	40	36	95%	92%
Educator Award	33	39	31	36	94%	92%
Excellence in Teaching & Learning with Technology	0	1	0	1	-	100%
NACTA Judging & Student Service Award	0	1	0	1	-	100%
NACTA John Deer Award <i>(discontinued in 2021)</i>	1	-	1	-	100%	-
NACTA Teaching Scholar Award	1	2	1	2	100%	100%
NACTA Teaching Award of Excellence	1	0	1	0	100%	-

- Some applications did not follow the direction. Do we need a process to kick out such applications or request a resubmission?
- Some more adjustments are required in the Manuscript FastTrack system. These include drop down boxes for the type of award, space to enter the names, institution, and email addresses, of nominators and nominees. Also, we will need a specific space to enter the photo and bio in the system so that we can download them as a report for the award booklet rather than manually compiling the information. We also need to make some minor adjustments in the award website. I will work with the incoming chair Dan Stein to make these adjustments.

Global Engagement Committee – Melanie Miller Foster, Penn State University

The International Committee changed its name to the Global Engagement Committee with the passing of the new bylaws at the last annual meeting. The purpose of the name change was to be more inclusive of different types of global learning and engagement.

The GEC had five goals this year that were developed at the June and July meetings in 2020. Below is a short summary of progress made toward each goal.

1. Update standing rules
 - a. A special subcommittee was appointed and drafted new standing rules which were approved by the committee and adopted into the standing rules.
2. Develop a Global Engagement Award
 - a. Significant progress was made this year toward offering NACTA members an award. Leadership was consulted for advice on the draft award, and we expect to put this forward to the executive committee in the coming year.
3. Conduct a Partner Spotlight event
 - a. Wanting to highlight the role of international partners, the committee conducted a Partner Spotlight webinar on March 9 with committee member Juan Andrade and two of his colleagues from Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador. Thirty-one members attended, and the session was recorded and archived on the NACTA website.
4. Put out a call for Global Engagement Teaching Tips
 - a. A subcommittee drafted a call for Global Engagement Teaching Tips. We worked with the editor of the NACTA Journal to set a due date, and with JulNet to send out the announcement. We did this three different times, but the announcement was never sent out to the NACTA membership. We will work with the new Teaching Tips editor to update our call and try again.
5. Conduct an inventory of NACTA member global engagement
 - a. A subcommittee drafted an inventory to send to members. We anticipate reviewing this and sending to members shortly after the annual meeting.

Membership and Public Relations Committee Report — Shelly Peper Legg*, Oklahoma State University

1. The committee met almost monthly via Zoom to address ways to increase and serve membership. Meetings were attended by as many as a dozen members.
2. In the late fall, Tracy Dougher, the 2020-21 chair, resigned because of work responsibilities, and Shelly Sitton, the incoming 2021-22 chair, assumed the chair duties.
3. Shelly Sitton worked with Suzie Whittington and Elizabeth Karcher to develop a draft of roles and responsibilities for regional directors and the membership and public relations committee so the two groups would have specific roles rather than do the same tasks. The document is still a work in progress.
4. The membership and public relations committee provided feedback for the working document developed by Whittington, Karcher and Whittington.
5. The plan is to resume monthly Zoom meetings beginning in August.

*formerly Shelly Peper Sitton

NACTA Foundation Committee – Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University

The primary activities for the year have been endowing the Rick and Marilyn Parker award and working with JulNet to make changes needed to transition of the NACTA Foundation from a separate organization to a standing committee within the NACTA organization (per revised NACTA Bylaws from 2020 annual meeting). This included reviewing the history of the NACTA Foundation savings/checking account and closing the checking account and transferring those funds to the NACTA general account. These changes correspond with the transfer of NACTA from a 501C6 to a 501C3 organization.

The NACTA Foundation checking account was set up several years ago to better keep Foundation funds from being comingled with NACTA organization funds. It had previously been a separate savings account. This savings/checking account has been the initial point for deposit of donations to the Foundation until they accumulated to a sufficient amount to transfer to the investment account. It has also accumulated the \$5 per member annual dues to support the Foundation that has been in place for many years. It has been used primarily to pay for awards, plus special projects and other expenditures approved by the Foundation Council.

In the savings/checking account since 2007, we have deposited over \$67,000 donations plus about \$30,000 in \$5 dues transfers. Over \$36,000 of the donation total has been excess conference fees donated by host schools since 2014. We have endowed \$23,000 (Judging and Parker awards), and spent about \$55,000 on awards and \$8000 on other expenses during this time.

Per Executive Board action at the 2020 annual meeting, the \$5 per member of the yearly dues designated to the Foundation was dropped. It had not actually been transferred for the past two years due to the management transition. With the nice investment pool now in place, the earnings should be able to support our awards program in the future. This did not include an adjustment in the dues rate.

- ✓ Investment Summary for 2020-2021
 - Current value of investments in Wells Fargo account (4/30/2021) = \$229,911
 - Balance last year (4/30/2020) = \$170,781
 - Funds added for Parker award (from Foundation checking account) = \$11,000
 - Net yearly market gain in Wells Fargo endowment assets = \$48,130
 - Foundation checking account balance transferred to NACTA sub-account = \$13,129.
 - Total current assets (4/30/2021) = \$229,911 + \$13,129 = \$243,040

- ✓ Activities:
 - Transferred \$11,000 to the Wells Fargo Investment Account to endow the Parker Award
 - Closed the Foundation checking account and transferred the funds (\$13,129) to a sub-account within the NACTA general fund

- ✓ Recommendations:
 - Work with Wells Fargo to set up an account for easy access to some of the investment earnings to support the cost of the annual awards in the future. The \$13,000 left from the checking account closing will only last about two years.
 - Appoint NACTA Foundation Advisory Committee and identify potential new Director for 2022
 - Current Members:
Kevin Donnelly (Foundation Director)

Jill Rucker (Univ Arkansas) (2019-2021)

Maria Boerngen (Illinois State) (2020-2022)

Marcos Fernandez (President)

Foy Mills, Lubbock Christian (Past President)

Ann Marie VanDerZanden (Past-Past President)

- Will need a new appointment or re-appointment for Jill Rucker (two-year term)
- Identify a new person to prepare for appointment to Director in 2022

APLU/APS Update – Anna Ball

No report at this time.

DTA Update – Elizabeth Walker, Missouri State University
No report at this time.

NAARU Update – Todd Winters, University of Tennessee at Martin

NARRU represents ~60 Universities across the country, and about 25% of the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources B.S. degree graduates nationwide. We caucus and do programming with the Academic Programs Section (APS) in the Board of Agricultural Assembly (BAA) in the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). The NARRU liaison serves as NARRU Liaison to NACTA, but also NACTA Liaison to NARRU.

Year in Review:

- The Annual Meeting of the Non-land grant Agricultural and Renewable Resources Universities was held virtually Oct. 5-7 with the assistance of Global Teach Ag
 - Highlights:
 - We had record attendance and held three educational workshops:
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Global Learning in Agriculture
 - Conflict De-escalation
 - Keynote address by NIFA interim Director, Dr. Parag Chitnis
 - Dr. Mike Salisbury, Angelo State U. confirmed as President, and Dr. Brian Parr, Murray State elected President-elect
- We had one Zoom Coffee hour in the Fall on how we were handling the COVID crisis concentrating on teaching techniques during the Pandemic, and also did a Coffee hour on advocacy in Washington D.C. this Spring.
- A major focus of NARRU was FY2021 and FY2022 re-appropriation of Non-Land-Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) Capacity Building Funds. We also strongly advocate other USDA-NIFA “Ag. Education” grant programs--Higher Education Challenge Grants and Multicultural Scholars Grants. In addition to Hill visits, NARRU submits written testimony to both the House and Senate Ag. Appropriations Committees. We are also already working with APLU to get this NLGCA Capacity Building program reauthorized in the next Farm Bill. Todd Winters serves as NARRU Legislative Affairs Chair. Due to the COVID Crisis Hill Visits were cancelled.
- Next Annual Meeting will be virtual again the week of Sept. 20, 2021.