

NACTA Annual Reports

University of Georgia

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Officer and Officer-chaired Reports

Immediate Past President Report – Jeff Hattey, The Ohio State University

Past President Jeff Hattey solicited NACTA members to identify a list of candidates for open positions. A slate of officer candidates that represented the breadth of current NACTA membership was sought. The following individuals were presented to the NACTA Executive Committee for consideration:

President-elect:

Tracy Dougher, Montana State University

Mark Russell, Purdue University

Eastern Region Director-Elect:

John Ewing, Penn State University

Tammy Stephenson, University of Kentucky

Southern Region Director-Elect:

Nick Fuhrman, University of Georgia

Stan Kelley, Sam Houston State University

Western Region Director-Elect:

Dean Winward, Southern Utah University

Ingelia White, Windward Community College, Hawaii

The 2015 NACTA Distinguished Educator Award nomination was received for Associate Dean Laurie Kramer at the University of Illinois and presented to the NACTA Executive Committee for consideration.

President-Elect Report – Tracy Hoover, Penn State University

Several Executive board members responded to the request from Dr. Tim Moore, Dean of SUNY Cobleskill, to host the NACTA Conference in 2017. Marilyn provided Tim an update on future conference hosts; Purdue in 2017 and Iowa State in 2018. She encouraged Dr. Moore to attend NACTA 2015 and consider a bid to host in 2019.

The Murray Brown Leadership Award recipient was decided in our October meeting (Dr. Jeannette Moore). The committee voted to hold Dr. Barrick's nomination and include for consideration in 2016. Tracy Hoover shared this decision with Al Wysocki from University of Florida.

Secretary's Report – Marilyn Parker

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General

- Membership records maintained in Microsoft Excel
- Records include contact information (no phone numbers), payment type, membership code/region, unique membership number (no credit card numbers are kept on file)
- Administrative side of the NACTA website provides tools to make better use of the data
- We have used MailChimp for e-Newsletters for information and reminders

Memberships – New and Renewals

- Emails sent to individuals in the fall; two reminders are sent after that time
- Payment taken by check, credit card (VISA or Mastercard) by PayPal (online), fax or mail, or by calling the secretary. Intuit Quickbooks is being implemented as well with *GoPayment* being used with iPads.
- Members continue to take advantage of the 3-year membership option
- New members receive a “Welcome to NACTA” letter through email and their name is given to the regional director. Regional directors also send a letter of welcome
- Membership listings can be requested by regional directors; individual listings for a particular school can be/are requested for membership reminders or recruiting

Membership –

- Institutions – 108 (includes one new institution/four did not renew)
- Individuals – 650 (approximately – includes Institutional Active, Active, Life Members, Emeritus and Graduate Students)
- Libraries – 45
- Life Members – 151 (includes 6 new)
- Turnover in memberships continues to be approximately 200 per year

Universities/Colleges –

- Institutions receive an email with an invoice for renewal in the fall; reminders are sent again in February and April
- New institutions: Ball State University, Indiana, for Judging Conference
- Those which pay for individual memberships (1-3 year memberships), or either a one-time payment, or a yearly renewal: Purdue University, University of Illinois, University of Florida, Penn State University, Virginia Tech, Sam Houston State University
- Colleges not renewed: Auburn University, Auburn, AL, Berea College, KY, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO, Wilmington College, OH, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC
- *Note: If you are aware of changes in deans of schools, please let the secretary know*

Canada / Foreign Members, Institutions, Libraries (numbers included in above count) –

- Canadian members – 10 / Foreign members – 3
- Institutions – 5
- Libraries – 2 Canadian / 3 Foreign

Teaching Award of Merit / Graduate Student Certificates

- Member institutions receive notification by email when they renew and another reminder in February or March for the certificates (we are willing to ‘overnight’ a certificate)
- Total 58 certificates awarded this year (46 Faculty and 12 Graduate students) which is down from last year (72 total last year)
- Mix of NACTA member and non-member

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- Continued importance and awareness of this award to institutions

Online Voting

- Approximately 190 votes were cast for the officer elections
- We used Survey Monkey for the voting this year and there was double who participated.

Action Item: Encouraging new memberships and retaining memberships is an ongoing theme. Why did 200 members not renew for 2015?

The NACTA Secretary appreciates the additional help of Karen Earwood and Miriah Pace with the varied aspects and responsibilities of the NACTA work.

Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Parker

Membership dues

- Major factor in keeping NACTA financially viable
- Critical to maintain current membership levels or increase
- Dues increase in June 2007 has been beneficial
- Three-year membership payment option is working well
- Those paying the life membership through the \$200 per year plan is working well
- Membership dues paid through PayPal or QuickBooks Intuit has saved on credit card fees

Profit and loss statement

- Created by QuickBooks
- The accounting firm of Deagle & Ames in Twin Falls, Idaho conducted a compilation of the financial records of NACTA to verify the records and accounting process
- This report is for the NACTA checking and savings account and maintained at DL Evans Bank in Rupert, Idaho
- Detailed Profit & Loss statement is available for any NACTA member
- Beginning Assets: \$59,766 / Ending Assets: \$56,621 – Loss of \$3,154
- Currently in PayPal (6-13-15) \$1,400 that has not been transferred to the NACTA account

Income sources (additional)

- Montana State University – \$7421 was deposited into the Foundation Savings account, November 2014
- Silent Auction Books sales at the conference through books donated by Cheryl Moore-Gough on behalf of Bob Gough and by Cengage; these monies support the EB Knight, Jack Everly, and Bob Gough Teaching Tips awards; total amount received \$2317 (\$1257 from Bob Gough books-Cheryl was acknowledged at the Banquet and NACTA was happy to send a Thank You to her)
- Royalties from ProQuest and Gale (Cengage) double from last year
- \$4000 received though Kirby Barrick for the USDA Teaching Workshop; deposited into the Foundation Saving account October 2014

Donations

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- CHS donation of \$5000 received the first week of June 2014 for the development and printing of the Awards Banquet Program booklet and Abstract booklet (Volume 58 Supplement 1) for all Montana State University conference participants

Expenses

- Administrative help has doubled for help with the Journal, website/Facebook upkeep, conference preparation, membership maintenance (individuals, institutions, libraries)
- Accountant help was more due to Foundation work which will not be as much next year (the work specifically for the Foundation was paid from the Foundation Savings account)

Bank Balance

- Bank statement for the checking account ending May 2015 is \$59,427. (PDF of Disbursements attached separately)

Submitted by Marilyn B Parker, NACTA Secretary/Treasurer, June 2015

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NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES & TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 2015 AND MAY 31, 2014

	<u>May 31, 2015</u>	<u>May 31, 2014</u>
<u>Revenue, Gain and Support</u>		
Membership dues	\$ 66,952	\$ 62,216
Royalties income	2,035	1,068
Foundation awards	5,250	3,500
Position announcements	100	100
Grants and contributions	5,000	-
Conference income	2,369	4,661
Miscellaneous income	85	1,976
	<u>81,791</u>	<u>73,521</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Awards	5,300	4,100
Bank charges	538	20
Conference expense	9,364	10,263
Credit card fees	493	1,010
Honorariums	24,006	20,244
Insurance	150	150
Journal expense	12,556	10,749
Miscellaneous expense	8	79
Office expense	94	193
Membership refunds	50	-
Postage	927	1,849
Professional fees	2,957	1,155
Telephone	114	-
Meetings	657	544
Foundation dues	2,935	2,205
Administration	10,314	5,117
Supplies	1,699	1,010
Travel	8,743	3,439
Website expense	4,040	3,650
	<u>84,945</u>	<u>65,777</u>
Total Expenses	<u>84,945</u>	<u>65,777</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(3,154)	7,744
Net Assets - Beginning	<u>59,766</u>	<u>52,022</u>
Net Assets - Ending	<u>\$ 56,612</u>	<u>\$ 59,766</u>

See Accountants' Compilation Report.

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Membership Director's Report – Ron Hanson, University of Nebraska / Jeannette Moore, North Carolina State University

An email letter of congratulations was sent this past year to all new members joining NACTA and to welcome them to the NACTA organization. These new members were encouraged to become involved with NACTA as well as to attend the NACTA 2015 Annual Conference at the University of Georgia.

Currently 33 NACTA members have volunteered to serve as a NACTA Campus Ambassador on their respective campus and to become involved in promoting NACTA. These Campus Ambassadors are now members of the Membership and Public Relations Committee for NACTA. The names of each Campus Ambassador have been posted as a link on the NACTA website. A continued goal is to explore ideas which encourage each NACTA Campus Ambassador to become more committed/involved on their campus for promoting NACTA memberships and to initiate activities that promote the scholarship of teaching and student learning. Another challenge that deserves consideration is to find ways for the NACTA Membership and Public Relations Committee to become more active during the year as well as to initiate/implement new opportunities to accomplish the Committee's duties.

A proposal to create an Outstanding NACTA Campus Ambassador Award will be submitted to the Executive Committee for discussion at our University of Georgia meeting session during the 2015 NACTA Conference.

Editor's Report/Publications Committee Report – Rick Parker

NACTA Journal

Submissions and reviewers: Table 1 shows the number of *NACTA Journal* manuscripts submitted, reviewed, accepted and rejected through FastTrack for the past nine years.

Table 1. *NACTA Journal* Manuscripts Submitted and Accepted

Year	Submitted	Accepted	Percent	Rejected	Percent
2014	82	61	74%	21	26%
2013*	109	76	70%	33	30%
2012	82	54	66%	28	34%
2011	83	49	59%	34	41%
2010	73	54	74%	19	26%
2009	58	42	72%	16	28%
2008	48	30	63%	18	37%
2007	44	29	66%	15	34%
2006	41	30	73%	11	27%
Average	69	47	69%	22	31%

*This year we produced a special September issue, "Globalization: Implications for Teaching and Learning in Post-Secondary Agricultural Education." We received 36 manuscripts. After the reviews, 24 were accepted for the special issue.

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Since 2006, manuscript submissions doubled. With about 50 accepted manuscripts per year, each issue of the *Journal* contains 12 to 14 published manuscripts, a reprint from a past *Journal*, Teaching Tips/Notes, occasional book reviews.

Besides the manuscripts submitted through the NACTA FastTrack (<http://nacta.expressacademic.org/>), 17 Teaching Tips/Notes and four unsolicited book reviews were submitted in 2014. These items are not peer reviewed. For 2015, 29 manuscripts, three Teaching Tips/Notes and one book review have been submitted as of June 1. The overall statistics for the NACTA FastTrack site: 791 total submissions in nine years, including manuscripts, Teaching Tips/Notes and book reviews. On average, manuscript reviews are completed in 38 days.

The *NACTA Journal* Editorial Board in 2014 consisted of 60 reviewers from 38 different institutions. Reviewers who do not maintain their NACTA membership are dropped. For the 2015 – 2016 Editorial Board, reviewers who did not respond to any review requests or did not do any reviews were dropped. Reviewers with three-year terms ending the last day of June 2015 have all been notified and most asked to serve another three-year term. With these changes, the 2015 – 2016 Editorial Board has 50 members. Possibly five more will be recruited at the 2015 NACTA Conference.

Author guidelines for the NACTA Journal are reviewed and updated each year.

Conference abstracts: Table 2 provides a comparison of the numbers of abstracts submitted to the annual conference for the past eight years.

Table 2. Abstract Submissions to the Annual NACTA Conference

Year	Number
2015	270
2014	250
2013	275
2012	176
2011	185
2010	225
2009	170
2008	140
Average	211

Abstracts were electronically submitted to the website <http://nactaabs.expressacademic.org/>. Each abstract was assigned two or three reviewers from the NACTA Editorial Board. Based on the reviews, abstracts were accepted as oral presentations, poster presentations, or rejected. The local planning committee at the University of Georgia scheduled the presentations. The abstracts are published as *NACTA Journal*, Volume 59, Supplement 1, in hard copy for conference participants at the University of Georgia in Athens. They are also published online on the *NACTA Journal* website (NACTAteachers.org). Miriah Pace and Karen Earwood developed, assembled and designed *NACTA Journal* Volume 59, Supplement 1.

All presenters are invited to share their presentations as PDFs or jpgs, which will be posted on the NACTAteachers.org website under the 2015 Conference. Some of these will also be shared on the NACTA Facebook page.

Website, Electronic Publishing and Social Media

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Website and electronic publishing: All issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available on NACTAteachers.org. The most recent eight issues require a member login and password. Older issues of the *NACTA Journal* are available to anyone. An annual hard copy of the 2014 *Journal* was mailed to all members. It contained 48 manuscripts in 364 pages. Again, this year Sheridan Press in Hanover, PA printed and mailed the annual hard copy issue in January 2015 to all NACTA members with paid memberships for 2014. Electronic issues of the *Journal* are also provided to ProQuest and the Gale (Cengage) Group. NACTA receives annual royalty payments from these groups, depending on access.

The NACTAteachers.org website continues as a very valuable communication tool. The content is changed frequently. Based on "hits" Table 3 lists the most popular articles on the website:

Table 3. Most Popular on NACTAteachers.org

Most Popular Articles	Hits
Upcoming NACTA Conferences	27,356
Position Announcements	24,560
Teaching Awards	23,632
NACTA Judging Conference	21,507
NACTA Organization	17,700
About	13,913
2015 Calendar	13,315
NACTA Membership	11,963
NACTA Educator Award (formerly Teacher Fellow Award)	7,751
Annual Reports	7,079

Just an interesting note: Many individuals are coming to the NACTA website to get information about the NACTA Judging Conference. This could help us reach more of the two-year colleges. Also, we need to be able to get the results and photos from the judging conferences to our website.

Prior to our 2014 Conference and marking the 60th anniversary of NACTA, Miriah Pace completely redesigned and updated the NACTA History (<http://www.nactateachers.org/nacta-history.html>). We will continue to update this page.

Through the NACTA awards website (<http://nactaawards.expressacademic.org/>) award nominations are submitted and reviewed. This simplifies the nomination and review process for everyone. This year we added and explained the new award names.

NACTA is on Facebook: On Facebook, 705 people "Like" us (up from 575 last year). All measures show an increase over last year. Content is added on a daily basis, except during the summer months. Our Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/NACTA.teachers>.

NACTA E-newsletter: We continue to use the E-newsletter to reach a large audience of members and non-members of NACTA. This year we switched to MailChimp which gives us more options and more information. Hopefully more members are relying on the NACTA Facebook and the NACTAteachers.org website. Also, three of the websites -- the abstract submission site, the manuscript submission site and the NACTAteachers.org have the ability to easily and quickly email all of the members. More use is being made of this feature to provide members with information and reminders.

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Other Items

Continuing this year: The Third Annual Poster Contest will be held this year at the University of Georgia. All posters will be entered into the contest and the contest will be conducted as suggested by members of the Executive Committee. New poster contest details can be found on the NACTA website: <http://www.nactateachers.org/news/2278-update-2015-nacta-poster-contest-.html>.

QR codes for downloading: QR codes and URL links will be used at this year's conference. One will allow anyone to download an electronic copy of the NACTA Journal, volume 59, supplement 1 which contains the abstracts for the 2015 NACTA Conference. Also, QR codes and URL links are available for the conference daily schedule and the presentation (oral/poster) schedules.

New this year: Based on a suggestion heard at last year's conference, we placed the NACTA Teaching Tips/Notes on the NACTA website (<http://www.nactateachers.org/teaching-tipsnotes.html>). These are freely available. Tips/Notes from 2009 to the present are posted.

Proposal from JSTOR: We were contacted by Hector Nazario. He is the Licensing Editor at JSTOR, a not-for-profit organization committed to preserving scholarly literature. Hector invited the NACTA Journal to join their new Sustainability collection. There is no cost to join JSTOR, and they digitize everything back to the first issues at their expense. In addition to increased exposure, archival preservation and supplemental income, they offer publishers non-exclusive license agreements, so they are free to undertake and/or maintain other digital initiatives. The email correspondence and supporting material can be downloaded as a PDF here: <http://www.tagmydoc.com/JSTOR>.

Recommendations:

- Review a format/modernization change for the NACTA Journal.
- Find best way to measure impact of Journal.
- Look into Kindle/iPad publishing of the NACTA Journal.
- Make a better connection with the NACTA Judging Conference so results and photos can be shared on the NACTA website and Facebook.
- Consider the possibility of only an electronic version of the abstract booklet (NACTA Journal, Supplement 1) at next year's conference due to shipping costs and timing. (Those wanting a hard copy could order from Lulu.)
- Seek ways to connect with faculty at two-year colleges.
- Accept the proposal from JSTOR.

NACTA Historian Report – Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University

I completed revisions to the historical list of Regional Directors and the NACTA Judging Contest host sites. I have been messing around with these for several years to try to get them exact, but that is probably not ever going to happen. Miriah will post in the Historical section of the website. Hopefully someone might be able to clarify some of the few missing spots.

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The Judging file is pretty accurate. There are still some questions on the Regional Directors from the early years. I put a question mark by those that I am not for sure about. I made my best guesses by filling in gaps assuming most served two year terms. Much of the detail was found in the 25 year history article from G. Carl Schowengerdt and from old NACTA Journals.

Regional Directors/Directors-elect Reports

Eastern Regional Director Report – Lurline Marsh, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Welcome letters were sent to 43/ new members of the Eastern region. By membership type, this was 7 *students* and 36 *Institutional Active* members, by school size this was 6 from *small 2-year or 4-year colleges*, and 37 from *larger schools*.

I worked with Jeff Hattey and Marilyn Parker to update list of schools for survey of small schools. The survey was sent to 118 colleges broken out as follows: twenty seven 1890-land grant, fifty three 2-year colleges, eleven-4-year non flagship land grant colleges and twenty seven 4-year non land grant colleges. Emails were sent to the school contacts in May asking them to complete the survey as well as ask their faculty to do so. The Survey Monkey was open until June 1. Thirty five responses (29.7% Response) were received. The summary of responses by percent of respondents, or in bold text following question is as follows.

A Survey of Educators at Institutions with Programs in Agricultural and Related Sciences on North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Services

Please answer the following.

1. My institution would be classified as a:
 __**37%**__ 1890 Land Grant
 __**29%**__ 4-Year State University
 __**0%**__ Private University
 __**34%**__ 2-Year College
2. Are you a current member of NACTA? If Yes, **57%** move to Question 4 and continue. If, No move to questions 3 and continue **43%**
3. Please identify the following benefits and services of being a member of NACTA that you are aware of? (check all that apply)
 __**66%**__ Publication in NACTA Journal
 __**66%**__ Annual Teaching Meeting
 __**66%**__ Teaching Awards
 __**83%**__ Professional networking
 __**66%**__ Professional development
4. Rank the importance of these NACTA services to your professional and career development, using a scale of 1-5 where 1 = not important and 5 = most important?
 __**33%**__ Publication in NACTA Journal
 __**18%**__ Annual NACTA Conference
 __**21%**__ Teaching Awards
 __**18%**__ Professional networking

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___9%___ Professional development

5. Rank the following barriers for your participation in NACTA using a scale of 1-5 where 1= no barrier and 5= high barrier.

___35%___ Cannot afford the annual membership fee

___24%___ Do not have the expertise to publish teaching-related research

___24%___ Do not have the time to attend the annual NACTA conference

___14%___ Do not have the funding to support travel to the annual NACTA conference

___9%___ Do not have a network of colleagues to support me for NACTA teaching awards

___12%___ My priority is to be active in another professional organization (please list)

If you are active in another professional organization/s, please list.

Organizations listed: ASM; IAFT; IFT, Soil Science Society of America; American Soc. of Microbiology; Am Soc. of Agronomy; Resource Conservation & Dev Assoc. Maryland of Forestry Boards; ASA; APLU and related organization, 1890 organizations; Am Veterinary Med Assoc.; NAAE; IBI; IL Assoc. of Comm. Coll. Ag Instructors; AAAE; Ohio Nursery & Landscape Assoc.; Turfgrass Assoc. Ohio; Farm Bureau CCA; Equine Sci. Soc.; ARPAS, ASAS, ACE; Honolulu Orchid Soc.; IAAE, PAS; ISEA (Iowa); Am Applied Econ Assoc.

6. Is there anything about NACTA that could help you and which we have not mentioned? Please comment.

Female professional development

- **Funding sources to improve teaching in ag / Successfully recruit qualified student for student deprived areas in ag / How to better educate students in a digitized world**

- **Have a NACTA convention closer to Ohio.**

NACTA provides excellent professional development and networking across the country. A good chance to visit local farms and learn how could we improve and build a much stronger and sustainable ag productions

Central Regional Director Report – Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Iowa State University

Throughout the year, as the NACTA secretary forwarded information on new members from the Midwest Region, I sent a follow up letter of welcome and introduction. A total of **31** new members from the Midwest Region have joined between June 2014 – May 2015. (During the same timeframe June 2013 - May 2014 there were also 31 new members from the Midwest Region.) Members are listed below by institution and are Institutional Active unless otherwise noted.

Robert Martin, Iowa State University (Life Member)

Andrea Sexten, Kansas State University (Life Member)

Eric Christian, Iowa State University

Amy Powell, Iowa State University

Brian Rank, Iowa State University (Graduate Student)

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Taylorann Smith Clark, Iowa State University (Graduate Student)
Heather Jennings, Iowa State University

Tasha Dove, Kansas State University (Graduate Student)

Peter Lammers, Illinois State University

Linda Wulff-Risner, Missouri State University, West Plains

Lisa Christenson, North Dakota State University
Alan Zuk, North Dakota State University

Alexander Lipka, University of Illinois
Cecilia E Suarez, University of Illinois
Andrew Steelman, University of Illinois
Samantha Koon, University of Illinois
Erica Myers, University of Illinois
Hope Michelson, University of Illinois
Morgan Hayes, University of Illinois
Zeyner Madak-Erdogan, University of Illinois
Jessica Madson, University of Illinois
Rabin Bhattarai, University of Illinois
Anna Dilger, University of Illinois
Michael Ward, University of Illinois
Patrick Tranel, University of Illinois
Kimberly Crossman, University of Illinois (Graduate Student)
Adam Ahlers, University of Illinois (Graduate Student)

Julie Grossman, University of Minnesota

Ben Weikert, University of Missouri
Laura Hasselquist, University of Missouri (Graduate Student)

Sanjeeva Ranathunga, University of Wisconsin

Western Regional Director Report – William Hoch, Montana State University

Report through June 11, 2015. Letters were sent to each new member welcoming them to NACTA and encouraging them to participate in NACTA activities and events. A total of 11 new members have been welcomed so far from the Western Region:

New Active Members in 2015: 7

Dr. John W Campbell, New Mexico State University

Dr. Matthew Mars, University of Arizona

Dr. Archana McEligot, University of California, Fullerton

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Dr. Mary Martini, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Dr. Dustin Perry, Montana State University

Dr. Samadhur Shakya, CSU at Monterey Bay

Dr. Kattlyn Wolf, University of Idaho

Graduate Student Members in 2015: 4

Thomas Henderson, Oregon State University

Bradley Schmitz, University of Arizona

Jennifer Spencer, University of Idaho

Josh Stewart, Oregon State University

Standing Committee Reports

2015 Conference Program and Host Site – Jean Bertrand, University of Georgia

2016 Conference Program and Host Site – Charly Kinoshita, University of Hawaii

2017 Conference Program – Purdue University

2018 Conference Program – Iowa State University

Education Issues & Teaching Improvement (EITI) – Kim Moore, University of Florida

Subject: Educational issues and teaching improvement committee

Kimberly Moore (Organizer), University of Florida

Date: June 28, 2014

Agenda:

I. Introductions and Sign In

EITI meeting Kim started the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and sign in. There were 12 individuals present at the meeting.

Blue Ribbon

II. Discussion on the Blue Ribbon presentation for NACTA 2015. Last year at the 2013 meeting, Nick Fuhrman was suggested as a possibility. At the 2014 meeting, Kim asked him and he accepted to give the Blue Ribbon presentation in Georgia at the 2015 meeting. Kim asked the

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committee to think of possible speakers for Hawaii in 2016. One suggestion was Dr. Mark Taylor teaching *generation NeXt*.

III. Suggestions for Georgia

Suggestions for future meetings:

- Block off 1/2 hour before welcome session for 1st time attendees to talk with committee chairs and learn more about NACTA. Provide a summary of committees; indicate first time attendee with a tag
- Spouse and family activities; day trips; campus tours
- Record workshops, Keynote presentations and Blue Ribbon presentations to place online
- Sharing during breaks - the suggestion was to have a poster or flip easel (paper) where people could place comments or discuss the following topics - apps that work and don't work, technology in the classroom - what works and does not work, best practices in groups, mentoring.
- Novel ways of breaking down grading, organize, grading practices
- Teaching portfolios, how to document teaching for tenure and promotion
- Learning models - active learning, online learning, blended learning vs live
- Methods to incorporate minorities, cultural sensitive education
- Innovative teaching in Georgia
- Lab to play with the technology; it is nice to show us the technology but it would have been fun to try and play with it during the meeting
- Counseling and advising students
- Recruitment ideas and techniques
- Cross department collaboration
- Academic dishonesty
- Managing cognitive work load; efficiency in learning

The committee liked the format with posters up longer and alternating presenters; they also liked the limited number of concurrent session (more posters and talks in workshops)

NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee Report – Nick Fuhrman, University of Georgia

1. Summary of awards presented

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- a. The Teacher Recognition Committee reviewed 67 award dossiers this year and will present **60** teaching awards (36 awards were presented in 2014, 51 awards were presented in 2013, and 39 were presented in 2012), in addition to the Distinguished Educator and Murray Brown awards. The newest award, the *NACTA Judging and Student Service Award*, will also be presented.

Award	Number Presented
Graduate Student	19
NACTA Educator (formerly Teacher Fellow)	33
NACTA Teaching Scholar (formerly Regional)	5
John Deere	Dr. Teresa Lanker
Award of Excellence	Dr. Susie Whittington
NACTA Judging and Student Service Award	Mr. Derek Dick
Distinguished Educator	Dr. Lori Kramer
Murray Brown	Dr. Jeannette Moore

2. The Teacher Recognition Committee and the NACTA Executive Committee have voted on some changes to the award names to occur this year. The following table describes these changes:

Previous Award Name	New Award Name (as of 2015)	Updated Selection Criteria
Teacher Fellow Award	NACTA Educator Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same
Regional Outstanding Teacher Award	NACTA Teaching Scholar Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavier commitment to NACTA emphasized • Teaching influence beyond the state level • Total awards given per year = up to 1% of the NACTA membership (~8/yr)

- a. An updated diagram describing the progression of awards has been posted on the NACTA website to reflect these changes.
- b. Nick Fuhrman will step down as Chair of the Teacher Recognition Committee and Dr. Wendy Warner from North Carolina State University will serve as the new Chair. ***A special thanks from Nick for such a fun way to serve NACTA for the past four years! ☺***

2015/2016 NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee Members

Member	University	Member	University
Wendy Warner, Chair*-(Pending appointment by incoming president)	North Carolina State Univ.	Mickey Latour	Purdue Univ.

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Grace Armah-Agyeman	SW Minn. State Univ.	Lurline E. Marsh*	Univ. of MD Eastern Shore
Jane Bachelor*	Univ. of Florida	Chad Miller*	Kansas State Univ.
Kirby Barrick	Univ. of Florida	Ed Miller	Oklahoma State Univ.
Patricia Canaan*	Oklahoma State Univ.	Foy Mills, Jr.*	Sam Houston State Univ.
W. Stephen Damron	Oklahoma State Univ.	Greg Miller	Iowa State Univ.
Sam Doak*	Virginia Tech	Jeannette Moore*	North Carolina State Univ.
Kevin Donnelly*	Kansas State Univ.	Michael D. Mullen	North Carolina State Univ.
Will Farmer	North Carolina State Univ.	Nick Paulson	Univ. of Illinois
Nick Fuhrman*	Univ. of Georgia	Greg Pillar	Queens Univ.
Jean Gleichsner*	Fort Hays State Univ.	Bryan Reiling	Univ. of Nebraska
Kelsey Hall	Texas Tech Univ.	Herman A. Sampson	North Carolina State Univ.
Lynn Hamilton	Calif. Poly State Univ.	Shelly R. Sitton	Oklahoma State Univ.
Alan Hansen	Univ. of Illinois	Ray Smith	Abraham Baldwin Ag. Coll.
Ronald J. Hanson	Univ. of Nebraska – Lincoln	Gary Steinhardt*	Purdue Univ.
Cindy Haynes	Iowa State Univ.	Robert J. Stephenson	Fort Hays State Univ.
Jennifer Henke	Univ. of California	Dan Stein*	Oklahoma State Univ.
Robin Peter Horstmeier	Univ. of Missouri	Kirk Swartzel	Mississippi State Univ.
Dann Husmann	Univ. of Nebraska – Lincoln	Elaine Turner	Univ. of Florida
Donald M. Johnson	Univ. of Arkansas	Bonnie Walters*	Univ. of Wisc. – River Falls
David Jones*	North Carolina State Univ.	Jerry Williams	Virginia Tech
Prasanta Kalita	Univ. of Illinois	Dean Winward*	Southern Utah Univ.

Note. * Attended 2014 meeting in Bozeman, Montana; **BOLD** = new committee members

Journal Awards Committee – Crystal Allen, University of Illinois

January 1, 2015 Crystal Allen was placed as the Chair, replacing G. Neil Douglas. The Journal Awards Committee reviewed, ranked, and selected articles and teaching tips for the 2015 journal awards. Initial ballots were sent to committee members in mid-January, for them to choose the top 8 articles from the 48 journal articles. From the 17 teaching tips submitted in the 2014 issues, the top 5 were chosen to determine the top teaching tip. The final ballot for journal articles was sent in late February to be returned by March 21. Award winners were notified March 26 by email.

With 21 members on the committee, 12 members submitted ballots. Nine members submitted initial ballots for both journal articles and teaching tips, and 11 members submitted final ballots for the journal articles. One of the final ballots was omitted due to the member being an author of one of the top journal articles.

The E.B. Knight Award goes to article #14 *Instruments for Characterizing Instructors' Teaching Practices: A Review* by Clinton D. Stevenson and G. Keith Harris, both from North Carolina State University. The Jack Everly Award goes to article #22 *A Comparison of Student and*

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Professor Perceptions of Teacher Immediacy Behaviors in Large Agricultural Classrooms by Chris M. Estep (Sul Ross State University), Karla P. Shelnett (University of Florida), and T. Grady Roberts (University of Florida). The Bob Gough Teaching Tip Award goes to TT #5 *Guiding Principles for Teaching with Technology* by Roger Brown and Tammy Stephenson, both from University of Kentucky.

Participating committee members:

Crystal A. Allen, Chair, University of Illinois
Kevin Bacon, Western Illinois University
James C. Cooke, Abilene Christian University
Neil Douglas, Berea College
Christopher Estep, Sul Ross State University
John Ewing, Pennsylvania State University
Rodney Gilbert, Delaware Valley College
JoAnne Logan, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Lurline Marsh, University of Maryland-Eastern Shores
Michael Olexa, University of Florida
Rama Radhakrishna, Pennsylvania State University
Robert Stark, University of Arkansas at Monticello
Robert Stephenson, Fort Hays State University
Lyle Westrom, University of Minnesota-Crookston

Appreciation goes to those participating members who were dedicated and put forth effort for this task. NACTA members are encouraged to join the Journal Awards Committee to participate in this important opportunity to recognize the authors and promote NACTA scholarship.

International Committee Report – Laura White, New Mexico State University

Business:

- Website – The committee has struggled with the best use of the international committee page on the NACTA website. We nominated a vetting volunteer from the membership of the committee to oversee website material this year, but that did not pan out. We would be happy to hear suggestions from the executive board to make this endeavor successful! As the chair, I'll take full responsibility for dropping the ball. I plan to ask for a volunteer to ensure these items are taken care of at our committee meeting, but if the task is not completed, I will get it done in 2015-2016.

Current suggestions for utilizing this resource:

- Capture videos or testimonials of NACTA members who have had successful international experiences (e.g., how they got involved with their project, a “road map” for others to follow, etc.)
- Linking to student blogs of international experiences (perhaps blogs that are good examples of how to blog)
- Include videos of conference presentations that have an international focus
- Link to posters—find good examples for students (“to show students what can be done”)

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- Special Edition of NACTA Journal for International themed articles – the committee was extremely pleased with the response to the 1st edition of the International themed NACTA Journal and would like to consider another edition in 2017.
- Pre-Conference Workshop - After careful consideration, the international committee is suspending the pre-conference workshop until further notice.
 - The 2014 Pre-Conference workshop was well received, but poorly attended. If a workshop is considered in the future, advertising well in advance is essential.
- During Conference Workshop – The international committee will be hosting a workshop from 3:00-5:00 in Room Q on Friday during the NACTA conference.

Why Should we Internationalize Colleges of Agriculture and Related Sciences? How Do We Measure the Outcomes?

3:00-3:30 Internationalizing Universities and Colleges

Dr. Kavita Pandit, Associate Provost for International Education, University of Georgia

3:30-4:00 Building cross cultural competencies through study abroad

Dr. Kirby Barrick, Professor and former Dean, University of Florida

4:00-4:30 Panel of Experts: Best practices with faculty and administrators who have carried out internationalization efforts in Colleges of Agriculture

Dr. Melanie Foster, Pennsylvania State University
Dr. Mark Russell, Purdue University
Dr. Murari Suvedi, Michigan State University

4:30-5:00 Break out discussions

Liaison Reports

NACTA Judging Conference – Lyle Westrom, University of Minnesota, Crookston

The 2015 NACTA Judging competition was held at Moline, IL on April 8-10. Blackhawk College hosted the event this year with a theme of "**What starts here changes the world, one student at a time**". Results of the fourteen contests are posted on the NACTA website http://www.saeserver.com/NACTA_2015 . 834 contestant entries from 51 schools participated. Slightly more than half of the contestants competed in the two year division. Nearly 50,000 meals were packaged by NACTA participants as a community service event for the River Bend Food Bank.

A business meeting was held on Friday, April 10th with 13 schools and 18 members in attendance. Lyle Westrom served as interim Chair this year. Mark Russell (Purdue) spoke about

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the mission of NACTA. Mike Roeber (Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska) was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Derek Dick. Margot Rudstrom was re-elected as the NACTA Coaches Secretary for a two year term.

Kevin Donnelly from Kansas State University gave an update on the NACTA Coach's Award. The recipient this year will be Derek Dick, the immediate past President of the NACTA Coaches group. Derek will be honored in Athens, GA at the NACTA Summer Conference this year.

The 2016 NACTA Judging Conference will be held at the University of Minnesota Crookston on April 14-16, 2016. Contests to be held include livestock judging, dairy judging, soils judging, crops judging, agribusiness management, knowledge bowl, agricultural computers, agricultural mechanics, agricultural sales, hippology, horse judging, horticulture judging, landscape design, livestock management, small animals, and wildlife.

Kansas State will host the 2017 conference. Northeast Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska, will host the 2018 Judging Conference.

The National Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha – Jean Gleischner, Fort Hays State University

Greetings to the Executive Committee and members of the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, I am pleased to report on the activities of DTA over the past year. Total historical membership is over 16,000.

National DTA Website. Information about DTA can be found at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/agriculture/natdta/> The website address will be changing with the change in National Advisor.

56th Annual National Convention Highlights. The National Convention was hosted by Missouri State University in Springfield on April 16-18, 2015. A special thank you goes to the members and advisors of Missouri State University DTA Chapter for hosting a great convention.

- Eleven chapters attended the national convention.
- Dr. Jean Gleischner was recognized for having served as National DTA Advisor for 12 years. Dr. Elizabeth Walker (Missouri State University) was appointed as the National DTA Advisor by NACTA President Bonnie Walters and her appointment was confirmed by the delegates at the convention.
- New officers were elected. The officers for 2015-2016 are:
 - ✓ President: Billy Cameron, Eastern Kentucky University
 - ✓ VP-Eastern: Mary Collier, Tennessee Tech University
 - ✓ VP-Midwest: Josh Harlan, Southeast Missouri State University
 - ✓ VP-Southern: Reagan Cooper, Sam Houston State University
 - ✓ Secretary: Amanda McCormick, Abilene Christian University
 - ✓ Parliamentarian: Deanna Martin, Tennessee Tech University
 - ✓ National Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Walker, Missouri State University (elected to 1st year of a two-year term)
 - ✓ National Treasurer: Dr. James Baier, Tennessee Tech University – Cookeville (2nd year of a two-year term)
- Chapter delegates voted to raise chapter dues from \$20 to \$50 per year effective for the 2015-16 dues.

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- Morehead State University won the Agriculture Quiz Bowl and College of the Ozarks was second.
- Sam Houston State University received the Corbus Award as outstanding chapter. Honorable mention went to Southeast Missouri State University and Morehead State University.
- University of Central Missouri won the Highest % Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to College of the Ozarks and Eastern Kentucky University.
- Eastern Kentucky University won the Highest Convention Attendance. Honorable mention went to Arkansas State University and Tennessee Tech University (tied).

Future Conventions

The convention normally rotates among the three regions. However, no bid was received by the southern region. A bid has been accepted for 2016. Bids are open for 2017 and 2018.

2016 – Fort Hays State University (March 30 to April 2).

2017 – open for bid.

2018 – open for bid.

Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). ACHS has created a national project as a way to achieve a long-standing goal of the organization: to increase the visibility of both ACHS and its member societies in the higher education community. The ACHS National Project is on social responsibility. As a member society, DTA Chapters are encouraged to participate in the national project. Ideas for projects are available at the ACHS web site (a link to the ACHS web site may be found at the DTA web site).

National Faculty Officer. The term for National DTA Executive Treasurer will expire in 2016. Dr. Jim Baier, Tennessee State University, is willing to serve another term pending appointment by the NACTA President.

Foundation Meeting and Reports

Foundation/Savings Report – Marilyn Parker & Tom Lindahl

- Total Assets - \$141,713

NACTA Savings Account – DL Evans Bank, Rupert, Idaho

- Current amount as of 5-31-15, \$141,713
- Montana State University donated \$7421 from the June 2014 NACTA Conference, check dated November 3, 2014 and deposited November 10, 2014
- October 2014, USDA \$4000; placed into NACTA checking account and moved into savings account October 21, 2014 (Kirby Barrick secured the funds for NACTA)
- January 2015, \$500 from Kevin Donnelly, Kansas State University, for the NACTA Judging Conference Coaching Award
- \$5 per member contribution, May 2015 - \$2935
- Miscellaneous donations of \$200 and \$100 received from long time NACTA members
- Expenses - Conference awards of \$5250 and accountant fees \$1883

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- Accounting firm of Deagle & Ames of Twin Falls, Idaho used the report from the University of Wisconsin Foundation-Platteville report received through Tom Lindahl to complete the accounting process

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Development Fund Report

- After many discussions and a period of time, the NACTA Executive Committee made a decision in October, 2014, to remove the NACTA Development Funds from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville Foundation, and place into the NACTA Savings account until it was decided where to invest the funds. Jeff Hattey, NACTA Foundation Vice-Chair, wrote a letter of request to Kim Govier, UW Platteville Division Coordinator, on October 16, 2014. The funds were mailed by check, dated 10-23-14, and deposited into the NACTA Savings account at D L Evans bank on 10-27-14.
- Total assets in UW fund were \$101,252 plus temporarily restricted funds were \$17,409
- Total amount deposited to NACTA savings account 10-27-14 - \$119,730.11