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in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!*

DATESTOREMEMBER!

2002

November 14-Rapid City Breakfast Meeting
November 15-Sioux Falls Breakfast Meeting
December 5-7-ASFMR Annual Meeting-Louisville, Kentucky

2003

February 5-Chapter Education Seminar-Chamberlain
-Evening Chapter Social & Discussions
February 6-Chapter/PAASDA-12, Part III USPAP Update
February 7-PAASD Residential Education Offering
May-Chapter Board Meeting-Eastern South Dakota
June/July-Minnesota Chapter Summer Tour-Southwest Minnesota
July 17-19-ASFMR Summer Meeting-Portland, Oregon??
August/Sept.-Chapter Social
October-Chapter Board Meeting-Rapid City
Oct. 30-Nov. 1-ASFMR Annual Meeting-St. Louis, Missouri

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to extend a warm thank you to all those who were able to make it to the lunch meeting in Rapid City. It was great to see everyone and I hope this can be a springboard for getting the Chapter breakfast meetings off and running. Thank you Wade Buck for setting this up!

I want to thank Ron Rossknecht for his role in getting the John Crane prints for the Education Foundation Auction. These items will represent our state well and will benefit the Foundation. Our Chapter Board is in the process of working with surrounding states in planning a 2004 Summer Meeting. we will keep you posted as this develops. Finally, congratulations to Russell Wyatton his recent award as 2002 South Dakota Outstanding Older Worker.

BREAKFAST MEETING TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

Over the past year breakfast meetings have been held every couple of months in Sioux Falls lasting about two hours. The meeting have helped East River members stay more tuned to chapter activities and appraisal issues. The next meeting will be Friday November 15th at the Front Porch Grill on Russell St. starting at 9 A.M. A West River meeting will be held in Sturgis on November 14th at Phil-Town (I-90/exit 32 junction) starting at 7:30 A.M. All members are encouraged to mark their calendars and attend.

WEST RIVER MEMBERS JOIN CHAPTER BOARD FOR LUNCH

Six members and National Strategic Planning Chair Art Clapp joined the board members for lunch in Rapid City on October 3rd. This session was valuable to both members and the board in getting to know each other better.

President Hollenbeck updated the members on the Pierre meeting discussion regarding a 2004 summer meeting and the board's morning discussion on the same topic. Art Clapp provided all in attendance with an update on the strategic planning committee's efforts in 2002. There will be a special meeting at the Louisville national meeting on this topic.



The Chapter board met all day on the 3rd addressing current issues facing the chapter and planning needs to prepare for 2003-04. In the morning, the board approved a card/memorial policy (see related article) and also approved a John Crane print and some Black Hills Gold jewelry as Education Foundation donations. Ron Ross knecht and Wade Buck handled the details on securing these items within the chapter's \$500 budget.

The board also discussed the need for the chapter to have a process and budget for conference calling the board and some of the standing committees. This is necessary to meet the chapter goal of having the committees be more reactive. Jim Dunlap and Paul Reich are researching this process and guidelines for the chapter. As this process and related guidelines are finalized, they will be shared with the membership.



In conformance with chapter by-laws, Paul Reich was elected by the board to serve as Committee Chair since the ex officio Past President of the chapter is unable to serve. Paul has appointed Wade Buck and Jim Dunlap to serve on the committee.

Existing by-laws call for two additional members to be elected by the membership. Because of an oversight, this was not done last February so an e-mail election will be held to comply with the existing by-laws.

President Hollenbeck updated the board on his visit with the Nebraska and North Dakota Presidents. Nebraska is interested in our proposed summer meeting concept. North Dakota presently holds an annual summer meeting in Jamestown that they do not wish to jeopardize.

The board approved continuing with a 2004 regional meeting if at least two adjoining states agree to attend in lieu of holding their own 2004 meeting. Contacts will be made with Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and North Dakota. Officers shop to provide more definitive plans for 2004 by the end of the year.

Considerable time was spent in the afternoon discussing strategies and planning for 2003-04 vision, committee activation/training, education, membership, and social activities. As these plans are developed, they will be shared with the membership.

BOARD APPROVES CARD/MEMORIAL POLICY

The board approved a policy for appropriate recognition from the Chapter upon the death or sickness of members and immediate family of members. The policy has a three-level recognition upon notification of a death as follows:

1. Death of an immediate family member* of a member of the Chapter – Sympathy Card
*Refer to the spouse of the employee and the parents, brothers, sisters, children, step-children, grandchildren, and grandparents of either the employee or their spouse.
2. Death of a Chapter Member – \$25 Memorial and Sympathy Card to family.
3. Death of a Chapter Member who was instrumental in the Chapter or National Organization.
(Example – Active in National or Chapter as officer or gave a significant amount of time and talent to the organization beyond just membership)
\$25 Memorial and Flowers. The Chapter Officers will recommend individuals in this category for recognition.

Chapter Secretary will notify National Office of AS FMRA of a member's death.

Illness – Chapter members that have serious illness – Getwell card.

Through e-mail or newsletter, chapter members will be informed of deaths or illnesses as outlined above so they can send personal cards or e-mail messages if they desire.

It will be necessary for all of our membership to be alerted to these personal situations and to notify a Chapter Officer for this program to be successful.

MEMBER ON THE MOVE- Academic member Jack Davis has changed addresses. Jack's new address and phone: PO Box 95 Woonsocket, SD 57385 ; Phone 605-796-4841, 605-796-4669 Fax

Jack's position with the Extension Service is the same one, but was allowed to move to accommodate personal desires. He still lives in eastern SD, but does so from a home that has been in his family for over 100 years. Neat-huh?

CHAPTER WILL HAVE GOOD REPRESENTATION AT LOUISVILLE ANNUAL MEETING

Members are making plans to attend the Louisville meeting the first week of December that will offer a informative educational program, an update on the organization's strategic planning, chapter officer training, and networking opportunities with members from other states at the Education Foundation Auction and Reception Raffle. The chapter is donating a John Crane print and some Black Hills gold jewelry for the Foundation Auction.

President-Elect Paul Reisch will attend and serve as the chapter delegate at the national membership meeting. Other members that have confirmed their plans to attend are Ron Ensz, Tom Jass, Jerry Kjerstad, Paul Sickler, and John Widdoss. We encourage other members to consider attending. Please contact Paul Reisch if you decide to register so he can communicate with all chapter members attending as the event gets closer.

RUSSELL WYATT SELECTED AS SOUTH DAKOTA'S OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER



Russell Wyatt, 76, long time resident of Hot Springs, owner of Wyatt's Real Estate and Appraisal Service, and South Dakota ASFMRA chapter member, has been selected as Experience Works 2002 Outstanding Older Worker of South Dakota.

This special recognition is part of the annual Experience Works Prime Time Awards Program, now in its fifth year and the only national program that honors the contributions of working seniors.

A committee of business and civic leaders selected and nominated Russell for the award. Highlights from the

outstanding older workers. Russell's children and nomination:

Outstanding Characteristics - Russell led his family by example with a strong work ethic. He is always looking for ways to improve himself and his environment (e.g. - instrumental in getting Multiple Listing Service up and running in the Southern Black Hills) ranch and real estate businesses. Russell gives generously of time, talents, and money - church, local 4-H, Miss South Dakota Pageant, and to other worthwhile causes.

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Special Accomplishments - His first job at age 8 was guarding the melons when his father traveled to the Mount Rushmore construction to sell product to the Angostura Reservoir. Russell purchased his own farm office. In the 1970's, he was the general contractor for a firm that built over 50 homes in Hot Springs & Edgemont. At age 65, Russell became the only licensed appraiser in the county. He has an extensive toy tractor collection and has restored several antique John Deere tractors that he drives in parades.

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Russell was honored in Washington, DC the week of September 17-21. He joined other state winners in a week long series of events including tour of city landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, and an awards banquet/ceremony.

On Thursday October 10, Hot Springs area businesses sponsored a reception and dinner in honor of Russell & Betty Wyatt. There were about 125 people in attendance, including many of Russell and Betty's children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews as well as chapter members.

