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# SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FARM MANAGERS & RURAL APPRAISERS

05/03



*Enhancing Our Members' Ability to Succeed  
in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!*

## DATE TO REMEMBER!

### 2003

May 29-30 - Chapter Board Meeting - Pierre (Rescheduled)  
June 5 - West River Breakfast Meeting @ 8:30 A.M. - Rapid City  
June 6 - East River Breakfast Meeting @ 9 A.M. - Brookings  
June 8-11 - Ag Lenders' Range Camp - Harrod  
June 19-20 - Minnesota Chapter Summer Tour - Fairmont, Minnesota  
August/Sept. - Chapter Social  
October 2-3 - Chapter Board Meeting - Rapid City  
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting - St. Louis, Missouri

### 2004

March 10-12 - Chapter/PAASD Annual Meeting & Education - Mitchell  
June 16-18 - Regional Summer Meeting with Minnesota & Nebraska  
in Sioux Falls  
Nov. 4 - Nov. 6 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting - Sacramento, California

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Good People!** I brought this comment back with me from our visit with Mac Haskell last week in Huron. As we went through his historical documents, Mac shared his experiences with ASFMRA in South Dakota and nationally since 1956. What Mac really remembered and appreciated were the good people with whom he worked and interacted. This is a real key to what we have to offer existing members and prospective members. Let's remember those good people and express appreciation for what they do for us as we work and interact with them.

Congratulations to John Widdoss for his upcoming June 21<sup>st</sup> marriage to Veronica Canfield, a ranch lady from southwest of Sioux Falls.

Get well wishes and prayer to:

- Jim Vietor, recovering from recent ear surgery.
- Chuck Krepes recovering from a torn muscle in his right calf.
- Jim Dunlap's mother, mending a broken arm.
- Allan Husby's wife, currently battling serious health issues.

Encourage all to attend the Minnesota Chapter Summer Tour. We need to support their effort if we expect the same from them in 2004 at Sioux Falls.

Wade Buck reports that the June 5<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting in Rapid City will be held at the Farm Credit office in one of the conference rooms. Wade and Ron will bring the members up to date on board meeting happenings. Wade will line up a breakfast bake or something along that line. Should be interesting eating!

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROVIDES GIFTS TO ASSESSORS**

Committee members Wade Buck and Ron Ensz provided gifts to the South Dakota Association of Assessors Organization Conference that was held last week.



The gifts were:

- Matching ladies and men's watches
- Silver and Black Hills Gold dove necklace
- Silver and Black Hills Gold horseshoe and horse head tielack

Wade indicated that they received a lot of thanks and some oohs and aahs when the four gifts were pulled out of the bag. Wade also reported receiving a nice thank you letter from Jim Sundall.

Names were drawn from those assessors in attendance and Wade presented the gifts to the winners. The winners were:

- Russ Ronke from Codington County (Watertown)
- Tracy Hofer from McCook County (Salem) – She and her husband farm land that Tom Jass manages.
- Dan Sudrila from Davison County (Mitchell)
- Jim Sundall from Lyman County (Presho)

This approximately \$100 investment in public relations as a thank you to the assessors for their support of chapter members was definitely well received.

## **SDSU PUBLIC RELATIONS HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> BREAKFAST MEETING**

Active public relations are a part of achieving our chapter mission. As a part of that effort, we have invited 22 people from South Dakota State University (Agronomy, Extension, Economics, Animal Science, Dairy Science) to join us for breakfast on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> for our member breakfast meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Staurolite Inn Banquet Room.

This will give chapter members an opportunity to:

- Interact with various SDSU extension and academic personnel that have contributed in recent years or can contribute in the future to our achieving our chapter mission through education and networking.
- Share chapter education plans in the coming year.
- Discuss University resources and possible programs for future education offerings.
- Discuss needs of students desiring to enter the rural appraisal, management, and consulting professions including possible scholarship opportunities and networking opportunities with those in these professions.

**Members are encouraged to attend and support the chapter public relation efforts. Mark your calendars!**

## **SD CHAPTER AS FM RAIS A GLENDERS' RANGE CAMP SPONSOR**

The Public Relations Committee donated \$50 to the A g Lenders Range Camp for use at their discretion. The Hyde County Conservation District is hosting the e 7th Annual Camp on June 8-11, 2003 with the campsite near Harrold. The camp is a workshop in a camp-out setting. The camp offers the following opportunities:

- Learn techniques to better evaluate the rangers resource.
- Receive grassland management resource material.
- Gain "hands-on" experience in plant identification, range site condition, stocking rates, and range management practices.
- Tour working ranches while seeing about their management practices
- Network with professionals in the areas of lending, appraisal, and range management.
- Hear up-to-date economic information on managing grassland.
- Discover management strategies that optimize ranching operations and maintain productivity of the resources.
- Receiving Continuing Education Credits.

South Dakota chapter members were provided with detailed information regarding the agenda and registration process.

## **MINNESOTA CHAPTER TOUR OFFERED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**

The Minnesota Summer Tour will be headquartered out of the Holiday Inn in Fairmont, MN on June 19-20, 2003. Scheduled tours include:

- Omega Nutrition (scientific blends w/increased nitrogen)/ International Soil Testing Lab (international soil testing, sterile or contaminated soils)
- Pioneer Hybrids-Soybean Seed Facility
- Taylor Elk Ranch (breeding and commercial meat wholesale)
- P-M Windom (beef slaughter/packing plant)
- Ethanol-2000 Drive-By (dry mill ethanol facility)
- Salix Elevator (190,000-bushel elevator facility—now privately owned)—Appraiser Jeff Berg will discuss appraisal he did on this property.
- Salix Ecological Resources (native seed production and sales)
- LB-Pork, Inc. (family owned farrow to finish, and involved in Brazil hog production)
- Tilney Farms (family owned farm operation that has conducted a vast amount of research over the years)—Appraiser Rick Haug will also discuss grassland velpit restoration appraisal problem.

The tours will provide excellent education and the opportunity along with lunches and Thursday evening dinner for networking with members from other chapters. The Minnesota Chapter has provided detailed information regarding the agenda and registration processes to South Dakota chapter members. Education Chair Ordean Eddy and Secretary Jack Davis are working on 7 hours of continuing education approval from the SD Dept of Commerce and SD Real Estate Commission.

## **EFFORTS TO DEVELOP CHAPTER HISTORY DOCUMENT INITIATIVE**

Chapter officers Paul Reisch, Jim Dunlap, and Jack Haskell, long-time and founding members of both the Managers and Rural Appraisers and the South Dakota help us in developing our chapter history. The history will give all members insight into our roots and how we can better serve members in the future. A plan to address the chapter history has been developed.

**Objective:** Go through historical documents and glean pertinent history to explain the chapter story over time.

### **Time Frames:**

1956 to Mid-60's Association Founding/Early Growth; National Ties From Beginning

Mid-60's to 1978 Significant Events

1978-1991 Chapter Formation—Background and Reasons; Membership Ebb & Flow—Chapter & Association; Significant Events

1991-2000 PAASD Formation/Relationship; Membership Ebb & Flow—Chapter & Association; Significant Events; Association Last Years

2000-Present Association Dissolution; May 4, 2001 Chapter Planning Meeting & Mission Statement; Membership Growth; Significant Events/ New Initiatives

### **Other:**

- Develop Past Officer List for both Chapter and Association. The objective would be to obtain as many Vice-Presidents as possible.
- Glean past programs and education highlights that could be given to the Education Committee for ideas for future events.

### **Steps:**

- Barclay Allibone has agreed to go through Mac Haskell historical documents and start the history document based upon the above guidelines. After this is completed, these documents will then be filed with the Chapter Secretary records.
- Check with Don Kinker (last Association Secretary) to see if there are additional historical documents that can help.
- Jim Dunlap to work with Jack Davis and support of the past Officers to supplement the 1991-2000 timeframe.
- Jim Hollenbeck and Paul Reisch to supplement the 2000-Present timeframe.

**Goal:** Complete entire project in time to share full chapter history document with members at the February 2005 annual meeting. Share portions through chapter newsletter as they are developed.

## ALLAN HUSBY FEATURED THIS MONTH IN MEMBER PROFILE

**Describe your experience and education related to management, consulting, academic relation).**

I work for Farm Service Agency as Real Estate Appraiser in this capacity. Previous name for the agency when I worked was Farmers Home Administration until 1996. I did both housing and farm real estate appraisals and FMHA, I was assigned to the newly formed FSA and review contracted appraisals and do appraisals myself. I covers about 30 counties. Counties with US Highway 14 and those north are the approximate area that I serve.

Previous to the move to Watertown, I had always worked for Farmers Home since interning as Junior in college in 1976. I spent that summer working in Clear Lake, driving from Brookings. After watching the corn shrinking in height each day during that summer, it squelched a lot of desire to return to farming.

After graduation in May 1977, I began working as an assistant supervisor in Mitchell, SD where I stayed until May, 1979.

Whether prepared or not for the responsibility, I began as a County Supervisor in Lake Andes, SD in May 1979. Responsibilities included appraising both farms and housing as well as processing loans, and servicing delinquencies, and believe me, there were plenty of delinquencies, with interest rates increasing to 16-20%, drought, and generally just high risk loans.

In December 1982, I transferred to Vermillion in the same capacity. The duties as supervisor were generally the same, and like many, worked through the problems of the farm crisis years of the 80's with bankruptcies, foreclosures, restructuring, etc. In December 1991, I was notified of my selection as an appraiser position and being accepted for the job has been the best decision in my life. I enjoy the variety and challenges of the appraiser field and had grown to not really enjoy the lending field very much.

**Describe what has led you to becoming a chapter member of the South Dakota ASFMRA and why you remain a member, if a member for a number of years.**

When assigned as an appraiser in 1992, there were three of us assigned as appraisers with the then Farm HA. We took the introductory courses from a variety of organizations because we were completing both housing and farm appraisal. In 1993, I began to take courses nearly exclusively from ASFMRA. My intentions were early on to seek the candidate position. However, our agency does not support the payment of these dues so I just kept putting off the training because it had to be at my own incentive and really no monetary return. I finally joined in March 2002. I intend to submit my demoreport and sit for the ARA exam in the next year.

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