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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

AMERICAN SOCIETY FARM MANAGERS & RURAL APPRAISERS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER!

2004

- Nov. 4-Nov. 6 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Sacramento, California
November 12 - East River Breakfast Meeting (9 A.M.)
Sioux Falls Front Porch Grill
November 18 - West River Breakfast Meeting (9 A.M.)
Location TBA With E-Mail

2005

- February 9 - Chapter Education Seminar / Annual Meeting & Social
February 10 - USPAP Update Seminar (Chapter / PAASD)
February 11 - Appraisal Institute Scope of Work Seminar (PAASD)
Sept. 22-23 - Spearfish Conference w/PAASD, WY ASFMRA, WY AI
October 27-29 - ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Austin, Texas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we welcome Geoffrey Oliver and Veronica Widdoss as new members to our chapter. Geoff was previously an ASFMRA member on the West Coast and has recently moved to Rapid City. He is with the federal government's Office of Appraisal Services. Veronica is with Hall-Widdoss & Co. and lives in Spearfish.

Membership Involvement & Volunteering: This was the major focus of our recent board meeting. A plan of action was developed to prepare the chapter to improve in this area, setting the foundation to continue momentum built in the past four years.

Goals:

- Have functioning committees with all members serving on at least one committee and members activated in completing committee functions.
- Each committee has a board liaison that is active in the committee's work and takes ownership in seeing that the committee chair and members stay on task in completing committee plans and assignments.

We brainstormed on ways to increase and improve committee activity versus the chair doing it himself / herself and developed the following:

- Communicate importance of committee activity to the committee chairs and all chapter members.
- Conduct committee chair training.
- Emphasize use of conference calls as a way to overcome geographic logistics problem of committee members meeting face to face.
- Provide committee chairs and members a format to focus on objectives and tasks (e.g. - 2004 summer meeting planning outline).

More will be shared with the members on this topic in November.

CHAPTER BOARD VISITS WITH WEST RIVER MEMBERS

Seven members joined the South Dakota ASFMRA Board of Directors for lunch on Thursday October 7th at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza in Rapid City.

Members who joined the board were John Brost, Jerry Chafee, Michael Fox, Jerry Kjerstad, Geoff Oliver, Kathleen Peterson, and Ryon Rypkema.

Board members updated the membership on chapter activities including future chapter breakfast meetings, 2005 education plans, and the SDSU Scholarship as well as obtaining input from members.



CHAPTER MEMBERS LOOK FORWARD TO SACRAMENTO MEETING



Members are finalizing plans to attend the Sacramento meeting in early November. Those attending will participate in an informative educational program, an update on the organization's strategic planning, and networking opportunities with members from other states at the Education Foundation Auction and Reception Raffle.

The chapter is donating Black Hills gold jewelry for the Foundation Auction including a men's watch, pendant watch, money clip, arrowhead necklace, and a slider w/ chain necklace. We thank Wade Buck for handling these details.

President Paul Reisch will attend and serve as the chapter delegate at the national membership meeting.

Allan Husby has been named the South Dakota Chapter recipient of the free member registration awarded as part of the national membership incentive program. Allan is a "first time attendee" of a national meeting and will be receiving his ARA at the convention as he passed his exam this past June in Sioux Falls.

John Brost and Veroncia Widdoss are first time attendees as members and are receiving the chapter's National Annual Meeting Scholarship that reimburses them for their meeting registration cost of \$425. Other members that have confirmed their plans to attend are Terry Hobson, Tom Jass, Jerry Kjerstad, Bruce Magnus, Kathleen Peterson, Paul Sickler, and John Widdoss.

BOARD APPROVES DIRECTOR BYLAW CHANGE

At their October 7th meeting, the board approved a bylaw change to better match the number of directors to the total chapter membership. The change will result in increased directors as the chapter membership increases.

Proposed Changes in Bold

Section 2. Composition. The Chapter Board of Directors shall consist of members of ASFMRA and/or ASAC.

A. There shall be elected annually from the Membership: President, President Elect and Directors (for appropriately vacated positions). A Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer may be elected by the membership or employed by the Board of Directors.

B. The elected officers of the Chapter and the immediate past President of the Chapter shall be voting members of the Chapter Board of Directors, plus **a minimum of three Directors elected at-large from the membership. For every ten members* added after 30 members, another director will be added up to a maximum of 9 directors. The number of directors for the upcoming election will be determined based upon September 30 membership numbers of the previous year.**

*** Members shall be defined in the context of this by-law as those belonging to the academic, accredited, ASAC dual, associate, candidate, and professional categories.**

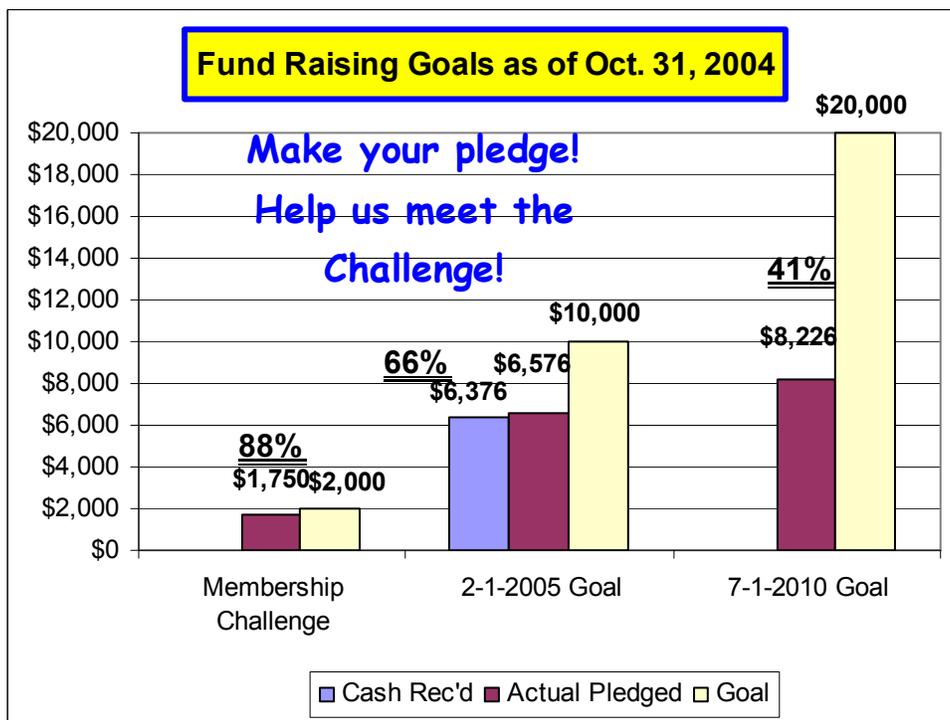
Section 3. Term.

A. The term of each elected officer shall begin on the adjournment of the annual Business Meeting or at such time that the Board declares an office vacant. Officers shall continue in office for a term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have accepted their offices or until the elected officer's resignation has been accepted by the Board.

B. The term of a Director shall be for three years. Directors shall be elected at-large. **At least one director shall be elected each year.** Director terms shall be staggered so as to provide continuity. A director shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The need for this change surfaced as a result of the chapter member increase as defined above from 30 members two years ago to 43 members of September 30, 2004. This by law change will be presented to the chapter membership for approval at the February 9th Annual Meeting. Approval will result in an increase in directors from three to four. The Nominating Committee plans to secure a director nominee for the additional position, if approved by the membership.

CHAPTER CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS ON SDSU SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING



Thank you to all members who have pledged.

<u>\$1,000 Or More</u>	<u>\$25 To \$500</u>
Anonymous	John Cole
Jerry Kjerstad (challenge)	Ordean Eddy
Paul Reisch	Brian Gatzke
John Widdoss (challenge)	Terry Hobson
	Jim Hollenbeck
<u>\$500 To \$1,000</u>	Tom Jass
Jim Dunlap	Ted Risty
Jerry Hulm	Craig Sommers
Allan Husby	Shawn Weishaar
	Russell Wyatt

Fundraising Committee members Brian Gatzke, Jerry Kjerstad, Russell Wyatt, Tom Jass, Paul Reisch, and Ted Risty are completing contacts to members who have not pledged and have not yet been contacted. Plans are to have those contacts completed by mid-November. **Only \$250 needed to trigger the Kjerstad / Widdoss challenge! Then, only \$1,174 needed to reach \$10,000 by end of 2004!** That is what is needed to select a scholarship winner in spring 2005 for the 2005-06 year.

Make checks payable to SDSU Foundation. **Please write “SDASFMRA Scholarship” in the memorandum section of the check. Please mail check to:**

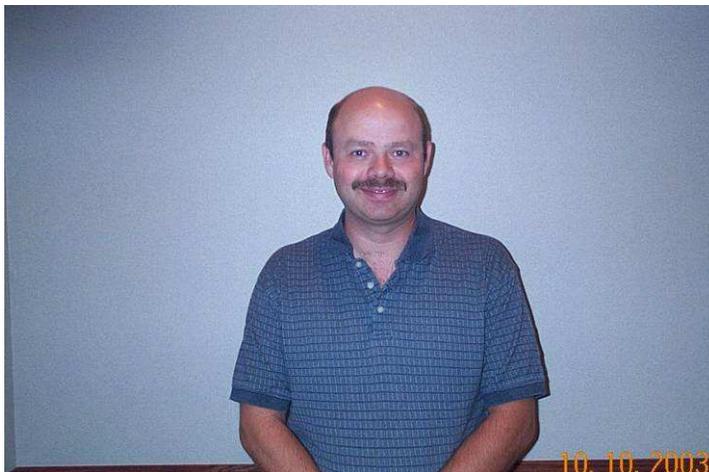
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MEMBER PROFILE IS COURTNEY SCHERECK

Describe your experience and education related to the property professional field (appraisal, farm management, and consulting, academic relation).

I am a State Certified Residential Appraiser with licensure in the States of Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota.

I have taken course work from the Appraisal Institute, ASHI for Home Inspection and the American Society. Within the last six (6) months, I have taken and passed A-20, A-25, A-29, and A-30. I am looking forward to completing the ASFMRA course work within the next two (2) or three (3) years.



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.

I have become increasingly interested in diversifying my appraisal practice. Agricultural appraising seemed to be a natural way to do it.

The classes, people, and organization are top notch.

Describe personal background items that would be of interest to fellow chapter members (e.g. family, ethnic heritage, other communities lived, other jobs / careers, main hobbies or interests).

I grew up in Northwestern Minnesota along the Red River Valley, an area known for mile long fields. As a child, I use to watch the local crop dusters for hours. I was smitten by flying ever since and later became a crop duster. I have had aerobatic, high performance aircraft, and Ag-pilot training. Some of the aircraft I have flown include mostly Cessna's 150, 150 Aerobat, 152, 172, 182, 182RG w/ retractable landing gear, Piper Pawnee, Ag-Wagon, Ag-Truck, Stearman Biplane, and love flying experimental (home built) tail draggers of all types.

After I retire, for fun I want to go back to school to get my A & P license so that I can restore and work on airplanes.

Describe a few memorable or unique experiences in your life.

Once, I took my girl friend for a little plane ride and as she wanted me to show her what I had learned in flight school. I took her on some s-p-r-a-y r-u-n-s, a few commercial maneuvers, some clearing or s-turns (checking for traffic), a vertical reverse, several spins, and showed her the exact difference between a barrel and a snap roll. You guessed it! We had to cut the flight short to get the plane back to the hangar for a thorough power washing.

She didn't hold it against me though, as she later became my wife. We have been married eighteen (18) years!

Hindsight is 20 -20 – Do Not allow a passenger to drink Mountain Dew prior to take off when the flight might get intentionally B-U-M-P-Y! Stay on the ground!