

Officers:
President
Thomas Jass, AFM

President-Elect
Allan Husby, ARA

Secretary
Jack Davis

Treasurer
Brian Gatzke

Past President
Ron Rucker

Directors:
David Baker

Perry Beguin

Geoff Oliver, ARA

Paul T. Sickler, AFM

Committee Chairs:
Membership
Ted Risty

East River Breakfast
Scott Heimes

West River Breakfast
Perry Beguin

SDSU Relationships
Paul T. Reisch, ARA

Assessors Conference
Charles Doom

Education Foundation
Geoff Oliver, ARA

Government Relations
Ron Rucker

Technology
Allan Husby, ARA

Education
Jim Hollenbeck

Mentor
Ron Ensasz, ARA

Social
Craig Sommers/
Ron Rossknecht

Appraisal Review & Ethics
Jerald A. Hulm, ARA

Scholarship Fundraising
Brian Gatzke

Newsletter Editor:
Paul Reisch, ARA

www.asfmra-sd.com

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF FARM MANAGERS & RURAL APPRAISERS

4/09



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

DATE TO REMEMBER!

May 7- Chapter Board Meeting--Brookings
May 8- SDSU Breakfast Meeting--Brookings-9 A.M.
May 14- West River Breakfast Meeting-9 A.M.
Rapid City Marlin's Roadhouse Grill
May 21- State Assessors Conference Banquet- Water town
June 7-10- SD Ag Lenders Range School- Perkins County
June 15-19- 2009 National Summer Education Week- Des Moines, IA
June 25-26- Minnesota Chapter Summer Tour- Alexandria, MN
July 18-25- International Farm Management Conference in Bloomington,
Illinois hosted by Illinois ASFMRA with the endorsement of the ASFMRA
Find out details at www.ifma17.org.

September 23- SDSU Scholarship Banquet- Brookings
October 7-9- South Dakota- Wyoming Educational Office ring- Deadwood
October 21- SDSU Careers Day- Brookings
October 25-31- ASFMRA National Meeting- Denver

2010

January 20-22- Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PA ASD- Chamberlain

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you, but Spring and it's change in activities is certainly
welcome here. I've even snuck in a couple of golf outings and enjoyed them
very much. We won't discuss the scores.

Our farmers are itching to get at their planting challenges. Some fields are a
little to wet yet, while where dry enough there is activity. A few corn
planters got rolling about April 22nd and after Monday the 27th field fit will be
fair game. One of my operators will be pulling 2 new 24 row JDCCS
planters with all the bells and whistles this spring. If you haven't looked at
one of these newer machines in a few years I'd suggest they are a
quite the deal.

I would like to complement the SDSU Interview team on their excellent
pursuit of this activity and fine students selected. This committee works all
year on trying to get the word to the students and encouraging quality
applications. If let this year's application process and work with the SDSU
staff went very well. I was privileged to read through the applications and
certainly note the excellent quality of the student who applied.
Congratulation to our Scholarship recipient.

Continued

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

I continue to receive information regarding our fall October. I know that the Ed Committee is planning, suspect that they may be calling on other committee committees and members to be ready, willing, and able

Education Event being planned for Deadwood in organizing and working toward this event. I st kick in on applicable situations. I'm asking all let to help out if you are called on.

Our spring Chapter Board meeting is coming up very soon, May 7th. Of course we will be dealing with the financials, committee reports and other normal agenda items. It also seems to me that a primary function of the board is to be looking ahead. Perhaps the word visioning is appropriate. Within the context of our chapter's mission, operation and vision statements I plan to encourage the board to reach out.

soon, May 7th. Of course we will be dealing with agenda items. It also seems to me that a primary apsthe word visioning is appropriate. Within the ion statements I plan to encourage the board to

As a refresher, here are those statements:

MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing our members' ability to succeed in their rural and agriculturally related professions!

OPERATIONS STATEMENT: We will accomplish our mission by:

1. Providing quality education in rural appraisal; farm management and consulting.
2. Promoting high standards and ethics in our professions
3. Promoting awareness and confidence in the integrity, objectivity, competence and professionalism of our members
4. Developing and conducting fellowship opportunities to network and share information among our members

VISION: Promoting membership growth by targeting potential professional members in a fall membership campaign. Getting the framework in place to seek and retain chapter Partner Members and/or National Affiliate Members from agribusiness professionals.

Members: What other education, activities or enhancements can we add to our endeavor to achieve our mission and vision?

Please dream up and pass along any ideas you may have, even if you think they may be "far fetched". There is still time to make the agenda with new ideas. Our chapter is in our hands; let's make it as good as it can be!

A WEBSITE WITH A VARIETY OF RESOURCES – Courtesy of Norm Edwards, ARA

<http://www.allmyfaves.com/>

MONSANTO WILL SPONSOR MAY 8TH SDS SUB BREAKFAST MEETING

Active public relations are a part of achieving our chapter mission. As a part of the chapter's active public relations efforts, we have invited South Dakota State University (Ag Bio, Ag & Biosystems Engineering, Animal Science, Continuing Education and Extension, Crop Improvement Association, Dairy Science, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Experiment Station, Extension, Geography, Horticulture, Forestry & Parks, Plant Science, SDARL, SDSU Foundation, Rural Sociology, and Veterinary Science) representatives to join us for breakfast on Friday May 8th for our member breakfast meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Brookings.

This event will give our 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 upcoming education plans and opportunities.
- 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 scholarship, education, and networking opportunities with those in these professions.

Denny Everson, president of First Dakota's Agri-Business Division and SDARL Executive Director, will be the featured speaker. Denny's presentation to the group will be on the South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (SDARL) Chairman's trip in the spring of 2008. The presentation addresses impact on Agriculture from a South Dakota Perspective and what the future is for agriculture and financing to China, along with highlights of various sightseeing visits and cultural exchanges.

BANKER/APPRaiser DIALOGUE TO BE PART OF SDS SUB BREAKFAST MEETING

After the SDSU Breakfast program, chapter members will have the opportunity to visit for 45-60 minutes with Denny Everson on SD agricultural banker/appraiser issues. Denny offers valuable insights and leadership opinions about this and other topics relative to fee appraisers who have interest in appraising real property for the financial markets, lending institutions, and mortgage service companies such as Dakota Mac and Farmer Mac. The topic of discussion follows concerns within the profession expressed by a few fellow SD Chapter members and regional financial lenders.

This is a must attend by the chapter independent fee appraisers. Meeting with Denny will provide an excellent opportunity to have an open dialog regarding appraisal issues for financing and valuation on a local, regional, and national perspective. Denny will be able to share his concerns about the future and offer the independent fee appraisers an opportunity to share their concerns within the financial sector. Chapter members Brian Gatzke, Ted Risty, and Boyd Waarah helped coordinate this topic of discussion. Please join us for this rare opportunity to visit first hand with one of the nation's leaders and decision makers in agriculture financial lending.

Please join other chapter members in attending the meeting on May 8th!

CHAPTER AWARDS ACORN SCHOLARSHIP AT SDSU

Members Brian Gatzke, Paul Sickler, Jerry Warmann represented the chapter in April in conducting interviews for the chapter's \$1,000 scholarship. There were nine applications received for the SDSU Scholarship with four individuals interviewed on the SDSU campus on the afternoon of April 6th.

Kent Buchholz has been selected as the recipient of the chapter's \$1,000 scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year.

Kent is a Philip, SD native. Kent shared the following in his scholarship application:

My career plans currently are to enter into the financial and appraisal industry after completion of my bachelor degrees. I have a strong interest of appraisal and this has become more evident to me as I have aged. It is interesting to me why things and even people are worth as much as they are. One day I hope to return to the family ranch and continue the successful operation.

Education:

2010-Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business and Agriculture Resource in Economics and Business Economics with Agricultural Marketing minor
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD Current G.P.A. 3.14

2006-High School Degree Philip High School, Philip, SD G.P.A. 3.65
FFA President, Wrestling Captain, Class President, Active in Oral Interpretation, Drama, Student Council, and German.

Experience & Accomplishments:

- SDSU Student Association, College of Ag & Bio Senator
- Worked directly with Administration to improve the University for the Students.
 - Lobbied directly with the State Legislature and SD Board of Regents to improve SDSU as a whole.
 - Served as College of Ag & Bio Board of Director.
 - Currently working on providing on-campus firearm storage.

SDSU College of Ag & Bio Prexy Council, *A. Datum Corporation*

- President 2008-2009
- Served on and chaired several committees including, Harvest Table, Aggie Volleyball, Aggie Dodgeball, and others.
- Organized Social, Professional and Recognition events throughout the school year.
- Hosted SDSU College of Ag & Bio Scholarship Banquet (2008)

Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS), *Contoso, Ltd.*

- Prexy Council Representative 2006-2008
- South Dakota Vice-President 2007-2008
- Competed in State Competitions including; Ag Business (5th, 1st), Impromptu Speaking (2nd, 3rd), Quiz Bowl (2nd, 1st)
- Attended national conferences and competed in, Quiz Bowl, Impromptu Speaking (6th), Sheep Management (9th Individual, 3rd Team)
- Directed recruiting activities which included Ag Olympics.