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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

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

DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 13 - West River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M.
Rapid Map Training – BankWest Office

March 21 - East River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M. - Sioux Falls Roll'N Pin

May 9 – SDSU Network Event – Brookings
Raven Industries Speakers on Precision Agriculture-Past-Present-Future
Bel Brands cheese plant tour after lunch.

June 8-12 – SDAAO Conference Banquet – Deadwood in conjunction with
North Central Regional Association of Assessing Officers (NCRAAO)
conference

July 13-17 - ASFMRA Summer Education Week – Des Moines, IA

Sept. 8-12 - Leadership Institute – Washington, DC

Oct. 27- Nov. 1 – 85th ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Tuscon, AZ

CHAPTER MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Join Date	Years
Jorge Vicuna	2-14-1992	22
Ryon Rypkema	2-06-2004	10
Michael Braun	2-01-2007	7
Vince Hanson	2-01-2007	7
Jerry Warmann	2-01-2009	5
Megan Hammond	2-04-2011	3
Jackson Hegerfeld	2-04-2011	3
Gordon Wendell	2-04-2011	3
John Herrity	2-23-2012	2
Jaret Sievers	2-23-2012	2
Barb Hegerfeld	2-15-2013	1
Sara DeClerk	2-26-2013	1
Brett Lynch	2-27-2013	1
Patrick Wyatt	2-15-2013	1

Thank you for your support!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello All! Is anyone else getting tired of these windy days? Wind is common in SD but January has been a little over the top.

It was good seeing many of you at the winter education meeting in Chamberlain. We had good attendance at our Chapter Annual Meeting. Paul Reisch wrote a good article about the meeting and is included later in the newsletter.

Allan Husby did an excellent job putting together the **Farmland Drainage and Drain Tile Seminar**. The program was interesting and the topic was timely as there is a committee working on tiling/drainage issues and this group plans to present proposed legislation at the 2015 session. There will be hearings on the proposals later this year. There are photos and an article on the seminar later in the newsletter.

Thanks to all who participated in the USPAP Update course and the Drainage Seminar. With your participation, we should generate some positive income from these education offerings to help meet the expenses of the Chapter for 2014.

Will visit with you again next month.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them".

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

Enjoy the simple things.

Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership grew in 2013 from 65 to 69 members:

3 Academic	4 Student	5 Affiliate	3 Partner	1 Honorary
1 ARA/AFM	10 ARA	6 AFM	36 Associate – 34 appraisers / 2 farm managers	

2014 Priorities include continued follow up strong member prospects (1 farm manager and 8 appraiser) and additional Academic and Student members.

Since the annual meeting, we welcome two new members!

New Associate member Kim Larson has been a real estate / chattel appraiser with Farm Credit Services of America in Pierre since November 18, 2013 and worked previously for over fourteen years at Farm Credit Services of America in other roles. She was raised on a grain and livestock operation near Kennebec, SD and graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. Kim also has a Master's Degree in Computer Education Technology. Kim is active in local agriculture and youth organizations in Pierre and Fort Pierre.

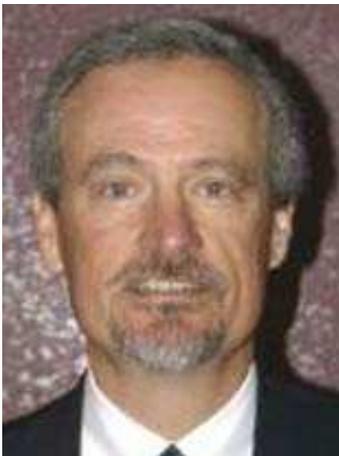
New Student member Franklin Hartway is a South Dakota State University Sophomore majoring in Agricultural Business. He is from Castlewood, SD.

TRANSITIONS

Ordean Eddy, FCS America appraiser and Jerry Warmann, SDSU professor, are retiring at the end of January.

Ordean was an active Education Committee member for many years; chairing the committee for several years.

Ordean told us his immediate plans are to do a lot of nothing and then enjoy rides on his motorcycle when the spring weather allows. Ordean is planning to continue his chapter connections as a partner member.



Jerry has been an active Membership and SDSU Relationships Committee member. Jerry is planning to continue his chapter connections as a retired member in Kansas, Missouri (home area), and South Dakota.

He may eventually move to Missouri, but says the SD chapter membership will provide reasons to visit South Dakota for tours and special events.

We thank Ordean and Jerry for their past service to our chapter and wish both the best in their retirement.

CHAMBERLAIN ANNUAL MEETING HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE DESPITE WEATHER

Twenty seven members were in attendance for the chapter annual meeting on Thursday evening January 16th. Others had planned to attend but the stormy weather prevented them from getting to Chamberlain that evening.



Members present were David Baker, Jesse Ball, Jeff Barker, Michael Braun, Jim Dunlap, Ordean Eddy, Ron Ensz, Barbara Hegerfeld, Dan Hilgenkamp, Jim Hollenbeck, Allan Husby, Tom Jass, Jay Knuppe, Terry Leibel, Loy Matthes, John McMahon, Keith Newman, Paul Reisch, Ted Risty, Ron Rucker, Paul Sickler, Craig Sommers, Kayla Suther, Tyler Urban, Jason Vaith, Jim Viotor, and Russell Wyatt.

President Ron Ensz presented Bev Luke, PAASD Executive Director, with \$100 gift certificate for her help with education registration and meeting support

Nominating Committee Chair Allan Husby presented the committee's report. Chapter members approved the nominations and elected the following:

- President – Ron Ensz
- President Elect – Craig Sommers
- Secretary – Paul Reisch
- Treasurer – Paul Sickler
- Board Member – Terry Leibel
- 2015 Nominating Committee – John McMahon



President Ensz reported that Mark Elder had resigned from the board and Gordon Wendell was appointed to fill the balance of Mark's term through 2016.



Government Relations Committee Chair Terry Leibel reported that the Department of Labor and Regulation, Appraiser Certification Program introduced two legislative bills in the 2014 South Dakota Legislative Session.

SB 47 would establish new criteria for initial certification to include criminal background investigation. This is a federal mandate. SB 48 would require appraisal management companies to have surety bond or irremovable letter of credit. States that have this are mostly \$25,000 with some at \$100,000. The bill is being introduced at \$25,000 level.

After the meeting, members continued network activities with chapter and PAASD members at the joint pizza social.

CHAPTER HAS SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS IN CHAMBERLAIN!

Education offerings at Chamberlain had good attendance. Thursday's **National USPAP Update Course 2014-2015** jointly sponsored with PAASD had over 110 in attendance including 23 chapter members.

Instructor Craig Steinley, SRA kept the audience involved with interactive participant polling regarding the correct answers to real world cases involving the standards and group case studies.

Craig also worked thru both morning and afternoon periods without electricity to provide the needed training to the participants.



Friday's **Farmland Drainage and Drain Tile Seminar** had 45 in attendance including 28 chapter members. Tim Kilmer owner of Horsepower Drainage Solutions provided information on drain tile designs and cost. Participants learned there are a right way and a wrong way to install tile. Good design involves proper spacing, depth of tile, and laterals perpendicular to water flow. AGREM representative Jeremy Meiners spoke on their contoured drainage, controlled drainage, and sub irrigation systems.



Brian Top, owner of TopSoil Consulting provided information on wetland determination for NRCS and the impacts of tile drainage.

Three criteria must be met for a wetland determination; hydric soil, hydric plants, and hydrology. Positive impacts include peak flows decrease, erosion decrease, phosphorus decrease, production increase, and reduced plant diversity (weeds) helping production. Negative impacts include impact on neighbors in some cases, leachable nutrients (NO₃) increase, and reduced plant diversity (weeds) reducing wildlife habitat.

DRAIN TILE SEMINAR CONTINUED

Allan Husby, ARA addressed appraisal analysis regarding drain tile including highest and best use issues, public information available in counties with permitting process, and matched pair sales analysis to quantify value for drain tile.

Christopher Hay, SDSU Extension Specialist, addressed the effects of drain tile use on crop production. He addressed factors that may necessitate drainage for agricultural production, benefits and cost studies, and drainage impacts on field water balance, hydrology changes, and water quality.



Jay Gilbertson, East Dakota Water Development District Manager addressed issues on the effects of drain tile on water quality and watershed volume of drainage.

Jay provided information on South Dakota case law that established upper landowners have an inherent right to drain on lower landowners provided there is no inter-watershed transfer, water moves over, but does not stay on the land, no substantial change in the rate or nature of flow, capacity of watercourse is not exceeded, and water quality is not degraded.

A 1985 drainage law codified this case law but added that drainage could come from an established watercourse in addition to a natural watercourse and that no other feasible alternative drainage system is available that will produce less harm without substantially greater cost to the owner of the land being drained. The law allowed for a permitting process but capped fees at \$100 total. Several counties adopted some form of drainage controls.

Rapid growth in tiling in recent years because of rising commodity prices and land values, extended periods of wet conditions, and commercial / residential development have all placed tremendous stress on existing county permit systems. Some counties have terminated their permitting process because of potential liability issues.

State legislation was passed to establish a Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force to research the issues and make recommendations regarding changes in state law to address various concerns. The task force has had 6 meetings over the past two years. The task force will continue to meet in 2014 with the goal of recommending legislation for the 2015 legislative session.