

2012 NCAE Report to AAAE
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New Operating Structure

The National Council for Agricultural Education is now operating under a new organizational structure comprised of voting representatives from the following: National Association of Agricultural Educators, National Association Supervisors of Agricultural Education, American Association for Agricultural Education, FFA Alumni, 2 yr. Post-secondary, Ag Industry, Nat'l Farm & Ranch Business Mgt. Education Assn., Association for Career and Technical Education, Adult Secondary Student rep. , National Young Farmers Education Association, and the Association of Public & Landgrant Universities. Ex-officio representation on the Council includes from NAAE (Jay Jackman), FFA (Dwight Armstrong), FFA Foundation (Rob Cooper) and USDE (Steve Brown). Tony Small serves as the managing director of the Council facilitating follow through of business, project planning and program development. All representatives on the Council are supported financially through their professional organization. The intended outcome of the reorganization being to realize greater efficiency and more consistent management. Karen Hutchison (NASAE) currently serves as Council President.

USDA Contact

In December Dwight Armstrong, and other agricultural education associates, met with Secretaries Duncan (USDE) and Vilsack (USDA). Although this meeting was not a direct action of the Council, an outcome of the meeting was establishing a direct relation of the Council to a USDA educational program specialist in the person of Dr. Caroline Crocoll. It is recommended that any contact made on behalf of the Ag Ed community be done so through Steve Brown (USDE, AFNRS program specialist).

Experiential Learning Planning Committee

Following the National SAE Renewal Inservice and further committee discussion, Kirby Barrick delivered the Experiential Learning Planning committee report at the September Council meeting offering recommendations for the agricultural education community (state supervision, teacher education, teacher organizations and FFA). The Council asked Dr. Barrick and Tony Small to determine the next steps of continuing development for the recommendations. Strategic planning since that time has yielded a proposed Plan of Activities reported at the March 2012 Council meeting. A copy of the plan is attached to this report as an appendix item.

Federal Child Labor Law Advocacy

Throughout the year the Council maintained an advocacy role in the oversight of actions affecting the proposed changes within student guidelines of the federal labor law. During those discussions it was suggested that AAAE and NASAE consider development of inservice and preservice instructional units to support educators work with students regarding the child labor laws.

CASE

The CASE curriculum project continues to grow with 14 Institutes scheduled across the country for the summer of 2012. In terms of curriculum development, field tests are scheduled for this summer for the Animal and Plant Biotechnology curriculum, and the development of the Natural resources and Environmental Science curriculum is well under way. The release of Teacher Education Modules is anticipated for this summer. Potential topics for these Modules include inquiry based instruction, use of APP modalities, spiraling of learning objectives, standards alignment and enhancement in agricultural education subject matter, and science laboratory skills development. During the April meeting of the Council, after much discussion, the Council voted to propose to the executive committee of CASE that a \$25 fee per teacher/trainee of CASE Institutes be assessed starting with the summer of 2013.

Perkins Technical Skill Attainment Assessment

Currently, all states are required by the Carl Perkins Act to assess students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (C.T.E.) programs in some format to meet the Technical Skills Attainment requirement of the Act. The Council is discussing and reviewing opportunities that may be available in order to assist states in meeting this requirement.

2013 National Ag Ed Summit

A sub-committee of the Council, chaired by Tony Small, is currently meeting and developing the agenda for the 2013 National Ag Ed Summit, January 30 & 31 in Indianapolis, I.N. The guiding theme for planning is: Marketing for Sustainability of Agricultural Education.

In order to save dollars for all of agricultural education at the local, state, national levels as well as the Council for Agricultural Education and National FFA Organization, a new structure is being recommended for 2013. The Summit will be delivered as a virtual conference broadcasting the general and breakout sessions to both an audience in attendance as well as participants joining on line. The sessions will be streamed live as well as taped and provided on line to be accessed at a later time for those not able to view the sessions live.

Arrangements and accommodations will be planned and scheduled for those who would like to continue to attend the actual Summit, but this will be at their own expense. This will provide a studio audience for asking questions and fill the need for those who place high priority on the value of live interaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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