

Jacquelyn Deeds – President Elect 2005-2006 Report

This year as president elect has been an interesting one.

The first new experience was serving on the National Council for Agricultural Education. This body is working hard and has many projects which should enhance agricultural education nationwide. I believe the Council is now functioning as it was originally intended.

I am representing AAAE on the National Program Standards Committee. Some of you will remember the efforts completed in the late 70s along these same lines. This activity is an effort to bring those standards up-to-date and to give state supervisors guidelines for program evaluation in states where none currently exist and to give teachers a document to focus on for program improvement. The program standards are now in draft form but not ready for release to large groups. I would like to appoint a review committee to provide feedback to the standards committee from the university perspective.

I will also be representing you on the 10 X 15 committee. That is a committee that will be doing the initial program planning to increase the number of secondary agricultural education to 10,000 by 2015. This is a goal that has received the endorsement of the entire agricultural education family and each group will have an important part to play if this goal is to be achieved. The committee will meet for the first time May 24-25, 2006.

The 2007 AAAE conference and research sessions will be in Minneapolis, MN -- May 16-18. The conference will be at the Radisson University Hotel located on the University of Minnesota campus. The rooms will be \$109 flat rate for up to 4 persons in a room. It is close to downtown and five miles from the Amtrak station. They have a complimentary shuttle that will pick you up at the station if you want to try train travel as transportation to conference for a change. The shuttle is complementary within 5 miles of the hotel so it will also be available to take individuals to the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit for a trip to the Mega Mall, if you are so inclined. They will provide all the poster boards for the poster sessions.

There were no newsletters published this year due to a lack of response from departments. I am suggesting that we consider a bulletin board on our website where newsletter type information (grants, baby births, program changes, awards) can be posted as it happens in addition to notices on the list serve.