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# NUTS & BOLTS REAL-TIME UPDATE

## President's Message

By Wayne Pike, 2009-10 NFRBMEA President

We have had an unbelievable March and April here in southeastern Minnesota. We got through March without any snow falling, something that has never been recorded before. There were spring tillage implements and combines in the fields at the same time.

Spring could not wait and the NFRBMEA and our 2010 Conference Planning Partners could not wait either. Our conference planning chairman, Rick Morgan, has been working his short fingers to the bone up there in Moorhead. Rick and his faithful committee have gotten the Conference well organized and ready to go.

Most of the Conference agenda is set. Details are always worked out in the last minute, but you can go to the Conference website at [www.nfrbmea.org/2010\\_conference/index.htm](http://www.nfrbmea.org/2010_conference/index.htm) and get just about all the information you will need right now. The registration website, provided by the Center for Farm Financial Management, is up and running.



Please note that we are including something new in our Conference this year. The Experience Exchange is replacing the Exchange of Ideas. We think that this is an exciting way to highlight some of the vast wealth of knowledge and wisdom within our combined groups. Read about it in this Real-Time Update and make your application to Allen Graner.

In the meantime, I would like to mention a few things that tended to get overlooked during our busy season in January and February. Bear with me as I remind you of four bits of important information. I encourage you to review all of this information by going to the following links:

First, the membership will be voting in June on some by-law changes. This was explained

in our last RTU. The by-laws and proposed changes can be found at [www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/FinalDraftBylaws\\_WithChanges\\_012310.pdf](http://www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/FinalDraftBylaws_WithChanges_012310.pdf). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or any of the Board members.

Second, the Board also adopted a Travel and Expense Reimbursement policy. Please review that at [www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/NFRBMEA\\_TravelPolicy\\_1209.pdf](http://www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/NFRBMEA_TravelPolicy_1209.pdf). if you are interested.

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## Announcing... the National Farm Business Management Conference Experience Exchange!

By Wayne Pike, 2009-10 NFRBMEA President

NFRBMEA and NAFBAS are cooperating on a new National Farm Business Management Conference event that will bring significant achievements of our members to light. We are looking for members to share their experiences in the new **National Farm Business Management Conference Experience Exchange**. In essence, we are looking for interesting experiences and stories that we would all like to hear from our colleagues.

The Experience Exchange will feature up to two presentations. Each presentation will be about thirty minutes in length. The presentations will take place during the National Conference in Fargo on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The presentations must be made by the participant and may include speaking, handouts, PowerPoint or other computerized presentations, slide shows or other self-produced multimedia.

A few examples to get you thinking about experiences to share:

- Perhaps you have traveled to a foreign country and have observed or worked in farm management education or farm analysis there.
- Perhaps you have been involved in the development of a new production technology.
- Perhaps you work in a geographic region that has agriculture which does not include corn and soybeans.
- Perhaps you worked with a student/cooperator/colleague and helped them achieve something remarkable or something initially considered unachievable.

The selection for the two presentations will be made by the 2010 conference planners. Criteria for selection are diversity, timeliness, originality and applicability of the topic to our professions.

**Deadline for application is May 14, 2010.** Notification of acceptance of submission will be on May 24, 2010. A \$200 stipend will be awarded to each presenter at the conclusion of their Experience Exchange.

Please provide the following information for the National Farm Business Management Conference Experience Exchange application:

1. Briefly describe the Experience you would like to present. Include when this experience took place if not continuing in the present.
2. Briefly explain how you might present your Experience at the conference. For example, PowerPoint presentation, video, slide show, speaking or combination.

Send this information via e-mail to Allen Graner, NFRBMEA president-elect, [allen.graner@dakotacollege.edu](mailto:allen.graner@dakotacollege.edu) or Jim Kurtz, NAFBAS president, [kurtz033@umn.edu](mailto:kurtz033@umn.edu).

## Conference Registration Website Now Accepting Registrations!

By Deb Pike, NFRBMEA Web Manager



## National Council for Agriculture Education Adult Position

The adult position on the National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) is an appointment by the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association (NFRBMEA) Board of Directors. Jay Olson, FBM Instructor at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, North Dakota is currently serving this position on the council. Jay's 3-year term will be completed December 31, 2010.

The NCAE is a 19 member board that represents each of the stakeholder Team Ag Ed organizations. This is a continuing opportunity for NFRBMEA and its appointee to have an impact on the future of Agricultural Education in the United States as a member of the NCAE Board of Directors. Further NCAE information may be secured at their website at: [www.agedhq.org/councilindex.cfm](http://www.agedhq.org/councilindex.cfm)

National Council Adult Position responsibilities: The individual in this position is the spokesperson for adult education in agriculture. The National Council normally meets face-to-face in March in Washington D.C. and in October at a site chosen by the Council President, usually near his or her home office. These meetings typically start on a Thursday and end on Saturday. In addition, conference calls for the National Council are scheduled periodically. Participation in other agricultural educational meetings and conferences may also be requested. The representative to the Council will be appointed to the NFRBMEA Board of Directors and will attend to the responsibilities of that position during their 3-year term. Please contact [Jay Olson](#) or any NFRBMEA board member for further information regarding the duties and responsibilities of this position. The new council member's term begins January 1, 2011.

The person selected for the adult position to the National Council will have to be an Active member of NFRBMEA and an ACTE member. Individuals applying should submit the following information in their letter of application:

- *Why you are applying for the adult position on the council*
- *Why you feel that you would be a good selection for the position*
- *Your major concerns in regard to agricultural education and adult education in particular*
- *How your philosophy in adult education is reflected in your adult education program*
- *Do you have support from your administration to serve in this position?*

Applicants should submit a resume that includes:

- *Information regarding your educational background and educational accomplishments*
- *Details regarding your involvement in educational organizations and other organizations on the local, regional, state, and national level*

All applicants should also provide 3 letters of recommendation. Please submit applications to:

Wayne Pike, NFRBMEA President  
6540 65<sup>th</sup> St NE  
Rochester, MN 56906-1911

**Deadline for application is September 1, 2010.** All applications will be reviewed during the NFRBMEA Fall Board Meeting in September. The NFRBMEA Board will contact the selected individual shortly thereafter.

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Third, the Board revised job descriptions for our Board positions to more closely align with the by-law changes should we approve them in June. Find out more at [www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/JobDescripts\\_FinalDraft\\_012310.pdf](http://www.nfrbmea.org/pdf/JobDescripts_FinalDraft_012310.pdf).

Finally, we are still seeking a person to replace Jay M. Olson as our representative to the National Council for Agricultural Education. Information on this position appears again in this Real-Time Update.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20 at 8 a.m. Central time by webinar. If you have any concerns you would like the Board to consider, please let me know and you can join us on the webinar or we will put your concern on the agenda.

Keep up the good work! I hope to see you in Fargo in June.

*Wayne*

## IABME Programming Update

By Tom Weygandt, IABME Program Director

I want to remind you of Institute activities through the National Farm Management Conference in June 2010. Institute membership entitles participation in any or all of our events. Our curriculum is focused for those in their early careers but it may well be valuable for the “more seasoned” FBM instructor. Members may pick and choose the events they wish to attend but they are welcome at all. It’s not too late to join. If you’d like to increase your background knowledge contact the director today!

Our **Beginning Marketing** webinar is going well under the direction of Ron Van Nurden and will continue through April. I will present the other webinars currently scheduled. More topics may be added as needs are identified.

Upcoming events:

### Webinars

May 2010, dates & times TBA

**Secured Transactions**

April and May 2010, dates & times TBA

**Farm Financial Statements Series**

Check our website for more updates: [www.nfrbmea.org/IABME/this\\_year.htm](http://www.nfrbmea.org/IABME/this_year.htm)

June 14-17, 2010

**National Farm Management Conference**

IABME will be sponsoring a major speaker. The Institute Workshop will be integrated into the conference as a separate breakout session designed especially for IABME members rather than requiring an additional day of attendance. Participant travel stipends will be available.

## 2010 Conference Ride & Room Share Group

By Deb Pike, NFRBMEA Web Manager

Interest has been expressed in having a Ride & Room Share page added to the 2010 National Farm Management Conference website, and a Yahoo group has been created to help members make connections for transportation to/from the conference and/or find roommates. It works pretty much the same as it did last year:



1. This Yahoo group is an unlisted group, and therefore only available to members of the Yahoo group.
2. Go to [http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/2010\\_Conference\\_Ride\\_and\\_Room\\_Share/](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/2010_Conference_Ride_and_Room_Share/) to join and post your request yourself. It’s easy— click on the blue “Join Me” button. Next, create your YahooID and password. Follow the instructions to select the email address you want to use for communicating, how you want messages delivered (individual emails or all emails once a day “digest” format), etc. Enter the case-sensitive code provided and click “Join”. Click the Post link on the left side of the page to submit your request.  
 Alternatively, you can email me directly at [dapike@myclearwave.net](mailto:dapike@myclearwave.net) to add you to the member list and post your request.
3. When you’ve made arrangements, you can unsubscribe yourself from the group or email me and ask me to remove you.
4. The 2010 Conference Ride and Room Share Yahoo group will be removed at the conclusion of the 2010 conference.

Requests can be posted and read using your email client (Outlook, etc.) but viewing the group via the Yahoo groups website allows you to view all postings that occurred prior to your joining the group.

If you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this Yahoo group, please contact me.



To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? E-mail us at [editor@nfrbmea.org](mailto:editor@nfrbmea.org)

