

Fall 2015 CCA Agenda

Introductions

- In attendance: Tom Hall, Terry Kohler, Don Graffis, Thia Walker, Troy Bauder, Jeff Tichota, Kierra Jewell, Brad Walker, Thaine Kramer, Benny Kitten, Dave Green, Ruthanne Koch.
- Call to order at 9:02am, Oct 16, 2015

Election of Incoming Chair:

- Tom nominated Brad Walker to fill in the incoming chair position. Seconded by Terry. All members were in favor, none opposed. Brad is now the incoming chair.

Old Business:

- Accept Minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept minutes from Terry. Seconded by Don Graffis. All members were in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

New Business:

- Update Committee Assignments with new board members
 - Finance committee: Brad is the new chair. Jeff will stay on until Tom's term is done.
 - Exam committee: Benny joined the committee and is the chair. Dave also joined the committee.
 - Marketing and promotion committee: Bob Leisy was assigned to the committee. Ruthanne is leaving as her term is up.
- Committee Reports
 - Budget and Finance Tom, Brad, Jeff
 - Addressing deficit spending
 - Income vs Spending isn't where we need it. We are over on the spending for now. The committee will be looking at the budget and coming up with options for the board.
 - Raising the renewal fee: we will probably need to do this at some point. One of the lowest renewal fees.
 - We have time to work on the budget since we have a good reserve of funds.
 - We could use a closer relationship with RMAA or other industry companies in the event we need/want to use grants to pay for things.
 - Looking to meet with co-ops and big ag businesses to get support for CCA.
 - We do get money if people write online CEU modules for CCAs to take. ASA charges \$25. They take \$5, the writer gets \$10 and the CCA board gets \$10.
 - Could be a possibility to get money from future CCA/CEU crop clinic as we start to do more to help Ron out.

- Exam Committee Troy, Don, Thaine
 - Exam fee reduction/waiver for students – Thia
 - Motioned by Thia to waive the state CCA exam fee (\$75) for any ag college student wanting to take the test and to let them have a study guide at no charge (\$65). Seconded by Dave. All were in favor, none opposed.
 - Discussion entertained about waiving the international exam fee, \$195 for students as well. Decided that the students needed to have some fees or they won't show up. No motion made.
 - Cut score setting process-Troy
 - We as a board only decide the cut score for the state exam.
 - Equator questions help determine the difficulty of the test. Then ICCA provides a cut score recommendation and sends it to the board. The lowest has been 66% and the highest has been over 72%. The board rarely changes the cut score from the ICCA recommendation.
 - Motion by Dave to have the exam committee set the cut score and give it back to ICCA as fast as possible, then report the score back to the board. Seconded by Brad. All were in favor, none opposed.
 - This process should allow us to get the scores back to the test takers faster instead of waiting for the spring board meeting. Could also make sure that we are keeping politics out of it.
 - November 20th from 9-12noon will be the exam committee meeting for creating the February test.
 - Proctors for February exam: Benny- all day, Brad- am, Tom- pm

- Standards and Ethics
 - New Applicants for 2015
 - 6 applicants were approved for 2015
 - 2 were retired and applied to be reinstated and approved
 - 1 CEU continuation was requested and granted.
 - ICCA may be taking away the appeal process from the boards but we don't have a date as of yet.

- Continuing Education –Thia and Terry
 - Update on Dec Crop Clinic
 - We will be conflicting with BASF's big update meeting this year. We should check again with large meetings in the area before dates go out for the CCA crop clinic next year. Hard to get everyone's schedule worked out though.

- Marketing-RuthAnn
 - Need to get new jackets for two new board members. Kierra will need to take over the ordering until Bob can for the marketing committee. Ruthanne will get Kierra information on the supplier.
 - Jeff, Bob, and whomever replaces Ruthanne will make up the marketing committee.
 - Ruthanne is looking into her replacement and will keep us posted.
- Other Discussion:
 - Need to work on getting more CCAs in the program.
 - Will only take one disaster such as the Toledo water supply shut down before legislation takes place and CCAs will be required. We should be ready before that happens.
 - Nutrient management plans are not required to be filled out by a CCA
 - NRCS would like CCA certification but it is not currently required
 - Maybe 50% of IACC are a CCA
 - Only have 1 extension agent left that is a CCA- Ron.
 - Would be good for organizations to push for CCAs rather than legislation.
- ***Spring board meeting March 11 9-12noon at Adams county fairgrounds.***