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News and Views from the North Carolina Agricultural Consultants Association

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STAN WINSLOW INSTALLED AS NAICC PRESIDENT



Incoming NAICC President and long time NCACA member Stan Winslow is introduced to the membership by outgoing President Jim Steffel of Hamburg, PA at the recent national conference in Memphis.

NCACA SPRING EDUCATIONAL MEETING MARCH 10

Don't forget the NCACA Spring Educational Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Vernon James Research Center in Plymouth, NC.

Employees of NCACA Full Members are also welcome at the technical sessions. A full agenda of topics and speakers are posted on the website at www.ncaca.org under Events

Please RSVP to Webster Harrell BEFORE MARCH 4 by phone at (252) 333-0208 or by email at harrellcrop@yahoo.com with the number of attendees and the names of who you are bringing so we may have an accurate count for the meeting and lunch.

NCACA MEMBERS ON NAICC COMMITTEES

Will Connell & Bill Peele - Consultant Education Committee
Billy McLawhorn - Crawfish Boil on the Hill
Matt Winslow - Educational Outreach
Al Averitt - International Outreach and Government Affairs
Stan Winslow - Government Affairs, Annual Meeting
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NCACA WELL REPRESENTED AT NAICC (Submitted by Bruce Niederhauser)

The annual NAICC meeting took place in Memphis, Tennessee on January 29-31. The location was at the famous Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis close to exciting Beale Street and other attractions. Registration was at all time record high level of about 520 folks. The North Carolina consultants that attended were Stan Winslow, Matt Winslow, Bill Peele, Billy McLawhorn, Will Connell, Al Averitt, Allan Hubers and Bruce Niederhauser. During the Presidents luncheon, Stan Winslow was installed as President for 2009. This would make him the 3rd person to become President from North Carolina which is second in number of installments after Louisiana.

There were too many presentations to mention all of them at this time. But several interesting topics were the EQIP program at the Federal and State level, Irrigation Technology, Employee Management, World Economy and Agriculture, Nitrogen Use Efficiency, National Fertilizer Production and Pricing for 2009 and numerous round table crop discussions. There were some fun times with raffles in the exhibitors hall and live entertainment at the evening banquet. Next year the meeting will take place in Orlando. In 2011 the meeting will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in Texas. It was good to interact again with consultants from around the United States and learn from their experiences.

MARY WILKS SUCCEEDS

Past NCACA President Mary Wilks recently completed the SUCCEED Tobacco Leadership Program. Knowing that it takes a leader to be a tobacco grower in the modern world, North Carolina State University and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina joined forces to help insure there will be enough leaders to take the industry into the future. The two institutions organized the new flue-cured and burley tobacco leadership program entitled Succeed, which was offered at NCSU from Jan. 28 - Feb. 1. The program is designed primarily for applicants under the age of 40. Organizers say they patterned the new program after the former Philip Morris Short Course for Young Tobacco Farmers that came to an end with the federal tobacco quota buyout.

The Harvest is a monthly newsletter of the North Carolina Agricultural Consultants Association intended to give a quick overview of the activities in the lives and careers of the NCACA membership. Anyone with contributions should email the information to Kelly Andrews, NCACA Executive Director at kellybob@earthlink.net.

