



## Fall 2005 Notes – YOUR NAE4-HA Regional Newsletter

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### **President’s Insights – Mary Williams, NAE4-HA President**

I’ve spent the last 8 hours working on VOLUNTEER role descriptions, screening and checking references on potential 4-H VOLUNTEERS, creating a VOLUNTEER recruitment display, and organizing files on current VOLUNTEERS. In other words, I have been fully immersed in the philosophy and management of VOLUNTEERISM. We are preparing for our 4-H Open Enrollment night later this week, and I will be manning the VOLUNTEER station. What does this have to do with NAE4-HA and the regional director’s communications with state officers and members? You should know by now!

It’s time to step up to your potential and VOLUNTEER for leadership roles within your professional association. Just 6 short weeks from now we will be gathering in Seattle for our annual conference. Committees and teams will be meeting to create their own plans for the work of this association. You will have several opportunities to join committees and make your own contributions to this work. All you have to do is 1) show up; and 2) VOLUNTEER!

Committees will begin meeting with the leadership teams on Sunday afternoon, and full committees will work hard on Monday, October 31. The committee meetings and the exhibit area will be the only things scheduled that afternoon, in a deliberate effort to make committees function more effectively. We welcome one and all to participate and contribute to the following standing committees that are the heart and soul of our association: Policy & Resolutions; Public Relations & Information, Member Recognition, News & Views, Professional Development, Diversity, Programs, Research & Evaluation. We are always open to task force work within

those committees, and will include members in the Organizational Stewardship, fund development, and finance and audit committees as well.

The other opportunity for VOLUNTEERING is to let your regional directors know you are interested in running for an elected office. The organizational stewardship committee will be recruiting and creating a slate to include regional directors, Vice-president for Professional Development, Vice-President for Marketing and Outreach, and President-Elect. If you have previous leadership experience and would like to serve on the national board, I urge you, let us know. We will gladly answer any questions about the roles you are considering, and provide you with the policies regarding your 2006 campaign. You've heard this from me before, but I don't mind repeating. Your association is only as strong as your contributions. Please consider VOLUNTEERING for committee, officer, or other leadership roles for the new year. See you in Seattle! .

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## **NAE4-HA Organization Stewardship Committee**

*Chris Anderson, Past President*

### **2005 NAE4-HA Candidates:**

The Organizational Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for national offices. We greatly appreciate each candidate's willingness to share their time and talents in a leadership role for NAE4-HA.

#### **President-Elect**

Clyde Jackson, VA

#### **Vice President for Finance and Operations**

Allen Auck, OH

Charles Comer, KY

Gary Small, CO

#### **Vice President for Member Services**

Kathy Riggs, UT

#### **Vice President for Research, Evaluations and Programs**

Virginia Bourdeau, OR

#### **Southern Regional Director**

Carolyn Langley, NC

Michael McManus, SC

Sheran Watkins, MS

#### **North Eastern Regional Director**

Megan Tiff, NY

#### **North Central Regional Director**

Steve Wagoner, IL

#### **Western Regional Director**

Kim Gressley, AZ

Read about the 2005 Candidates in the upcoming issue of News & Views. You will also want to visit the NAE4-HA website under "Directories - Teams/Committees". The first committee listed is the Organizational Stewardship Committee where you will find valuable information related to the 2005 election.

#### **Reception for 2005 Candidates (and Future Candidates)**

Members participating in the annual conference in Seattle will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the 2005 candidates during an all candidate reception **on Monday, October 31, 7:00pm-9:00pm**. Also during this time period potential candidates for future years will be able to meet and have informal Q&A with current board members to learn more about their roles.

#### **On-line Voting Option:**

All members in NAE4-HA have the right to vote for their NAE4-HA leadership. This year we plan to once again offer an opportunity for members not attending conference to vote for the national candidates electronically via the NAE4-HA web site. A "voting window" will be publicized, during which time members not

attending the conference will be able to view candidate speeches and vote electronically. A blast email will be sent to all members outlining these details which will include a phone number to call during conference should they need assistance or experience technical problems during the voting process.

Your vote is important so please make plans to be near a computer during this “voting window.”

### **Are You Getting All Your NAE4-HA Correspondence?**

Most of the association communications are now coming to you electronically. That means it is very important that your membership record be complete, including an accurate email address.

You are now able to change and update your own membership record on the website. And here is how: log on to [www.nae4ha.org](http://www.nae4ha.org). Pull down the **Directories tab**, select **Membership Directories**, then select **Search Directory**. Next, pull down the **Members tab**, select **Login**. (First time logging in? Follow the prompts to receive your user name and password. HINT: the automatic assigned user and password is usually first initial, last name and last four digits of your phone number...no spaces; ex: lsmith2312).

Once you log in, pull down the **Members tab** again. Now select the **Update Member Profile**. Your record will appear. You can edit and change any of your contact information on this page. Lastly, **Save Member Record**.

**Questions? Contact**  
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## **PILD April 24-27, 2006 Washington DC**

*Clyde Jackson, VA*

### **Top 10 Reasons to Attend PILD 2006:**

The program development for 2006 PILD is just about complete. Although there are a few details to work out before the registration brochures are printed, here are some program highlights. Make plans to attend PILD in 2006.

1. PILD will start on Monday, April 24 with association meetings, followed by lunch. We will conclude by noon on Thursday, April 27.
2. There will be association meetings on Sunday for ANREP, NAE4-HA, NACAA and NEAFCS. The ESP meeting will be held later during the conference.
3. Tuesday breakfast will be CSREES National Program Leaders giving updates on trends, funding, partnerships, and how these are affected by current legislation. Rather than being program specific, updates will be on Extension issues such as environment, health and wellness, families, economic development, and agriculture.
4. Off-site visits on Tuesday afternoon. The committee is identifying government agencies as well as organizations or associations that have linkages to Extension issues.
5. The Congressional visits will be on Wednesday.
6. JCEP is sponsoring a Poster Session for Extension professionals to tell others about public issues education that has been conducted. There will be partial registration scholarships for up to 10 PILD participants. The Poster Session will be part of a

networking reception Tuesday following the offsite visits.

7. The ESP meeting will also be held on Tuesday as part of a reception so everyone will be able to attend.
8. Break-out sessions will provide professional development on leadership, marketing, international, financial literacy, youth & governance, emergency preparedness, community & food security, alternative energy, grassroots advocacy, and diversity.
9. The closing session on Thursday morning will explore the future of the Cooperative Extension System and a special presentation that will send everyone off ready to put use what they have learned during the week.
10. For those who would like to come in on the weekend and see Washington sites, we will have optional activities available.

Complete information will be available later this fall. We'll let you know when on-line registration will be live – hopefully soon after **December 1**. If you need more information, contact Luann Boyer at [lboyer@coop.ext.colostate.edu](mailto:lboyer@coop.ext.colostate.edu).

**First Time Attendees Event in  
Seattle!  
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005  
4:30pm**

*Cheryl Newberry, PR & I Committee, Texas*  
The Member Services Task Force of the Public Relations and Information Committee is looking for a few NEW 4-H professionals attending the NAE4-HA conference for the first time to join them at the **First Time Attendees** event at the **2005 Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. Sunday, October 30, 4:00pm!** Come and find out more about your professional

association and develop a new network of friends from across the country who are new to NAE4-HA just like you!

**NAE4-HA 2005  
National Conference  
Seattle, Washington  
October 30-Nov. 3, 2005**

Please go to the 2005 Conference website, <http://nae4ha.wsu.edu> for all of the latest information. You are able to see a tentative schedule for the conference. For those of you that have not made your hotel reservations, the host hotel is the Sheraton and is only 20 minutes from the SeaTac International Airport. Please make plans to attend the Pacific Northwest, where you can “Better Your Best.”

There will be a Halloween Party and a Talent Contest this year – so dust off that old costume and practice your dancing or singing – we know we have lots of talented 4-H agents across the country – let us hear from you! Please check the website frequently for more information.

*Editor Note:* Your Regional Directors will be sending out more frequent conference updates. *JB*

**Regional Breakfasts  
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005  
7:30am-9:30am**

Each region will host their breakfasts on the above date. At that time you will hear Regional Director Candidate speeches and vote for your national officers. Your Regional Directors will be sending out more information specific to your individual district for each breakfast.

**Future Conference Dates**  
2006 – Milwaukee, WI – Oct. 22-26  
2007 – Atlanta, GA – Oct. 21-25  
2008 – Galaxy III – Indianapolis, IN  
2009 – Rochester, NY – Nov. 1-5

## **Fishing for Success.... Reeling in the Leaders”**

This is the theme for the 2005 Officer Workshop scheduled for **Sunday, October 30, 1:00pm**. It will immediately follow the State President-President-elects **Leadership Luncheon at 11:30am**.

This workshop is hosted and taught by your Regional Directors, and is meant for **ALL** state association officers and committee chairs. This year’s format will still be very hands-on, but we are going to target different levels of leadership through three tracks – each offering something different depending on your years of service to extension and 4-H. We are planning on offering a track for those with less than 5 years of service, those with 6-10 and then those with 11 years or more of service.

Please make your travel plans to arrive on Saturday night to take advantage of this workshop. **IF** you are a state president or president-elect, please mark your registration form to attend the Leadership Luncheon.

## **National Membership Survey Request Extended to Oct. 15**

*Suzanne Le Menestrel, Ph.D.*  
*National Program Leader, Youth Development Research*

We are interested in learning more about your opinions about the National Conference, as well as your interests and training needs in research and evaluation and resources that NAE4-HA can offer its members. The NAE4-HA Public Relations and Information and Research, Evaluation and Programs Committees will be using the information collected from this survey to provide input into the National Conference, to guide the creation of professional

development and training opportunities, and to develop new resources for our members. Your individual answers will be anonymous and will be compiled with other responses. The results will be shared with the Association's membership. The survey will remain open until **October 15**. Thank you for your participation! Access the survey at: <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/Surveys/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=4MJ383KJ2525G>

## **2006 JCEP Tentative Dates**

You will be getting more information from your Regional Directors as plans become available, but we wanted to get these dates out to everyone.

South: Feb.1-3 – Nashville, TN

West: Feb. 6-9 – Phoenix, AZ

Northeast: Feb. 22-24, Valley Forge,  
PA

North Central: Feb. 28 – Mar. 2 –  
St. Louis, MO

### **Attention State Presidents!**

**When you receive this newsletter from your Regional Directors, please forward it on to your general membership.**

**Other than the NAE4-HA website this is our main means of communication to our state membership.**

**Thank you!**