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**NFRBMEA** INC.

## NUTS & BOLTS REAL-TIME UPDATE

### Time to Register for the 2013 NFBM Conference!

April 5, 2013

Registration is now **OPEN** for the [2013 National Farm Management Conference](#) in Overland Park, Kansas!

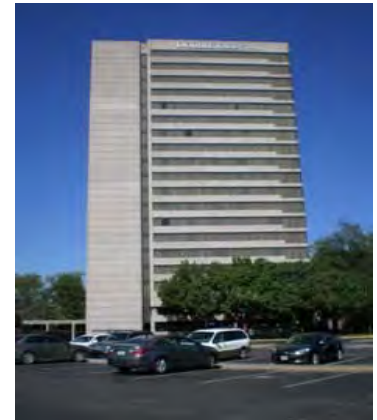
Register by **May 9** to get the Early Bird Rate of \$340... after this date it goes up to \$390. Please note, NFRBMEA members, that these rates **DO NOT** include dues.

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Mary Huninghake at [mhuningh@ksu.edu](mailto:mhuningh@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1506, and she'll be happy to help you.

You'll also find information on some of our featured speakers on the 2013 Conference website, as well as an updated agenda, tour descriptions, family program information, and a link to the hotel reservations website. Please check the 2013 Conference website often for updated information.

We certainly hope you're planning to attend this year's conference, but if you aren't able to join us this year, don't forget to [renew your membership](#) in NFRBMEA.

We look forward to seeing you in June!



Doubletree by Hilton Hotel

### National Council for Agricultural Education Update

by Ira Beckman, NFRBMEA Representative to NCAE

The vision of the National Council for Agricultural Education is to be the collective leadership voice for Agricultural education in the United States.

Since the last update we have met via several conference calls, and attended our Spring NCAE Board meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana from March 12 – 14, 2013. Once again, we have decided to have our face to face meetings in Indianapolis if possible to save member organizations money. I will try to summarize the major activities of the Council, and those in particular that impact NFRBMEA members.

The financial position for the Council has not changed much since my last update. We have current assets of about \$150,000 and are just past the middle of the year on a balanced budget. I will update you further on the financials at the end of our fiscal year. We are projecting a similar balance, or possibly slightly higher at the end of June this year as compared to the end of June last year of approximately \$142,000.

The main content of the meeting was focused around our five main goal areas we

set up to work on for the next three years beginning last fall. Once again they are:

1. Develop an action plan to ensure the recruitment, preparation and retention of a diverse, high quality teacher supply.
2. Strengthen the voice and impact of the Council within the Profession.
3. SAE Renewal – Relevance and impact of SAE on student performance.
4. Collect the data needed to demonstrate local program relevance and drive program improvement.
5. Review and revise the national content and program standards.

During the past year the Council has focused primarily on goal number 1. We have been working with Ellen Thompson on the "National Teach Ag Campaign." The Council also sponsored the 2013 National Ag Ed Summit for two days at the end of January where the whole topic for the summit was developing plans to ensure our teacher supply. The majority of the summit was available on-line to folks who did not have the resources to attend in person. This goal will

continue to be a high priority for the Council.

We plan on working on the goal to strengthen the voice and impact of the Council within the profession this year primarily by enhancements to our weekly article "Monday Morning Monitor". We plan to expand the articles as well as expand our e-mailing system to ensure that all members of all organizations represented by the council have that weekly article either automatically e-mailed to them, or at the very least make it very available to them to read if they wish.

We plan on working on the goal for SAE renewal several ways. We plan to review and revise all SAE materials. We plan on hosting the 2014 Ag Ed summit, and have the only topic being "SAE Renewal". We also plan on providing seed money to hire an individual that wakes up every day with SAE renewal on their mind, much like Ellen Thompson has done with the "Teach Ag" campaign.

We have conference calls scheduled for the third Thursday of each month and our next face to face meeting will be in Indianapolis in late September. Remember to visit our website at <https://www.ffa.org/thecouncil/>.

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