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Spring 2014 President's Message
by Mark Holkup, 2013-14 President

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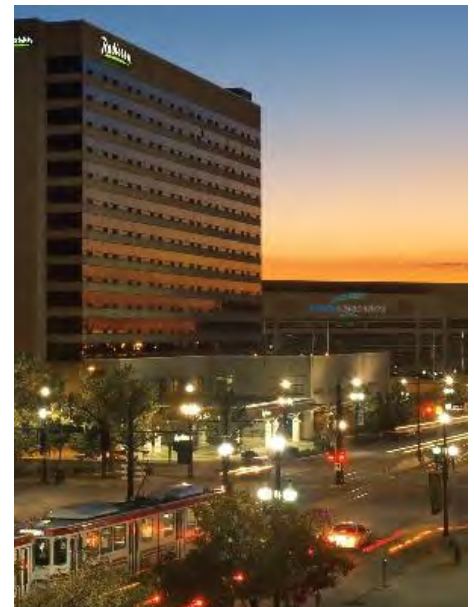
This is the theme for our 2014 NFRBMEA Conference Salt Lake City Utah. We have a great conference planned for you. Jay Olsen has done a great job of lining up educational speakers, informative breakout sessions and exciting tours. Our Conference hotel, the Radisson Downtown, is within walking distance of many cultural attractions and historical sites, and there are beautiful National Parks not far from the Salt Lake City area. Please plan to come to Salt Lake City to attend the conference. Jay even has a post-conference tour planned for those who can stay. All of the information about the conference can be found on the conference website, www.nfbm-conference.org/2014/. A link is also available from our web site, www.nfrbmea.org/conf_info.htm. Registration is open. Be sure to take advantage of the "Early Bird" discount which runs through May 13.

I want to encourage anyone who is in their first three years of teaching Farm Management to consider attending the pre-conference workshop on Saturday and Sunday. Topics include: Farm Financial Analysis, Making Successful Farm Visits, and Tax Rules & Forms. It will be a great opportunity to network with other instructors beginning a career in Farm Management. This workshop is being put on by NAFBAS and is open to NFRBMEA members at no cost. Please consider attending. Check the conference website for further details.

Doug Wertish, Jim Kelm and Jennifer Smith worked with William Nelson at CHS Inc. to secure a scholarship that we are using to bring potential farm management instructors to our conference. These scholarship recipients will hopefully prove to be a starting point for the next generation of Farm and Ranch Business Management Educators.

Please consider putting your name in for a position on the NFRBMEA officer team. You will find it to be a great experience! The work load really isn't bad and the group of people you will work with are exceptional. We continue to have a seat on the National Council of Agriculture Education (NCAE) with our representative, Ira Beckman this year serving as chairman of the council. Ira has served our organization faithfully for many years and in many capacities. Ira's term on the council will expire at the end of 2014 and we will be looking for someone to step up to the plate to take over that position.

While many good things are happening, we also have many challenges facing our group. In many areas decreased funding is leading to less instructors and less programs. As instructors retire not only will the faces change, but very likely how we do what we do will change. We will need to be open to looking at new and better methods of teaching farm management. The NFRBMEA through all of our continued involvement can help us accomplish this.



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President's Message, continued—

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this past year. I look forward to seeing you at Salt Lake City!

– Mark

Conference Registration Reminder

There is still time to register for this year's conference in Salt City. However, time is running out for the Early Bird Rate of \$325. After May 13, the rate increases to \$350. Other Conference costs:



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| \$40 | NFRBMEA dues |
| \$75 | Additional per guest/spouse/dependent over 21 |
| \$25 | Additional per child, age 7-21 |
| \$0 | Additional per child, under age 7 |

For your convenience this year, we are providing links to separate Conference Registration Sites. One site is for attendees registering themselves using company credit cards, and the other is for registering spouses, family and guests using a personal credit card.

Visit www.nfbm-conference.org/2014/registration-gateway.htm to register today!

Questions? Contact Jay Olsen at jay.olsen@snow.edu or 435.283.7335

Membership Numbers

by Deb Pike, NFRBMEA Communications Director



Happy New Year! Our new 2014-15 membership year began on April 1.

While we hope to be seeing you at this year's FBM Conference in Salt Lake City, if you aren't able to join us, you can still join NFRBMEA or renew your membership by filling out the membership form found at www.nfrbmea.org/application.htm and sending it in with your dues.

We look forward to you joining us!

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