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Welcome back to *NACDEP Newsbites*! We are pleased to bring you the fifth issue of NACDEP Newsbites, our bi-annual newsletter aimed at keeping you informed about NACDEP matters and Community Development Extension activities around your region and around the country. Note that you can now access the latest issue of NACDEP Newsbites on NACDEP's homepage at: <http://nacdep.net/>

Galaxy III a Success!



We just finished a great Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis, with approximately 2,300 people from all of the Extension associations attending. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this conference and NACDEPs participation a great success!

It is useful for us to recall that NACDEP did not even exist when the Galaxy II Conference was held just five years ago. Thanks to the dedicated group of individuals who helped launch our organization! And thanks to all of you for the contributions that you have made! I want to especially thank Gae Broadwater who has ably served on the Galaxy Steering Committee representing NACDEP for the past several years. Gae also chaired the NACDEP - Galaxy Planning Committee who all did a great job helping us plan for this year's big event.

Here are a few highlights from the NACDEP activities at Galaxy III:

- Approximately 180 NACDEP members attended galaxy. This is almost half of our membership so we were very pleased.
- A draft policy/operations manual has been posted to NACDEP's website. NACDEP members can provide feedback to the Board via Connie Wagner (e-mail: info@nacdep.net) by November 1, 2008.
- The Board is considering a dues increase from \$50 per year to \$75 for this coming year. One option is to allow those who pay their 2009 dues before January 1 to pay the old rate of \$50. Then, after December 31, the rate would increase to \$75.
- Dr. Janet Ayres, Purdue University, has been appointed to the Journal of Extension Editorial Board to represent NACDEP. We appreciate Janet's willingness to serve in this capacity.
- NACDEP sponsored three sessions at Galaxy. These sessions included: The Tourism Connection - Contributing to Sustainable Community Development in the 21st Century; Stirring the Melting Pot - Enhancing the Challenges of Immigration; and Creating, Building, and Sustaining a Thriving Rural Community.

- Mike Woods, NACDEP President

NACDEP Award Winners



Congratulations to the individuals and teams that received awards at this year's gathering at Galaxy! And thanks to the hard work of Louise Franck Cyr, Kay Lynn Tettleton and Cindy Bigger for making this year's awards ceremony a success!

This year, **Team Awards** recognized excellence in the following categories: Diversity, Excellence in Teamwork, Educational Technology, Excellence in Community Development Programming, Communicator Awards and Educational Piece. And **Individual Awards** recognized the following categories: Excellence in Community Development Programming, Educational Package, Media Presentation, Educational Piece, State Distinguished Service Awards, Regional Distinguished Service Awards and the National Distinguished Service Award.

A list of this year's award winners can be accessed from the NACDEP homepage. Also, stay tuned for an announcement about 2009 NACDEP award nominations!

NACDEP 2009 in San Diego!

The conference theme for the 2009 NACDEP Conference is ***Creating Sustainable Communities in a Changing America***. The conference will take place on April 20 - 22, 2009 in San Diego, California. So, for those of you who missed Galaxy, this will be another opportunity for NACDEP members to gather, share information and learn from each other.



The conference tracks for the 2009 conference are:

- **Economy:** (e.g. agri-tourism, BRE, main street programs, business/economic development, etc.)
- **Environment:** (e.g. land use, water, natural resources, etc.)
- **Engagement:** (e.g. leadership, civic engagement, volunteerism, etc.)
- **Equity:** (e.g. environmental justice, social capital, diversity, capital allocation, etc.)
- **Evaluation:** (e.g. impacts, outcomes, accountability, etc.)

Keep your eyes open for an e-mail with more information about the 2009 conference. In fact, starting on **Friday, October 17th**, those interested in presenting a session or a poster will be able to submit proposals via NACDEP's website at <http://nacdep.net/>. Other important dates are as follows:

- Nov 3 - Registration opens
- Nov 14 - Submissions close
- Dec 12 - Submitters notified of acceptance
- Jan 12 - Double Early Bird ends (conference registration and membership discount)

NACDEP Nominations

Time is running out, NACEEP nominations are due on October 17th! We need your help to nominate officers for the following NACDEP Board roles:

President-Elect (1/1/09 - 12/31/09)
Secretary (1/1/09 - 12/31/09)
Treasurer (1/1/09 - 12/31/09)
North Central Regional Rep (1/1/09 - 12/31/10)
Western Regional Rep (1/1/09 - 12/31/10)
1890 Regional Rep (1/1/09 - 12/31/10)



Note that the following officer positions are not up for re-election this year:
Northeast Regional Rep, Southern Regional Rep and 1994 Regional Rep.

Nominations can be submitted to Dick Senese (dsenese@umn.edu), Chair, Nominations Committee no later than October 17, 2008, 5:00 pm CT. Please write NACDEP Nomination in the subject line. Nominations must include the name of the nominee, the office to which they are being nominated and the name of the nominator. All nominees and nominators must be life or active members at the time of nomination. Nominators of regional representative candidates must come from that region; any member may nominate candidates for President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The ballot period will be November 5, 2008 until December 5, 2008; with results reported to NACDEP board on December 12, 2008.

Other Items

The Tourism Connection: Sustaining People, Places, and Communities 2009. This exciting conference will take place on June 14 - 17, 2009 in Park City, Utah. The goal of the conference is to enhance Extension tourism programs nationally by providing relevant information, useful resources, and networking opportunities for Extension professionals and others working in the broad area of tourism and recreation. For more info, go to the following link: <http://extensiontourism.net>

New Grant Opportunity to Spark e-Commerce Education Growth! The SRDC is excited to announce an opportunity for Extension educators to promote e-Commerce development by implementing one of the curriculum products that will be showcased as part of its e-Commerce 2008 Webinar Series launching this fall. Extension educators are invited to apply for mini - grants of \$3,000 to implement these curricula designed to serve as catalysts for e-Commerce growth. Successful grantees will provide training and leadership to implement one or more e-Commerce learning modules in single or multiple counties/parishes. Each grantee will have the exciting task of employing cutting edge e-Commerce educational resources designed with rural service areas in mind. Additionally, grantees will be working closely with the staff of the Southern Rural Development Center to create initial program benchmarks and track long-term community impacts. For more information about the RFP, an introductory Webinar will be conducted October 10th at 10:30 a.m. CST to introduce the full RFP and to discuss the application process. To download the RFP and find additional details, visit <http://srdc.msstate.edu/ecommerce>

Enhancing Local & Regional Foods Systems: Exploring the Science, What Works, and What We Need to Learn. This exciting conference will be held at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson, New York on May 19 - 20, 2009. The conference is intended to explore the empirical information we have regarding a wide range of local foods issues and how we might be more purposeful in addressing the gaps in our knowledge and practice. For more information, contact Walt Whitmer at wew2@psu.edu

Entrepreneurs and their Communities/eXtension Webinar. The next webinar, entitled *Nebraska EDGE Program: Highlights from 5 Years of Growing Entrepreneurs*, will be take place at 2:00 PM (ET) on October 29th. Come hear how for the last 15 years, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's NebraskaEDGE program has helped nearly 2,500 individuals, small business owners and their partners start and improve their businesses through entrepreneurial training programs. There will be yet another Webinar on November 12th on *Effective Networking Tips and Techniques for the Business Owner*. Glenn Muske, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension, will talk about how building an effective network can pay-off in so many ways - from knowing who can help with legal and accounting problems or who can mow my lawn to how can I grow my business. The intent of this Webinar workshop is to provide some tips and techniques on how you can make your networking efforts be more effective. More information about connecting to these Webinars, as well as future Webinars, can be found at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Entrepreneurs_and_Their_Communities_Webinar_Series

NACDEP is your Extension connection to community development. To become a NACDEP member, please visit our website listed under links.

Sincerely,

NACDEP Board