



RASCOE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

2011 CONVENTION REPORT

Severe weather in the area last night, the wind blew about 60 to 70 miles an hour. Helped with and enjoyed the Memorial Day celebration yesterday. Sure was hot. Taken some time for fishing and caught some nice fish. The FSA fishing tournament will depend on the water on the Missouri. Off to measure a wheat field. Hope everyone has a good summer and things warm up a little.

Leon Edlund (Shamu) President

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USA -- WHERE ARE YOU LEADING US
James L Iverson, Vice President

WOW!!! Look at all the E-mails RASCOE and NASCOE people are receiving the last couple of weeks dealing with an independent study concerning civil rights and their recommendations. Where did this all come from – well you have to go back to the Sec. of Ag. Espy (1993-94) and the discrimination in the South with the black farmers and FMHA. Espy wanted to get rid of FMHA for good and replace them with guaranteed private banking. Espy left and Glickman then took over. You know what happened after that. Millions of dollars have and will be spent on the case. The worst happening was combining FMHA with Commodity and ending up with FSA. Sadly, it doesn't matter how much make up is applied, ugly is still ugly. This will affect Commodity Program people forever or until all programs are gone.

The 2012 budget is another matter. It seems the little guy has to balance it as the Senate voted

down a law to tax the rich more. No surprise!!! Eighty five percent of the Senate members are millionaires. Those that created the huge deficit are now trying to balance it. NEVER HAPPEN!!! The only solution maybe is to get rid of those brain dead people and elect RESPONSIBLE people. How hard is it to spend no more than you take in?

The government feels it is more important to give billions of dollars to foreign countries so they can improve their country while our own infrastructure crumbles. The military feels it is OK to spent 8.3 billion dollars on a state of the art military base --- where --- Korea!!!! The list goes on and on.

Yet we see big companies report record profits year after year. We see 4 dollar gasoline, higher health costs, higher food costs, higher taxes, higher energy costs and yet the government tells the little guy there is no inflation. Some day they will have to crawl out from under the rock I think.

Well, I think more now than ever before we need to voice our concerns. Take the time to write those that represent us, both on the state and national level. Don't weaken, as we can make a difference.

Finally, let me extend my apologies to anyone I may have offended by this column as this is only my opinion.

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Dues year is July 1 through June 30. Check your mailing label to be sure your dues are paid for FY 11-12 or paid through 6/30/2012.

17TH ANNUAL MEETING April 7 & 8, 2011
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL,
PIERRE SD

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Annual Meeting was called to order on Friday, April 7, 2011 by President Leon Edlund at 2:45 PM. The Flag Salute was recited by 21 members and guests.

Officers present were President Leon Edlund and Vice-President James Iverson. Secretary-Treasurer Charlene Lolley was not able to attend. Lynda Steichen was appointed recording secretary.

President Leon reminded the group that retirees have the best of all worlds; our checks will still be issued even if there is a government shutdown.

Leon reported he had contacted National RASCOE President Gerald Elson for information to present during the annual meeting but he had not received a reply. With the budget as the main discussion in Washington, it appears items of concern to retirees are not being reviewed.

Old Business

Minutes of the 2010 16th Annual Meeting were read by Lynda Steichen. .

Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance of \$7900.86 on July 1, 2010 and ending balance as of April 5, 2011 is \$8069.97.

Marilyn Van Lier closed the savings account and cashed the 6 month certificate of deposit on June 30, 2010 transferring all funds to the checking account. The checking account was closed July 29, 2010 transferring all funds to Charlene Lolley. A new account was established at the Norwest Bank of Mission SD.

Marj Miller motioned that the Minutes and Treasurers Report be approved with no corrections, second by Jo Ann Weisz. Motion carried.

New Business

State membership for FY 10-11 is 163 members and associates. Dues will remain at \$25.00 for members and \$15.00 for associates.

Optional multi-year dues were approved during the 2010 National Convention. Paying multi-year (5) dues for FY 11-12 are Marj Miller, Cleo

Olerud, Dianna Shafer, James Iverson and Leon Edlund.

New retirees are Bobbi Ward, Dianna L Shafer, Donna Anderson, Judy Brownell, Larry Galinat, Larry Gauger, Larry Kindopp and Larry Wilcox. Also approved during the 2010 National Convention was 1st year free membership for new retirees. Free membership will begin July 1, 2011.

Deceased members since the last convention were Marj Frudenthal, Marshall Co; Caryn E Curran, Roberts Co; Elaine Bjerke, Brookings; Esther Thompson, Hanson Co; Delores Whitney, Lyman Co; Elred C Leonard, Codington Co and Dale Engelbrecht, STC.

Al Dangel, Report of Raffle Committee Raffle tickets were mailed along with the spring newsletter with an envelope. Tickets and money returned before the convention to Al were \$826. Tickets returned and sold during the convention were \$180. Raffle winners to be drawn during lunch on Saturday.

Jim Iverson reported Fish and Fun will be held the 3rd weekend in June. Attendance is usually 50-60. Caps will be available for sale again at \$10.

Election of Officers

Charlene Lolley has indicated she wished not to continue as Secretary-Treasurer. President Leon requested nominations from the floor. Lynda Steichen placed her name in nomination. Gene Vognild seconds that nomination. Wilmer Deibert motioned that nomination cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. Lynda Steichen elected Secretary-Treasurer for FY 11-12.

Jim Iverson nominated as Vice President by Gene Vognild, second by Marilyn Van Lier.

Gene motioned nomination cease and unanimous ballot be casted. Jim Iverson was elected as Vice President for FY 11-12.

Jim Iverson called for nominations for President. Leon Edlund was nominated by Bev Birkeland, second by Wilmer Deibert. Gene Vognild requested nominations ceased and a unanimous ballot be cast. Leon Edlund was elected as President for FY 11-12.

Door prizes were awarded to Lanney Nelson and Bobbi Ward.

Marj Miller reminded the group it is the 35th anniversary of the Sinking of the Titanic during the SDASCOE Convention in Chamberlain.

JoAnn Weisz motioned that the Friday session be adjourned and to reconvene Saturday at lunch.

The Annual Meeting was continued on Saturday, April 9 beginning with buffet lunch. 17 guests and members were present.

Door prizes were drawn for Al Dangel, Cleo Olerud, Marilyn Van Lier, and Leon Edlund. Al Dangel suggested the raffle drawing amounts be changed to 1st \$200; 2nd \$150 and 3rd \$100. After a discussion, the raffle will continue as a 50/50 with 5 equal amount winners.

Idaho, a Norwest Area state, will be hosting the 2012 NASCOE Convention. A motion was made by Al Dangel to donate \$250 to help Idaho host the convention. The motion was second by Gene Vognild, motion carried. The donation will be presented to the Idaho delegation during the 2011 NASCOE convention.

Raffle 50/50 Winners – each receiving \$100.00
 Marvin Mannie
 Mary O'Brien
 Doris Schmidt
 Darlene Moak
 Leon Edlund

The annual meeting was adjourned to attend the Roll Call and Deceased Member Observance 2013 Convention will be held in Brookings, date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lynda Steichen, Secretary Pro-Tem.

TREASURERS REPORT

4/28/2010 – 06/30/2010

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance as of 04 29 10	\$2224.07
Earned Interest as 6/30/2010	1.96
Transfer to	\$2226.03
Balance 6/30/10	\$0

CD @ DNB National Bank	
6 month @ 1.3 %	4025.93
Interest Earned as 06 30 10	20.07
Transfer to checking	4046.00
Balance 6/30/2010	\$0

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 04 28 10	\$ 962.21
Transfer from CD & Savings	\$6272.03
Total income from membership fees	\$1190.00
Raffle & Donation Deposit	\$1154.0
Total to National for dues	\$ 880.00
Total Supplies and Postage	\$ 92.12
Raffle Winners	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous (Cash conv, & Prizes etc.)	\$ 205.26
Transfer to New RASCOE Sec/Treasurer	\$7900.86

Checking Account Balance 07/29/10 \$0

7/1/2010-4/5/2011

Checking Account	
Balance on hand 7-1-2010	\$7900.86
Income: Membership Dues	\$2325.00
Expenses: National Dues	\$1805.00
Supplies	\$ 335.89
Bank Fees	\$ 15.00
Balance as of 4/5/2011	\$8069.97

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Retiree Luncheon Schedule

3rd Monday of each month unless noted

June 20 Jo Dean's Restaurant 2809
 Broadway, Yankton

July 18 Raziels 13 W Main St,
Vermillion

Aug 15 Ramada Inn (Formerly Holiday Inn),
Mitchell



*Front Row: Bobbie Ward, Marsha Dangel, Al Dangel,
Shirlee Vognild, Lynda Steichen, Luella Loncur, Cleo Olerud
and Marj Miller.*

*Back Row: Leon Edlund, Jim Iverson, JoAnn Weisz,
Roy Weisz, Gene Vognild, Marilyn Van Liere, Arlo Loncor,
Bev Birkeland, Wilmer Diebert and Dianna Shafer.*

Lynda Steichen, newly elected Secretary-Treasurer



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