



Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees News & Views

President's Report

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SECDEA Governing Board

(Pictured on Left) The entire Governing Board took a boat tour during the Mid-Year Board Meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC. (Pictured on Right) Those attending to represent KACDE during the meeting: Linda Smith, Martha Newby, Leslie Fourqurean, and Brian Hacker.



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KACDE's Vision is to promote our natural resources through education and to encourage professionalism of all Conservation District Employees

2011 SECDEA MidYear Board Meeting

Southeast Regional Officers and Board Members from Kentucky recently attended the SECDEA Mid-Year Board Meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC. These three days were action packed—yet, with a relaxed *Southern* atmosphere.

The SECDEA Board spent a great deal of time preparing for the 2011 SECDEA Conference to be held November 8th-10th in Pigeon Forge, TN. This year plans to be more exciting than ever.

Also introduced was this year's fundraiser — an Apple iPad2 which will be given away during the SE Regional NACD Meeting this August in Perdido Key, AL. Tickets will be sold by SECDEA Board Members and Officers in their respective states for \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

Also during our meeting, we were overwhelmed as we experienced the rural Community Conservation program in the area. As North Carolina loses farming acres and the state becomes more urban, the Conservation Districts are beginning to reach a brand new clientele. (Plans are to hear more about this effort during our Annual Conference this September).

Before closing, I would like to convey the importance of activities coming up. Please support your employee organization by seeking an office this year, becoming a dues paying member, attending the Business Luncheon in July, and/or attending the Annual Training Conference in September.

Once again, thank you for allowing me the experience of representing you during these events. I promise to use all that was gained to make our Association stronger!

Brian D. Hacker



Officer Nominations Needed

Have you ever thought about giving back to your Association? Have you ever thought of getting more involved in the development of ideas which will benefit District Employees across KY? If you have, KACDE needs you! Whether you volunteer to serve on a standing committee or you are willing to serve as an officer or board member — your Association needs you!

Please consider serving fellow District Employees by becoming involved in KACDE. If you ARE willing to serve as an officer, please send your letter of intent for officer nomination to Linda Smith, KACDE Past-President and Nominating Committee Chair. Elections occur during our Business Luncheon held during the KACD Convention in Lexington this July.

Become involved — volunteer to serve!

Tentative KACDE Board Meeting Schedule

July 8th
Woodford County *

July 10th
KACD Convention
8:00 PM

July 11th
KACDE Business Luncheon

August 12th
Conference Call

September 12th
KACDE Conference

October 2011
To be Announced

November 8th
SECDEA Conference

December 2011
To be Announced

Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees
 Planning for the 2011 State Convention
 August 16-18, 2008
 Kentucky Leadership Center
 Jabez, KY

Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees
 Long Range Plan
 Diversifying our National Stewardship

KACDE
 4th Annual State Convention
 September 16-18, 2008
 Kentucky Leadership Center
 Jabez, KY

Make plans to attend KACDE's Business Luncheon during this year's KACD Convention in Louisville, KY!

Nomination Committee Report

Several notices have been emailed asking for nominations for KACDE offices that include:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Representatives for Area 1, 3, 5, and 9

An announcement was also submitted in the Kentucky Shine Newsletter and emailed to all district employees. We have extended the deadline to July 1st. Please contact the nominating committee if you are interested in running for office.

Respectively Submitted by
 Linda Smith, Committee Chair

Kindle Fundraiser

2011 State Envirothon Winners



Congratulations to the 2011 State Envirothon Winners - DuPont Manual!! One of the coaches involved happened to be a former district employee from Kentucky — Ms. Cheryl Bersaglia. The team members included: Peter Eisenbrey (9), Brooke Washburn (12), Brian Rinehart (11), Tianjian Lai (11), and Aimee Shuck (11).

Congratulations again to the DuPont Manual Envirothon Team for being our 2011 State Envirothon Winners!

Note: KACDE will honor these winners during July's KACD Convention.



Awards Committee Reports

According to Ms. Wanda Gilbert, Awards Committee Chair, we have had the following nominations for Kentucky Shine Awards throughout the entire year.

Congratulations to each award winner!

- October:** Tom Wagner from Christian Co. **March:** Linda Lake from Mercer Co.
- November:** Fred Lauver from Henderson Co. **April:** Jeff Upchurch from Wayne Co.
- December:** Beverly Buchanan from Warren Co. **May—To Be Announced (Area 8)**
- January:** Natalie Browning from Marion Co. **June—To Be Announced (Area 9)**
- February:** Donna Rath from Bracken Co. **July—September—To Be Announced**

Congratulations!! Keep Shining!

Upcoming KACDE Fundraisers

MEMBERSHIP BASKET:

All who pay their KACDE Membership dues before the KACD Banquet in July will be entered into a drawing to receive a KACDE Wine & Cheese Basket — a large hand-made basket completely filled with items from all across the state. Please join today!

ODDS & ENDS:

Don't forget about our ongoing fundraisers — Kindle raffle (\$1/ea. Or 6 for \$5), and a 50/50 Raffle (\$1/ea. Or 6 for \$5) which will benefit the Benevolence Fund, KACDE Calendars for \$5 (which will run from July 2011 to July 2012).

Also, we are asking for each county to submit 2 recipes for Appetizers to Ms. Wanda Gilbert by June 28th. Also, please contact Melinda Kemper (by June 28th) if you wish to donate items to the Membership Basket mentioned above!!

If you have any question or need to place an order, please contact any KACDE Officer or Area Rep.

KACDE Supporters

**Handtool Award
(up to \$99)**
 Bracken County SWCD
 Campbell County SWCD
 Estill County SWCD
 Jackson County SWCD
 Marion County SWCD
 Morgan County SWCD
 Pendleton County SWCD
 Rockcastle County SWCD

**Bronze Tiller Award
(\$100 - \$199)**
 Davies County SWCD
 Franklin County SWCD
 Hopkins County SWCD
 Lee County SWCD
 Ohio County SWCD
 County SWCD
 County SWCD

**Silver Plow Award
(\$200 - \$299)**
 Christian County SWCD
 Fayette County SWCD

**Golden Tractor Award
(\$300 - up)**
 Russell County SWCD
 Mammoth Cave RC&D

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Thank you for your continued support!!

Make plans to attend KACDE's Annual Convention September 13-15 in Jabez, KY! May be the best training yet!

Still need T-Shirts?

Contact Stephanie Young today!

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle!! All proceeds benefit the KACDE Benevolence Fund!!

See more information on our great fundraisers — visit our website www.kacde.org





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KACDE Business Luncheon

Monday, July 11th—Galt House, Louisville, KY

Luncheon Highlights:

- 2010 KACDE Year-In-Review
- New Employee Recognition
- District Employee “Years of Service” Recognition
- “KY Shine Award” Recipients
- 2011 KACDE Conference Update
- 2011 SECDEA Conference Update
- KY ____ Basket Giveaway
- 2011 - 2012 KACDE Officer Elections

Make plans to join us for this informative luncheon!

Bought those tickets yet?

What about your dues?



KACDE Governing Board

Executive Board:

Brian D. Hacker, President

Stephanie Young, Treasurer

Leslie Fourqurean, Vice President

Martha Newby, Reporter

Melinda Kemper, Secretary

Linda Smith, Past President

Area Representatives:

Neil Decker, Area 1

Terri Shaw, Area 6

Debbie Eubank, Area 2

Wanda Gilbert, Area 7

Penny Warwick, Area 3

Stephanie Young, Area 8

Joy Edwards, Area 4

Sandy Gay, Area 9

Tracy Yocum, Area 5