



June 2013

## President's Message—By Marion Weers

### Iowa and Iowa State Fair — Here We Come!



The 42nd NARRC Annual Meeting will be held in Des Moines in August during the Iowa State Fair. This will also be our first time to team up with the National Council of State Agricultural Finance Programs (NCOSAFP). Lee Boyer (MT), chairman of the NCOSAFP, and several of our NARRC member

states belong to both organizations, but there will be a lot of new faces as well. This will be an opportunity to share information between the two organizations. I know our NARRC members will make them feel welcome.

Steve Ferguson has been very busy planning a great slate of speakers and a multitude of activities for us. The Saturday and Tuesday field trips promise to be informative and enjoyable. Be sure to bring your walking shoes for your free time at the fair.

The annual meeting is a wonderful opportunity to network with the other state organizations to discuss and discover the various programs now assisting rural America 79 years after the creation of the Rural Rehabilitation program. In addition to the learning experience, it's a time to renew old friendships, mourn the loss of friends, and make new friendships. If you've never attended, plan to be there this year.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Des Moines on **August 11—14, 2013.**

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### A Des Moines, Iowa, Welcome!

By Steve Ferguson

- Registrations indicate a great group will be coming to Des Moines.
- Speakers are confirmed. Arrangements are made for all the tours—Saturday pre-conference tour, Tuesday agri-business tour, and Iowa State Fair trip.
- Weather in August can either be very hot and humid or cool and rainy; most of the time it's hot and humid during the first part of the month.
- The optional pre-conference tour on Saturday, August 10th, is restricted to the first 100 people with 30 plus having already registered. Once the 100 seats are reserved, a waiting list will be maintained on a first-reserved basis.
- **Note:** We will be moving our office during the month of June to a different location. Therefore, our computers and telephones may be down for a few days. Anyone may call us on my cell phone any time at 515.494.4979.

**Come stay a while and experience Iowa!!**

## Report of 2013 Mid-Year Planning Meeting—Des Moines, IA—By Vernon Eagan

**Call to Order:** The Mid-Year Planning Meeting of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors was called to order by President Marion Weers on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 9:15 a.m., in the Boardroom of the Iowa Agricultural Development Authority (IADA), in Des Moines, Iowa. A quorum was established. Also present were USDA Liaison Mike Hinton (D.C.); Steve Ferguson and Mark Leonard (IA). Secy/Treas Eagan and Jeannie were connected via a conference call.

**Opening Remarks:** President Weers welcomed everyone to Iowa and expressed appreciation to the board for their commitment to NARRC. She also thanked Steve Ferguson, along with the IADA board and staff, for all their hard work in preparation to host the 2013 Annual Meeting. She also expressed appreciation to Mike Hinton for his active participation. Vice President Walt Anseth gave the invocation.

**Minutes and Reports:** Upon motion by Stanley/Berg, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Pre-Conference Board Meeting held September 16, 2012. Upon motion by Mack/Rusk, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Post-Conference Board Meeting held September 19, 2012. A detailed report of the secretary's activities was given by Jeannie.

The financial report was given by Secy/Treas Eagan. Upon motion by Berg/Valdez, the Board approved the report as presented and to be filed for audit.

The Website Committee reported that with David Skinner's retirement, President Weers appointed Stan Garbacz as the third member of this committee. Walt Anseth continues to serve as chair. Changes to the website are accumulated and sent by Jeannie Eagan to Website Manager Jason Crider at an hourly rate of \$35.00.

**2013 Annual Meeting:** Steve Ferguson gave a detailed report of plans for the Joint Annual Conference of NARRC and the NCOSAFP on August 11-14, 2013, in Des Moines, Iowa, at the Renaissance Savery Hotel. An optional tour is planned for Saturday, August 10, to Madison County and its three distinct bridges, historical downtown Winterset, the John Deere dealership, and Madison County historical complex. The fee for this tour is \$85.00 per person and is in addition to the Conference registration fee.

Conference speakers and topics include: Overview of NARRC and NCOSAFP by President Weers and President Lee Boyer respectively; BFLP & LLP Aggie Bond, Loan Participations, and Guarantees; Iowa Governor, Honorable Terry E. Branstad—delegate luncheon speaker; Creating Opportunities for New and Beginning Farmers; Agriculture Transition Planning; and Weather, Drought and Flood Monitoring by Iowa State University's Elwin Taylor.

Tuesday's tour will include the Iowa State University BioCentury Research Farm at Boone, Lincolnway Energy Ethanol plant and the USA – DuPont Cellulosic plant at Nevada. The tour will conclude with time to spend at the renown Iowa State Fair.

Due to the Iowa State Fair being held during this time, Steve will send emails encouraging the states to lock in their room reservations no later than **July 1, 2013**, even if they have not completed their NARRC registrations. The hotel will release rooms to the general

public after this date. Information pertaining to the Conference will be sent by email to all the states, with a fax going to any state that does not use this means of communication.

**2014 Annual Meeting:** Secy/Treas Eagan advised that Thomas Carter and the Georgia Development Authority (GDA) are proceeding with plans to host the 2014 NARRC Annual Meeting on September 13-17, 2014, in Savannah, Georgia, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the beautiful river market area.

**2015 Annual Meeting:** Secy/Treas Eagan advised that Kim Porter and the Wyoming Business Council have expressed their intent to host the 2015 Annual Meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Kim will make a proposal at the annual business meeting in Des Moines.

**2016 Annual Meeting:** Secy/Treas Eagan advised that this year is open for a state desiring to host the NARRC Annual Meeting.

**2017 Annual Meeting:** Director Rusk advised that the Colorado Rural Rehab Corporation has expressed their intent to host the 2017 Annual Meeting in Colorado. They have not yet selected a site but will be doing so soon. They will make a formal proposal also at the annual business meeting in Des Moines.

**(Report of 2013 Mid-Year Planning Meeting cont'd)**

**Unfinished Business:** It is the board consensus that the Joint President's Panel which Steve has planned for Monday with NARRC President Weers and NCOSAFP President Lee Boyer will take the place of the usual topic-specific panel discussion by NARRC delegates. A panel discussion with a topic of interest to NARRC delegates will be in the planning for the 2014 annual meeting.

Secy/Treas Eagan distributed a synopsis of the results of both the 2011 and the 2012 NARRC Questionnaire distributed at the close of the annual meetings in Anchorage and in San Antonio which Tony Minicozzi compiled. After discussing and comparing the results, the consensus is that NARRC should utilize the Questionnaire again in 2013, and include rating the delegate's interest for a joint meeting in the future. Tony Minicozzi (AR) will be asked to prepare and coordinate the distribution of the Questionnaire.

USDA Liaison Mike Hinton advised he was not sure if he could be in attendance at the August joint conference in Des Moines due to the current budget and travel restraints. He combined the NARRC mid-year planning meeting with other scheduled meetings this time.

**New Business:** President Weers advised of the appointments for the nominating committee and audit committee.

**Nominating Committee:** President Weers advised of the appointments for the Nominating Committee: Sandra Tenorio (TX) chair; Horace Horn (AL); and Penn Rogers (SC).

**Audit Committee:** President Weers advised of the appointments for the Audit Committee: Bud Weiss (CO) chair; Kathy Colson (FL); and Larry Karns (KS).

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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**(Right:** Six covered bridges remain in Madison County of the 19 built in the late 19th century. The **Imes Covered Bridge**—built in 1870—is the oldest of the surviving Madison County covered bridges. It was moved to a spot over Clinton Creek southwest of Hanley, Iowa, in 1887, and finally moved to its current location near I-35 in 1977. Imes Covered Bridge was renovated in 1997 for a cost of \$31,807 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 15, 2008.)



*(Above: Ten years ago Des Moines almost literally sank. The flood of 1993 caused significant damage to the downtown area as well as the local economy. What a difference a decade makes. Today the capital city and cultural center of Iowa is revitalized. A versatile destination everyone will enjoy, Des Moines has an itinerary for almost every interest. Culture and art enthusiasts may want to roam through the Des Moines Art Center, spend the weekend museum-hopping or attend a Broadway-caliber performance at the Civic Center. Golfers can spend their time and energy teeing up at any of the area's fine championship courses. The Blank Park Zoo and the Iowa State Fairgrounds should be on the list for families. And gardeners will savor the fantastic blooms at the Botanical Center and the Better Homes and Gardens Test Garden. Mix it up a little and sample all this "big city with a small town heart" has to offer. [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g37835-Des\\_Moines\\_Iowa-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g37835-Des_Moines_Iowa-Vacations.html))*



**Imes Covered Bridge—St. Charles, Iowa**



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## Future NARRC Annual Conferences

### 2013

**August 11-14, 2013**  
**Renaissance Savery Hotel**  
**(www.renaissancesavery.com)**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**  
**Host: Steve Ferguson**

### 2014

**September 13-17, 2014**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**(savannah.hyatt.com)**  
**Savannah, Georgia**  
**Host: Thomas Carter**

### 2015

**(Exact date pending)**  
**Cheyenne, Wyoming (proposed)**  
**Host: Kim Porter**

## **In Remembrance**

Mrs. **Peggy Ann Teel**, wife of John Teel, president of the Mississippi Rural Rehab Corporation passed away on May 7, 2013, having been married almost 54 years. Peggy assisted John in hosting the NARRC annual meeting in 2010.

Mr. **Wallas "Wally" M. Jones** passed away on May 1, 2013. Wally was a former Michigan Rural Rehab Corporation board member and NARRC delegate. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, of 72 years.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to each of these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### **Website Committee:**

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