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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Wyatt
2008-2009

It has been an honor to serve as your president this past year. To represent TAAA&S at the state and national levels has been a pleasure. Tennessee has some of the best people in the Extension organization.

Each year, TAAA&S is involved in many activities. I want to share some of the outstanding things that TAAA&S and its members have accomplished during the 2008-2009 year.

- Creig Kimbro represented our association at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington, D.C. last April. The Tennessee professional associations met with Senators Alexander and Corker at the “Tennessee Tuesday” reception and visited with the entire Tennessee congressional delegation. This is a unique opportunity to see how our government works and how we can make a difference in issues at the local, state and national level.
- TAAA&S Hicks Award of Excellence for 2008 – Alice Rhea, Cynthia Zeitz and Tammy McKinley.
- NACAA AM/PIC held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Forty-five members, spouses, children, life members and guests traveled to North Carolina for a great time of educational opportunities and fellowship. Highlights include:
 1. Distinguished Service Award winners – Mannie Bedwell, Keith Hart, Tim Roberts, and Philip Shelby.
 2. Achievement Award winners – Tracey Sullivan and Jeremy West.
 3. Presented Applied Research Posters – Steve Bost, John Campbell, Debra Joines and Philip Shelby.
 4. Presented Extension Education Posters – Kevin Rose (Southern Region Winner), Tim Roberts, Tom Stebbins, Tim Woods, Megan Bruch, Rob Holland, Laura Howard, and Tammy McKinley.
 5. National Communications Award Winner – Radio – Tom Stebbins
 6. National Finalist – Team Newsletter – Booker Leigh
 7. Regional Finalist – Personal Column – Tom Stebbins
 8. Regional Finalist – Website – Jerry Lamb
 9. State Winner – Young Beginning Small Farmers and Ranchers Award – John Campbell
- Larry Moorehead served as National Chair Public Relations Committee

- Alan Galloway serves as a Southern Region Director
- December is our annual luncheon at the Farm Bureau State Conference in Franklin.
- Anthony Tuggle attended the JCEP Southern Region meeting this February in Orlando, FL. Updates from each state showcases programs and activities across the region.
- TAAA&S coordinated the Tennessee Legislative Ham Breakfast for our state lawmakers in Nashville held March 25 this year. The four Extension professional associations partnered in the event. Thank you, Mannie Bedwell, for coordinating the effort.

Reflecting on my term as President it has been a privilege to represent our organization and I take many great experiences with me. I want to thank the entire state board for your support and encouragement during the past year. I extend a special thank you to David Yates who has been invaluable serving as co-president with me in 2007-2008 and a 2nd run as immediate past president in 2008-2009. I have leaned on him a lot and he always comes through.

Personally, I have gained far greater benefits than I have provided. In closing, I challenge each member to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for leadership and professional development in TAAA&S and NACAA. Each member has the ability to make a difference.

Bill Wyatt

Bill Wyatt
TAAA&S President

2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

"STATE FUNDS"

Balance Sheet			
	<u>December 31, 2007</u>	<u>December 31, 2008</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Checking	\$24,061.88	\$18,398.16	\$-5,663.72
Certificate of Deposit	10,000.00	10,451.53	+451.53
Total Assets	\$34,061.88	\$28,849.69	\$-5,212.19
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>EQUITY</u>			
Equity	\$34,061.88	\$28,849.69	\$-5,212.19

Cash Flow			
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008			
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Promotional Income Reimbursement	\$4,735.00	Promotional Expense	\$3,798.45
Interest	451.53	Awards	1,213.00
Membership Dues	6,855.00	NACAA Membership Dues	8,750.00
Legislative Ham Breakfast	2,112.76	Legislative Ham Breakfast	2,791.67
Gift Sponsorship – Tornado Victim	25.00	Annual Meeting Expenses	55.43
		Postage	212.93
		Board Expenses (Tax Return, State Charter)	1,245.00
		National Meeting Expenses	700.00
		Gift – Tornado Victims	600.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,179.29	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,366.48

Income \$14,179.29
Expenses \$19,366.48
Difference -\$5,187.19

NOTE: TAAA&S sponsors two accounts in the UT System (technically, these are UT funds with no legal ties to TAAA&S). The first account is what many TAAA&S members refer to as the "B" account or "travel" account and its UT account number is R12-1040-048, account name "TAAA&S Travel Fund." The January 1, 2009 balance was \$ 1,379.34. This account is listed as a "public service" account. The second account is F12-0000-006 and is called "TAAA&S Endowment." This account is on the list for the UT family campaign and is set up as an endowment where the principal balance cannot be touched. The original value of this account was \$44,871.49 and the 1-1-09 market value was \$55,246.34. Additional contributions can be made to the balance of this; the earnings of this account are placed into UT account R12-0140-005 from which the Hicks Award is paid. The 1-1-09 balance is \$6,909.99.

2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

"FOUNDATION FUNDS"

Balance Sheet			
	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2008	Difference
ASSETS			
Checking	\$1,549.90	\$5,477.97	\$+3,928.07
Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00	17,000.00	-3,000.00
Total Checking & Certificate of Deposit	\$21,549.90	\$22,477.97	\$+928.07
Hilliard Lyons – American Balanced Fund	\$54,278.42	\$40,313.58	\$-14,964.84
Hilliard Lyons – Income Fund of America	53,744.15	38,240.40	-15,503.75
Hilliard Lyons – Washington Mutual	98,435.71	65,851.37	-32,584.34
Hilliard Lyons – Blackrock Money Market	68.59	-29.58	-98.17
Total Hilliard Lyons	\$206,526.87(*)	\$144,375.77	\$-62,151.11
Total Assets	\$228,076.77	\$166,853.74	\$-61,223.03
LIABILITIES			
	0.00	0.00	0.00
EQUITY			
	\$228,076.77	\$166,853.74	\$-61,223.03

(*) The 12/31/08 balance-of-funds in the Hilliard Lyons Investment Account is: Base: \$192,603.46, Operating: \$0.00
(No growth for 2008, therefore base stays the same and no operating fund designation.)

Cash Flow (January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008)			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Interest	\$903.07		
Dividends (Hilliard Lyons)	5,991.71		
Long-term Capital Gains (Hilliard Lyons)	1,868.54		
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,763.32	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0

Income	\$8,763.32
Expenses	0.00
Difference	\$8,763.32

All Account Balances

	12-31-06	12-31-07	12-31-08
“State” Checking.....	\$11,817.13	\$24,061.88	\$18,398.16
“Foundation Checking”.....	4,537.74	1,549.90	5,477.97
“State” CD.....	12,565.99	10,000.00	10,451.53
“Foundation” CD.....	20,943.32	20,000.00	17,000.00
Total Discretionary Funds.....	\$49,864.18	\$55,611.78	\$51,327.66
Hilliard Lyons Investment Account (Foundation BASE).....	178,904.04	192,603.46	192,603.46
Hilliard Lyons Investment Account (Foundation Operating).....	18,776.03	13,923.41	0.00
UT Account (R12-1040-048 TAAA&S Travel Fund).....	approx. 4,002.47	2,924.73	1,379.34
UT Account (R12-0140-005 TAAA&S Endowment).....	approx. 5,103.31	7,686.43	6,909.99
Total Investment and UT Accounts.....	\$206,785.85	\$217,138.03	\$200,892.79
Total All Accounts	\$256,650.03	\$272,749.81	\$252,220.45

WESTERN REGION ANNUAL REPORT

Region Director	Chuck Danehower
Region Secretary/Treasurer	Steve Glass
Current Regular Members	9
New Life Member	1
DSA	2
AA	None
Outstanding Young Agent	Becky Muller
Agent of the Year	John Bartee
Region Friend of Extension	Bob Hayes

Region Meetings & Activities Summary

The WTAAA&S met June 20th at The Just Divine Tea Room at Charlene's on Hwy 88 in Halls in Lauderdale County. There were 31 members, retirees, and guest who enjoyed a pork loin dinner. Activities earlier in the day included a skeet shoot which was won by Philip Shelby, tour of Hurt Seed, a regional seed distributor, a financial seminar by First Citizens Financial Plus, and a tour of Charlene's Colony of Shops. During the business meeting, recognition was given to Becky Muller- Shelby County, *Outstanding Young Agent*; John Bartee-Montgomery County, *Western Region Agent of the Year*; Philip Shelby-Gibson Co. and Tim Roberts-Shelby Co. – *DSA Award*, Dr. Bob Hayes-WTREC, *Friend of Extension*. Elected during the meeting were Becky Muller-Shelby County, TAAA&S 2nd Vice President and Troy Dugger-Hickman County, Western Region Director Elect.

CENTRAL REGION ANNUAL REPORT

Region Director	Ruth Correll
Region Secretary/Treasurer	Sheldon Barker
Current Regular Members	58
New Life Members (please list)	0
Region Adult Agent/Specialist of the Year	Dallas Manning and Debbie Joines
Region Youth Agents of the Year	Michael Shirley and Steve Officer
Region Friend of Extension Award	Stratton Bone and Ken Givens
Early Career Award	Rebekah Norman

The Central Region TAAA&S met Nov 6, 2008 following the Extension Mini-Conf. The agenda consisted of an election of the adult and youth members of the year and the regional friend of Extension. Winners are:

- The Adult Agent/Specialist of the Year was Dallas Manning and Debbie Joines
- The Youth Agents of the year were Michael Shirley and Steve Officer.
- The Friend of Extension Awards were Stratton Bone and Ken Givens.

The awards were announced and presented at the December Agents-Farm Bureau luncheon.

Plans for the 2009 TAAA&S State Meeting in Manchester, April 15-17, 2009, were discussed.

The Central Region will meet in Manchester during the Annual Meeting to elect officers.

New Members for 2009 in the Central Region are:

Amy Ladd, Center for Profitable Agriculture

Bryan Barnes, Coffee Co.

Doug Davenport, Giles Co.

Matthew Webb, Marion Co.

Chris Hicks, Van Buren Co.

EASTERN REGION ANNUAL REPORT

Region Director	Lena Beth Carmichael
Region Director-Elect	Tammy McKinley
Region Secretary/Treasurer	Alice Rhea
Current Regular Members	46
Outstanding Young Agent	Laura Howard
Outstanding Young Specialist	Kristy Hill-Campbell

Region Meets and Activities Summary

The Eastern Region held its spring annual meeting on May 27, 2008 hosted by the Pond Creek Watershed, Monterrey Mushrooms, and Sweetwater Valley Farmstead Cheese. Members enjoyed a tour of Monterrey Mushrooms in Loudon, TN where they were able to see the art of mushroom production from spawn to finished package. Agents then traveled to the Bettis farm to observe creek sampling and improvements made in the Pond Creek Watershed. A short business meeting was conducted with discussion regarding the 2008 national meeting and the 2008 fall regional meeting. The business meeting was adjourned. Members then traveled to Sweetwater Valley Farmstead Cheese where they were able to sample products and hear an overview by the farmer/owner, John Harrison.

The Eastern Region met for a short business meeting on November 3, 2008 following the Eastern Region Mini Conference. The membership voted to select an Early Career Award for a new agent and specialist each year. The business meeting was adjourned.

The Eastern Region held its fall annual meeting on December 10, 2008, hosted by John Wilson in Blount County. The group convened at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center where the day started with a video on the history and development of the museum. Later, the group toured the indoor and outdoor facilities. Ken Goddard gave an update on the Biofuels Initiative and the progress thus far. Dr. John Hodges and Dr. Bobby Simpson joined us with an information session on the Little River Animal Environmental Research Unit that is currently being planned for construction in Blount County. The group later traveled to the site of the new facility and toured the grounds. Ricky Thomason presented information on the activities the group can look forward to for the Spring 2009 meeting which will be held in Johnson County on May 21st.

A business meeting was conducted with Tammy McKinley being elected as Region Director-Elect. A motion was made and second regarding the participation of members eligible for Early Career Awards. Members must have at least 3 years and no more than 10 years of service to be eligible for the award. This provides the incentive to be an active and established member in the association before eligibility. Dr. Emmit Rawls expressed the need to make sure retired specialists and agents are being invited to regional meetings. Other discussion topics included updates on state business and the need to increase membership. The group discussed the 2010 state conference which will be hosted by the Eastern Region and began working on details. The business meeting was adjourned.

2008-2009 STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VICE-CHAIRS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Vice –Chair</u>	<u>Location</u>
Professional Improvement Council				
Agronomy & Pest Management	Jonathan Rhea*	Jefferson	Ken Goddard	Knoxville
Ag Econ & Community Development	Laura Howard	Roane	Michael Wilcox	Knoxville
Animal Science	Milton Orr*	Greene	Brian White	Henderson
Natural Resources	Ron Johnson*	Overton	Ron Blair	Henderson
Horticulture & Turfgrass	Anthony Tuggle *	Rutherford	Mike Smith	Williamson
Sustainable Agriculture	Ron Johnson	Overton	Steve Glass	Decatur
Extension Development Council				
Public Relations & Ag Issues	Alan Bruhin*	Sevier	Sheldon Barker	Sequatchie
Early Career Development	Wayne Key *	Putnam	Ty Petty	Unicoi
Administrative Skills Development	Clark Garland	Knoxville	David Perrin	Knoxville
Teaching & Educational Technologies	Anthony Carver	Grainger	Jerry Lamb	Rhea
Professional Recognition Council				
Communications	David Yates	Loudon	Ruth Correll	Wilson
Extension Programs	Richard Buntin*	Crockett	Booker Leigh	Tipton
4-H & Youth	Grant Palmer*	Roane	Melissa Henry	Putnam
Professional Excellence	David Bilderback	Greene	Steve Bost	Nashville
Public Relations	Jerri Lynn Sims	Montgomery	J.W. McGuire	Wilson
Recognition & Awards	Troy Dugger*	Hickman	Kevin Rose	Giles
Scholarship	Mike Dennison	Shelby	Kenneth Burress	Wayne
Life Members	Tom Hill	Knoxville	John Jared	Knoxville

* These Chairs will rotate off July, 2009

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Many of the NACAA committees are still developing their programs and may have little to report thus far. Committees without a report are not a sign that a state chair is not fulfilling the duties of the committee. Some may not have received communication from NACAA Regional Vice-Chairs. Others may not have received entries in the professional improvement activities that the committee oversees and thus have not information.

The following committees do not have a report for 2009:

Professional Improvement Council: Agronomy & Pest Management, Ag Econ & Community Development, Animal Science, Natural Resources, Horticulture & Turfgrass, Sustainable Agriculture

Extension Development Council: Public Relations & Ag Issues, Administrative Skills Development, Teaching & Educational Technologies

Professional Recognition Council: 4-H & Youth

Life Members

EXTENSION PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Richard Bunton, Chair

This year there were six entries statewide in the Search For Excellence. Five agents submitted entries in four categories. State winners in Search For Excellence were:

Anthony Tuggle	Landscape Horticulture
Creig Kimbro	Farm/Ranch Financial Management
John Campbell	Livestock Production
John Campbell	Young, Beginning or Small Farmers

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jerri Lynn Sims

We had one entry in the Tennessee Pride Program. Mr. Jeff Via's application has been sent to the Southern Region Chairman to be judged to determine who will compete on the National level. Congratulation to Jeff and best of luck in the next phase of the competition!

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Wayne Key, Chair

The Early Career Development (ECD) Committee is responsible for developing educational programs directed at NACAA members with five years or less tenure. Efforts are to develop programs, materials and partnerships to orient and assist Extension personnel early in their career. Many times these programs are relevant to all agents regardless of their tenure.

The objectives are:

- Solicit input from new members regarding their expectations and training needs.
- Develop means to encourage new and early career members to participate and continue involvement in NACAA and the AM/PIC.
- Improve communications with early career members.
- Provide opportunities for graduate, continuing education and other professional certification credits for professional improvement.
- Encourage the development and utilization of mentoring programs in individual states.
- Understanding the awards and professional improvement opportunities.

For more information visit the Committee link off the NACAA website at <http://www.nacaa.com/Committee>



2009 Communications Awards Program

David A. Yates, Chair
Ruth Corell, Vice Chair

A total of 22 members submitted 72 entries for the 2009 TAAA&S Communications Awards Program. This is an increase of 12 entries from the 2008 program. A summary of number of entries, members participating and state winners by region is presented in the following table.

<i>Region</i>	<i>Entries</i>	<i>Members Participating</i>	<i>State Winners</i>
Western	18	6	3
Central	33	9	6
Eastern	21	7	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>12</i>

The number of entries by class is presented in the following table.

<i>Class Number</i>	<i>Class Name</i>	<i>Number of Entries</i>
1	Audio Recordings	1
2	Published Photo & Caption	5
3	Computer Generated Graphics Presentation	8
4	Program Promotional Piece	11
5	Personal Column	6
6	Feature Story	7
7	Newsletter, Individual	9
8	Newsletter, Team	7
9	Video Recording	1
10	Fact Sheet	6
11	Publication	8
12	Web Site	3
13	Learning Module or Notebook	0
14	Bound Book	0
	<i>Total Entries</i>	<i>72</i>

Special thanks are extended to judges from the UTIA Marketing and Communication Services. Judges were: Coordinator: April Moore, Chuck Denney, Doug Edlund, Margot Emery, Jean Hulsey, Tom Looney, Lorna Norwood, Wanda Russell, Kim Stallings and Anik Vasington.

2009 Communications Awards State Placing by Class

Entrant	Entrant Last	Team Members	County	Region	Cat.	Region Placing	State Placing
Creig	Kimbro		Grundy	Central	1	1	1
Ronald	Barron		Cheatham	Central	2	1	1
Melissa	Henry		Putnam	Central	2	2	2
Jerry	Lamb		Rhea	Eastern	2	1	3
Greg	Paxton		Polk	Eastern	2	2	
John	Goddard		Loudon	Eastern	2	3	
David	Bilderback		Greene	Eastern	3	1	1
Megan	Bruch		Maury	Central	3	1	2
Laura	Howard		Roane	Eastern	3	2	3
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	3	1	
Creig	Kimbro		Grundy	Central	3	2	
John	Goddard		Loudon	Eastern	3	3	
Melissa	Henry		Putnam	Central	3	3	
Kevin	Rose		Giles	Central	3		
Creig	Kimbro		Grundy	Central	4	1	1
Booker T.	Leigh		Tipton	Western	4	1	2
Kevin	Rose		Giles	Central	4	2	3
Jerry	Lamb		Rhea	Eastern	4	1	
John	Goddard		Loudon	Eastern	4	2	
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	4	2	
Megan	Bruch		Maury	Central	4	3	
Tom	Stebbins		Hamilton	Eastern	4	3	
John	Campbell		Maury	Central	4		
Melissa	Henry		Putnam	Central	4		
Erin	Marks		Giles	Central	4		
Booker T.	Leigh		Tipton	Western	5	1	1
Tom	Stebbins		Hamilton	Eastern	5	1	2
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	5	2	3
Erin	Marks		Giles	Central	5	1	
Becky	Muller		Shelby	Western	5	3	
Jeff	Via		Fayette	Western	5		
Chris	Ramsey		Sullivan	Eastern	6	1	1
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	6	1	2
Jerry	Lamb		Rhea	Eastern	6	2	3
Melissa	Henry		Putnam	Central	6	1	
Ronald	Barron		Cheatham	Central	6	2	
Clyde	Lane		Madison	Western	6	2	
Creig	Kimbro		Grundy	Central	6	3	

Entrant	Entrant Last	Team Members	County	Region	Cat.	Region Placing	State Placing
Jerry	Lamb		Rhea	Eastern	7	1	1
Creig	Kimbro		Grundy	Central	7	1	2
Ronald	Barron		Cheatham	Central	7	2	3
David	Bilderback		Greene	Eastern	7	2	
Megan	Bruch		Maury	Central	7	3	
John	Campbell		Maury	Central	7		
Erin	Marks		Giles	Central	7		
Kevin	Rose		Giles	Central	7		
Anthony	Tuggle		Rutherford	Central	7		
Booker T.	Leigh		Tipton	Western	8	1	1
Sheldon	Barker		Sequatchie	Central	8	1	2
Tom	Stebbins		Hamilton	Eastern	8	1	3
Clyde	Lane		Madison	Western	8	2	
Anthony	Tuggle		Rutherford	Central	8	2	
Becky	Muller		Shelby	Western	8	3	
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	8		
Booker T.	Leigh		Tipton	Western	9	1	1
Megan	Bruch		Maury	Central	10	1	1
David	Bilderback		Greene	Eastern	10	1	2
Kevin	Rose		Giles	Central	10	2	3
Karla	Kean		Montgomery	Western	10	1	
John	Goddard		Loudon	Eastern	10	2	
John	Campbell		Maury	Central	10	3	
Megan	Bruch		Maury	Central	11	1	1
John	Campbell		Maury	Central	11	2	2
Greg	Paxton		Polk	Eastern	11	1	3
Jeff	Via		Fayette	Western	11	1	
David	Bilderback		Greene	Eastern	11	2	
Jonathan	Greenfield		Dickson	Western	11	2	
Tom	Stebbins		Hamilton	Eastern	11	3	
John	Goddard		Loudon	Eastern	11		
Anthony	Tuggle		Rutherford	Central	12	1	1
Jonathan	Greenfield		Dickson	Western	12	1	2
John	Campbell		Maury	Central	12	2	3

2009 State Communications Awards Summary

Entrant	Entrant Last	Team Members	Region	Cat.	Region Placing	State Placing	Award	Total Award
Sheldon	Barker	J.C Raines	Central	8	1	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Ronald	Barron		Central	2	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Ronald	Barron		Central	6	2		\$ -	
Ronald	Barron		Central	7	2	3	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
David	Bilderback		Eastern	3	1	1	\$ 40.00	
David	Bilderback		Eastern	7	2		\$ -	
David	Bilderback		Eastern	10	1	2	\$ 25.00	
David	Bilderback		Eastern	11	2		\$ -	\$ 65.00
Megan	Bruch		Central	3	1	2	\$ 25.00	
Megan	Bruch		Central	4	3		\$ -	
Megan	Bruch		Central	7	3		\$ -	
Megan	Bruch		Central	10	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Megan	Bruch		Central	11	1	1	\$ 40.00	\$ 105.00
John	Campbell		Central	4			\$ -	
John	Campbell		Central	7			\$ -	
John	Campbell		Central	10	3		\$ -	
John	Campbell		Central	11	2	2	\$ 25.00	
John	Campbell		Central	12	2	3	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
John	Goddard		Eastern	2	3		\$ -	
John	Goddard		Eastern	3	3		\$ -	
John	Goddard		Eastern	4	2		\$ -	
John	Goddard		Eastern	10	2		\$ -	
John	Goddard		Eastern	11			\$ -	\$ -
		Jerri Lynn Sims						
Jonathan	Greenfield		Western	11	2		\$ -	
Jonathan	Greenfield		Central	12	1	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Melissa	Henry		Central	2	2	2	\$ 25.00	
Melissa	Henry		Central	3	3		\$ -	
Melissa	Henry		Central	4			\$ -	
Melissa	Henry		Central	6	1		\$ -	\$ 25.00
Laura	Howard	Alice Rhea	Eastern	3	2	3	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

Entrant	Entrant Last	Team Members	Region	Cat.	Region Placing	State Placing	Award	Total Award
Karla	Kean		Western	3	1		\$ -	
Karla	Kean		Western	4	2		\$ -	
Karla	Kean		Western	5	2	3	\$ 10.00	
Karla	Kean		Western	6	1	2	\$ 25.00	
		Diann Nance, Barbara Plechaty, Shan Smith, Ann Langmack, Katie Smith, Judy Treangen, David Baker, Charles Fitzpatrick						
Karla	Kean		Western	8			\$ -	
Karla	Kean		Western	10	1		\$ -	\$ 35.00
Creig	Kimbro		Central	1	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Creig	Kimbro		Central	3	2		\$ -	
Creig	Kimbro		Central	4	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Creig	Kimbro		Central	6	3		\$ -	
Creig	Kimbro		Central	7	1	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 105.00
Jerry	Lamb		Eastern	2	1	3	\$ 10.00	
Jerry	Lamb		Eastern	4	1		\$ -	
Jerry	Lamb		Eastern	6	2	3	\$ 10.00	
Jerry	Lamb		Eastern	7	1	1	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
Clyde	Lane		Western	6	2		\$ -	
		James Neel, Emmit Rawls, Gary Bates, Tammy McKinley						
Clyde	Lane		Western	8	2		\$ -	\$ -
Booker T	Leigh		Western	4	1	2	\$ 25.00	
Booker T	Leigh		Western	5	1	1	\$ 40.00	
		Priscilla Eddins, Tim Hicks, Daniel Jacobs						
Booker T	Leigh		Western	8	1	1	\$ 40.00	
Booker T	Leigh		Western	9	1	1	\$ 40.00	
				Communicator of the Year				
Booker T	Leigh		Western				\$ 100.00	\$ 245.00

Entrant	Entrant Last	Team Members	Region	Cat.	Region Placing	State Placing	Award		Total Award
Erin	Marks		Central	4			\$	-	
Erin	Marks		Central	5	1		\$	-	
Erin	Marks		Central	7			\$	-	\$ -
Becky	Muller		Western	5	3		\$	-	
Becky	Muller	Ronald Blair	Western	8	3		\$	-	\$ -
Greg	Paxton		Eastern	2	2		\$	-	
Greg	Paxton	Norma Morgan	Eastern	11	1	3	\$	10.00	\$ 10.00
Chris	Ramsey		Eastern	6	1	1	\$	40.00	\$ 40.00
Kevin	Rose		Central	3			\$	-	
Kevin	Rose		Central	4	2	3	\$	10.00	
Kevin	Rose		Central	7			\$	-	
Kevin	Rose		Central	10	2	3	\$	10.00	\$ 20.00
Tom	Stebbins		Eastern	4	3		\$	-	
Tom	Stebbins		Eastern	5	1	2	\$	25.00	
Tom	Stebbins	Gina Turley, Linda Billingslea Luke Fisher	Eastern	8	1	3	\$	10.00	
Tom	Stebbins	Anne Olson	Eastern	11	3		\$	-	\$ 35.00
Anthony	Tuggle		Central	7			\$	-	
Anthony	Tuggle	Bob Ary, Karla Kean, David Cook, Michael Smith, Wendell Smith, Sierra Hamm	Central	8	2		\$	-	
Anthony	Tuggle		Central	12	1	1	\$	40.00	\$ 40.00
Jeff	Via		Western	5			\$	-	
Jeff	Via		Western	11	1		\$	-	\$ -

2009 State Communications Awards Communicator of the Year

The Fletcher Sweet Award honors the TAAA&S member who earns the title of Communicator of the Year. To be eligible, a member must enter at least four categories in the communications awards program. The winner is based on the number of entries and the quality of entries submitted. Sweet Award recipients must wait two years before they are eligible to receive this award again (see communications awards program procedures).

In Memoriam

The “Sweet Award” honors Mr. Fletcher Sweet, retired University of Tennessee Communications Specialist. Mr. Sweet began his career at the University of Tennessee in 1943 in the Public Relations/News Department on the main campus. Three years later, he came to the Agricultural Campus and the Extension Service as an Assistant Editor for the Information Department. In 1973, he became section leader of the Extension Communications section. He retired in 1974, and after a valiant battle with cancer, passed on December 20, 1995.

Finalists for the 2009 Sweet Award

Ronald Barron*	John Goddard	Jerry Lamb
David Bilderback	Melissa Henry	Booker T. Leigh
Megan Bruch	Karla Kean	Kevin Rose
John Campbell	Creig Kimbro	Tom Stebbins*

*Members who had at least the minimum number of 2009 entries to qualify (4) but were ineligible due to having won in the past two years.

2009 Fletcher Sweet Communicator of the Year Award Winner

Booker T. Leigh

Previous Winners

Thomas Stebbins, 2008	Glen Wolfenbarger, Jr., 2002
Ronald L. Barron, 2007	Joseph Donaldson, 2001
Creig C. Kimbro, 2006	John Campbell, 2000
Glen E. Wolfenbarger, Jr., 2005	Gary Kirchhofer, 1999
Karla Kean, 2004	David A. Yates, 1998
Kevin L. Rose, 2003	Bill Reed, 1997

2009 State Communications Awards Procedures

Points for the Sweet Communicator of the Year Award are based on the following scale:

State Placing	1 st = 6 points	2 nd = 5 points	3 rd = 4 points
Regional Placing	1 st = 3 points	2 nd = 2 points	3 rd = 1 point

In the event of a tie for the title of Communicator of the Year, the following procedure is employed to determine the winner:

1. Number of state winning entries.
2. Number of entries in the state (includes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place state entries).
3. Number of region first place entries.
4. Number of entries placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the region.
5. Total number of entries.

The Sweet Award winner receives a plaque and a \$100 cash award.

State winners receive cash awards as follows:

1 st = \$40	2 nd = \$25	3 rd = \$10
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Budget for State Communication Awards

State 1 st place \$40.00	X 14	\$560.00
State 2 nd place \$25.00	X 14	350.00
State 3 rd place \$10.00	X 14	140.00
Communicator of the Year \$100	X 1	100.00
“Sweet Award” Plaque \$30	X 1	30.00
<i>Total Budget</i>		<u><u>\$1,180.00</u></u>

2009 Expenditures for State Communications Awards

State 1 st place \$40.00	X 12	\$480.00
State 2 nd place \$25.00	X 10	250.00
State 3 rd place \$10.00	X 10	100.00
Communicator of the Year \$100	X 1	100.00
“Sweet Award” Plaque \$30	X1	30.00
<i>Awards Total</i>		<u><u>\$960.00</u></u>

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

David Bilderback, Chair

It is my pleasure to report that TAAA&S members presented eleven posters at the 2008 NACAA-AMPIC in Greensboro, North Carolina. Those presenting were: John Campbell, Steve Bost, Debbie Joines, and Philip Shelby in the Applied Research category and Megan Bruch, Rob Holland, Laura Howard, Tammy McKinley, Timothy Roberts, Kevin Rose, and Tomas Stebbins in the Extension Education Program category. We would also like to congratulate Kevin Rose for winning the Southern Region poster session for Extension Education program. Although none of the other entries placed in the national competition, we want to thank all for participating and for helping to showcase the excellent work taking place in Tennessee.

For 2009, six poster abstracts from Tennessee are being submitted for regional review. One poster is entered in the Applied Research category and five are entered in the Extension Education Program category. We will be hearing from the national chair later this spring whether or not these entries will be accepted for national competition at the 2009 NACAA - AMPIC in Portland, Oregon. Following are the authors and their poster titles:

Megan Bruch ²	The Agritourism In Action Educational Bus Tour
Rob Holland ¹	Understanding Our Farmers Markets: Results of Inquiry With Tennessee Farmers Market Managers
Laura Howard ²	Are You Getting The Most Bite for Your Buck?
Creig Kimbro ²	Middle Tennessee Grain Conference Initiative
Alice J Rhea ²	Successful Management of Farms And Small Businesses Using Computerized Record Keeping Systems
Tom Stebbins ²	Tennessee master Gardeners Are “Gardening Green’ in Hamilton County

¹Applied Research ²Extension Education Program

RECOGNITION & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Troy Dugger, Chair

For 2009 three Distinguished Service Awards and two Achievement Awards were selected from Tennessee and will be recognized in Portland, Oregon by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents on September 20 – 24, 2009. There were several outstanding nominations submitted for both awards. The award winners for 2009 are listed below:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Rob Holland – Since 1993, Rob has implemented Extension educational programs in farm management and value-added agriculture across Tennessee. He has developed 233 publications, fact sheets and project reports; conducted 435 presentations and workshops; served as principal investigator for grant/contract-funded projects generating \$1.1 million in external funds. His leadership and award accomplishments include TAAA&S Treasurer, TAAA&S Awards/Recognition Chair, UT's Outstanding New Extension Worker Award, NACAA Achievement Award, UT Extension's Educational Publication Award and TAAA&S Hicks Award of Excellence.



Booker T. Leigh – Areas of responsibility include home horticulture, responsible for evaluating the 4-H, FCS, and Agriculture programs in Tipton County. In 1995, Leigh started the Master Gardening program in Shelby County. In 2006, Leigh was promoted to County Director in Tipton County. Leigh's responsibilities include: maintaining county budget, reporting county impact to county government.



Tom Stebbins – This candidate served for eight years as a plant disease specialist at the Soil, Plant and Pest Center in Nashville before coming to Hamilton County as Horticulture Agent. He has active educational programs for Master Gardeners, landscapers and beekeepers. He regularly teaches at regional and national meetings. His timely diagnosis saves clients thousands each year. He was Chairman of the National Committee of Plant Diagnosticians and Communicator of the Year for Tennessee Agents.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Megan L. Bruch – Megan has served as a value-added agriculture marketing specialist focusing on agritourism and direct-marketing since June 2003. Her program efforts include 122 teaching events reaching more than 5,100 participants, 8 peer-reviewed publications, 31 factsheets and generation of \$746,000 in external funding. Megan is an active member of TAAA&S having served as the Communications Awards Chair and Specialist Region Director. She has received Outstanding New Specialist, Outstanding New Extension Worker, Innovative Programming and Best Publication awards.



Rebecca C. Muller – Agriculture in Shelby County has been affected by urban sprawl and compromised economy, challenging producers to become more efficient in their practices. Becky offers programs in Row Crop Production and Forage and Livestock Production to help producers manage their costs and improve their profitability. Variety testing, field days and demonstrations keep farmers abreast of the latest technology in Agriculture. Becky formed a Disaster Animal Response Team credentialed to respond in the event of emergencies.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mike Dennison, Chair

The 2008 undergraduate scholarship recipients are Catherine Elizabeth Mote and Laura Katherine Teague. Catherine was a graduating high school senior and is the daughter of Mitchell Mote, Extension Agent Rutherford County. Laura Katherine (Katy) was a freshman at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and is the daughter of John Teague, County Extension Director, Bedford County.

The 2009 undergraduate scholarship recipients are Tyler Bruhin and Sarah Lindsey Hart. Tyler is a freshman at Walter State Community College and is the son of Alan Bruhin, County Extension Director, Sevier County. Sarah is currently a freshman at the University of Tennessee, Martin and is the daughter of Paul Hart, County Extension Director, Robertson County.

Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists Scholarship

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually, following submission of proof of completing one successful semester of coursework to the Scholarship chair who will notify the Treasurer of the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists.
2. Recipient must be a child of a TAAA&S member or Life Member in good standing with three or more years of TAAA&S membership.
3. Recipient can be of any major with preference given to agriculture, family and consumer science, and other sciences (in descending order).
4. Recipient can attend any university with preference given to attendance in the University of Tennessee System, TSU and the Tennessee Board of Regents system.
5. Preference given to year in college: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior (in descending order).
6. Selection committee should use other information on the scholarship application if needed to select recipient. Examples: leadership activities, grade average, etc.
7. If recipient attends the University of Tennessee, Knoxville majoring in agriculture, the scholarship should be awarded at the Agriculture Awards Banquet if possible. Otherwise, arrangements can be made for the presentation of the scholarship.
8. A recipient can receive the scholarship only one time.

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2008	Tammy McKinley Alice Rhea Cynthia Zeitz	Agricultural Economics Blount County Jackson County

MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

YEAR	TOTAL	CHANGE	% CHANGE
2000	242	+7	+ 3.0
2001	229	-13	-5.4
2002	201	-28	-12.2
2003	198	-3	-1.5
2004	187	-11	-5.6
2005	187	0	0
2006	175	-12	-6.4
2007	176	+1	+ 0.6
2008	173	-3	-1.7
2009	165	-8	-4.6
10 YEAR AVG.	193		

2008 NACAA AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FROM TENNESSEE
2008 NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference
Greensboro, North Carolina
July 13-17, 2008

There were 45 members and guests of TAAA&S that participated in the 2008 NACAA AM/PIC. The following are award winners and presenters from Tennessee.

Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Mannie Bedwell, Keith Hart, Tim Roberts & Phillip Shelby

Achievement Award (AA) Tracy Sullivan & Jeremy West

Poster Session – Applied Research

Steve Bost

A Search for New Products for Control of Black Shank of Tobacco

John Campbell

Predicting Milk Basis in the Southeast Federal Milk Order

Deborah Joines

Effect of Sulfur and nitrogen Applications on Vaughn's #1 Bermudagrass Hay Measuring Crop Yield and Forage Quality

Phillip Shelby

Fungicide Use in Corn

Poster Session – Extension Education

Kevin Rose – Southern Region Winner

Giles County Extension Drought Management Program

Megan Bruch

The Tennessee Agritourism Initiative

Rob Holland

Charting A New Course

Laura Howard

Forage Production Economics: Maximizing Your Dollars and Sense

Tammy McKinley

Tennessee Beef Evaluation: The Farmer-To-Farmer Connection

Timothy Roberts

Youth Education in Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources

Tom Stebbins

Master Gardeners Build A Demonstration Rain Garden in Downtown Chattanooga

Tim Woods

Successful Fee Based County Programming in Areas of Beef and Horse Production

Young Beginning Small Farmer and Ranchers

John Campbell – State Winner

Communication Awards

Radio Program

Tom Stebbins – Regional Finalist

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Tom Stebbins – Regional Finalist

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1985- Sen. John Wilder, Sen. Ned McWherter, Rep. Ed Jones

1986- Gov. Lamar Alexander, William E. Bailey, Clyde York

1987- Jesse Safely

1988- Flavius Barker

1989- A. C. Clark

1990- Joe Hawkins

1991- Ray Wilson

1992- Comm. L. H. "Cotton" Ivy

1993- Rep. Shelby A. Rinehart

1994- Sen. Robert Rochelle

1995- Dan Wheeler

1996-Jim Webb

1997-Fred Shuler, Claude Harris

1999-Dr. Joseph Johnson

2000-Senator Charlotte Burks

2001-Nolan Turner

2002-Chip Blalock

2003-TN Farmers Co-Op

2004- Bill Mayfield

2005- TN Livestock Producer

2006- Don Fowlkes

2007- Joe Gaines

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