

Mar 7, 2025 | [NCACAA - SC District Meeting](#)

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- Agenda Approved and Seconded
- Counties represented
 - Anson, Bladen, Cabarrus, Columbus, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, Stanly, Union, DED
- Treasurer's Report
 - Attached
- Secretary's Report
 - Previous meeting minutes approved

State Meeting

- Due dates from hotel on budget spreadsheet
- Information to Mac by next Friday
- Working on finding letter head for sponsorship requests
- Logo- Ashley created
 - Tag line- send ideas to Rachel

Committee Reports

- Hospitality-
 - Still looking for alcohol/hospitality room donations
 - Checking with tour guides closer to time on special snacks, etc
 - Need personal vehicle to help with grocery/drink pickup
- Banquet/Reception
 - Need charcuterie donations
 - Winner names have been sent out
- Professional Improvement Tours
 - Horticulture tour lined up- details are in running doc
 - Confirmed with Porter Farms for tour
 - Still working with Tyson
 - waiting on meeting with complex manager, should know something by tomorrow

- Backup suggestions appreciated
 - Add disclaimer in registration that we will provide back up tour if poultry falls through
- Cookout
 - Frank Lisk Park- Phillip Morris shelter
 - Need to back time up to 5:00- out of park by 7:30
 - BBQ Pork and chicken
- Professional Improvement Sessions
 - Report sent- speakers confirmed
 - Need \$50-70 for speaker gifts
- Cornhole Tournament
 - Starting at 6:15(ish)
 - Could use a few more sets of boards
 - Register teams with conference registration packet- just check in at cookout
- Registration
 - No report
- Transportation
 - Randy has lined up vans
 - 7-12/15 passenger vans
 - A few state vans
 - Running vans as a shuttle between hotel and cookout
- Decorations
 - Kinsey needs a list of names for boutonnières
- Door Prizes/Silent Auction
 - Registration swag confirmed
 - Still working on getting door prizes together
 - Google form created to send out for silent auction items- sending out next week
 - Coordinating registration bags with registration committee
- Sons and Daughters
 - Aquarium in the morning, lunch, then park or Cabarrus county office
- Spouses and Life Members
 - Struggling to get up with Gold Hill
 - Changing to Kannapolis if Stacey does not hear back by next week
- Early Bird Activities
 - Top golf
 - Mustang Museum
 - Contacted Cabarrus brewing about tour
- Website
 - Google site

New Business

State Updates from Keith

- The state would like for us to be good stewards of resources

- DED's now need to approve the agenda for meetings- tours need to lean more towards professional development than team building
- Looking for suggestions on 10% savings in the event the federal portion of the budget is affected
- Title Promotions- encouraged to apply for next year if eligible- intent to apply by December
- Continue with State Meeting as planned

Committee Reports

- Search for Excellence
 - Still encouraged to apply for state and regional awards even if you can't go to National Meeting
 - Anthony Growe will serve as chair
- Communications
 - Email sent about communication awards from Makayla Berryhill
- Professional Excellence
 - No Report
- Recognition and Awards
 - Email sent with winners early this week (DSA, AA, Young Agents)
 - Working on write ups for winners for State Meeting
- Scholarship
 - Talk to Randy if you're interested in Ag Agent Scholarship for Master's Degree, etc.
- Agronomy
 - Tobacco Tues Zoom Talk started back up- Matthew Vann
- Ag Economics
 - No Report
- Animal Science
 - District Ag Agent Training- May 29th @ Anthony's
 - Small Ruminant
 - Animal Control
 - Chicken Harvests coming up- See Becky for dates/times
 - Coastal Plains Show (Processing)- May 9th
 - BQA, PAQ, YQCA- interest in hands on activities for schools
- Natural Resources/Aquaculture
 - No Report
- Sustainable Ag
 - No Report
- Horticulture
 - Keep in touch with growers/landscapers about stressed trees- Ambrosia Beetles
 - Preemptive insecticide
 - Be aware of frost risk

- Pesticide Coordinators- Esther Morris is looking for feedback on pesticide coordinator training
 - Reminder to consider pollinator habitats
 - Amanda can connect with resources
- Public Relations/Issues in Ag
 - No report
- Early Career
 - No Report
- Issues in Ag
 - Moved to PR
- Administrative Skills
 - Reminder about stress and anxiety resources through NC State
- Teaching and Technology
 - No Report
- Life Members
 - No Report
- Constitution and Bi-Laws
 - No report
- Membership
 - The South Central District has 47 paid members for 2025. We welcome new members Ashley Grubb, Emi Briggs, Chloe Williams, Sarah Newman, and Christian Flores. New members will receive an association polo shirt that is available for pickup today at the meeting with appreciation to State Chair Danny Lauderdale for coordinating. Be on the lookout for a link to an apparel store with NCACAA logos that can be purchased by membership online with pickup of merchandise at the annual meeting in June.
 - Send names to Rachel to add to listserv
- Internal Communications
 - Updating VP on website
 - Updating membership on website
- Nominating
 - Need nominations for vice chair by May meeting
- Youth Scholarship
 - Due April 1st- see Katelyn for information
- Benevolence
 - Tom Dyson- health issues
 - Morgan Menaker- new baby
 - Charles Young- daughter passed

Upcoming Dates:

- Next District Meeting
 - May 9th, Montgomery County
- NCACAA State Conference- June 10-12, 2025, Concord

- **NACAA AM/PIC**
 - 2025- June 29-July 2 Billings, MT
 - 2026- July 8-12 Denver, CO