



**January WAAE Newsletter —Stevens Point (2013)**

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT - KIM HOUSER**

I'm sure that most of you, like me, could write a book (or at least submit a story or two) entitled "You know you're an Agriculture teacher when..." and for me, today was one of those days! I had a student that had a hang nail - she went to the nurse's office, no luck. Stopped to see the FCS teacher, nope. Third time is a charm??? To the Ag. Room! "Miss Houser, do you have a nail clipper?" My response? "Not for humans..." But no worries, folks. Like a champ, she used one of the small animal nail clippers that I had. You know you're an agriculture teacher when... :)

I hope that this newsletter finds you looking forward to a new semester!

I recommend that you take the time to read through this newsletter because there is some great information about upcoming activities and events.

Continuing to advocate for your program and agricultural education is something that is always on the forefront - if you need any ideas on creating your advocacy document, log on to the waae.com website and click on the Teacher Resources button.

Also, remember that

starting in March you will be able to register for the Professional Development

Conference in Green Bay from June 24th - June 27th.

As always, is there is anything that WAAE can do for you, don't hesitate to contact me or your

sectional vice president.

Have great semester!  
~Kim Houser

**Congratulations to all of the Wisconsin WAAE Award Winners!**

**Adam Wehling— Outstanding Agriculture Educator — National Winner!**

**Jim Melby, Ideas Unlimited—National Winner!**

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## WAAE JANUARY NEWSLETTER—2013

### WISCONSIN ROCKS AT THE NAAE CONVENTION

November 26 - December 1, 2012, the National Association of Agriculture Educators held the Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Wisconsin was very well represented. Jeanna James of Southern Door and Jennifer Schultz of Baraboo were the “Turn the Key” representatives. Adam Wheling of Mondovi was the National Winner for “Outstanding Educator”. Pam Allen of Mount Horeb was the national finalist for “Outstanding Ag Ed Program”. Roger King of Holmen was the “National Agri-Science Finalist”; Candace Olson of Lake Geneva - Badger was the “Outstanding Young Member Finalist”; Jim Melby of Winneconne was the National Winner in the “Ideas Unlimited” Contest; The “Outstanding Cooperation Award” was awarded to Bud and Georgia Johnson of Minn-Tex; The “Outstanding Service Citation” went to Brenda Scheil of New Auburn; Dustin Williams of Blackhawk Technical College was a Regional Finalist in the Post-Secondary Award Area. Paul Larson was one of the top 6 Career and Technical Education (CTE) award recipients. He was the only finalist in that area with an Agricultural certification. Congratulation to all of the finalists for their outstanding representation of Agriculture Education in Wisconsin. We hope to see you in Las Vegas in 2013!!



*Become an Active Member — you will not regret it!*

### WISCONSIN SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Representing WAAE at the Wisconsin School Board Association Conference will be Adam Wehling, State and National Outstanding Young Member Winner and Pam Allen, State Winner and National Finalist for Agriculture Education Instructor. Both will be responsible for a booth, along with the State FFA Officers.

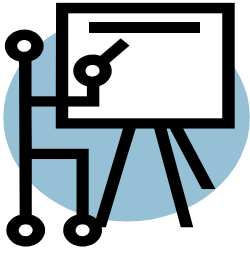
The WAAE representatives will be handing out folders containing information about Agriculture Education and FFA

(highlighting the 3 circle model). There will also be a slide show showcasing students and Agriculture programs around Wisconsin. Thanks to all of the WAAE members who sent photos and testimonials to Bridgett.

The conference runs January 23-24 and is held in Milwaukee. Please promote the booth to your local administration. Be an advocate for your program!



## NEW WEB DESIGN—FOR ALL AG ED TEAMS!



*One Web Site Design, All Ag Ed Teams! Check us*

Coming soon — early Fall — the Wisconsin Team Ag Ed websites will be sporting a new look! The goal is to create a site to connect all of the teams involved in the agriculture education process.

## REGION 3—DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

The Region 3 Conference will be held June 18-20, 2013 in Yankton, South Dakota. If you would like to attend, please let Bridgett know. There will be a couple of vans from Wisconsin—so come along and join the fun!

## FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

Join FFA Alumni members from across the state at the State Convention, February 8-10, 2013 in Fond du Lac.



## NATIONAL BOARD POLICY MEETING

The National Board Policy meeting will be held in Washington D.C. March 3-6, 2013.

This program promotes advocacy for agriculture education. Representing WAAE this year will be Shari Graffunder, President Elect, Josh Rusk, Section 9 Vice President, and two other WAAE members TBA. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bridgett, ASAP!

WAAE will allocate money for four members to attend — registration is due to Bridgett by January 20, 2013.

## WACTE AWARDS—WISH THEM GOOD LUCK!

Cheryl Zimmerman will be competing for Outstanding Vocational Leader, and five WAAE members will be recognized for the “longevity award”.

Larry Plapp will be competing for “Outstanding Educator”. WAAE will also be applying for “WACTE of the year”.

The convention will be held in Madison at the Marriott West Hotel on April 11-12, 2013.

The convention is open to all WACTE members. If you would like more information, you can contact Bridgett Neu at [Bridgett@waae.com](mailto:Bridgett@waae.com).





## **WAAE Mission Statement**

We are dedicated to leading agricultural education professionals in the development of knowledge throughout our ever evolving global community.

## **Goals of WAAE**

- Achieve high teaching standards through innovative methods of teaching
- Fostering a professional network within the agricultural community
  - Advocate for the agricultural industry
- Support the development and retention of educators in our industry

## **PDC—JUNE 23-27, 2013 “CHANGES/UPDATES”**

Want to recharge your batteries, learn new activities for your classroom and network professionally? Attend our PDC.

A few changes occurring this year: At the Monday lunch WAAE will present awards for State Special Citations, and Organization Relations. Tuesday during the lunch WAAE will present awards for Teacher of Teachers, Cooperating Teachers, and Teacher Mentors.

Silent Auction—your proceeds go towards the National Relief Fund — so make sure to bid on those items.

Monday will be the picnic, at Bay Beach (Tuesday is Kids' Day in Green Bay).

Tuesday will be the Bull Frogs game, bowling and golfing.

Potential Changes for Award Applications coming for 2014 conference — stay tuned!

State Committee Chairs—please turn in an agenda for the state PDC, so all members can be ready to discuss at PDC.

Tailgating in Tiletown social will follow the banquet .

Thursday breakfast will be a breakfast meeting, not in the atrium.

## **National Relief Fund**

Do you know an Ag Teacher who is currently facing a hardship due to medical issues, family or personal crisis, or any other reason? NAAE has a program called the National Relief Fund to help those Ag Teachers facing hardship. You can nominate a teacher and they can receive up to a \$500 gift. Their gift can remain anonymous. There is currently \$11,000 sitting in their account to be used in this capacity.