



NSAC - Far Western Chapter Newsletter

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Message from the President

Welcome to all new and existing members!

The NSAC Far Western Chapter had a strong showing at the National meeting in San Diego last month, with over 70 attendees from our region! It was a great event to network with NSAC members from throughout the United States and reconnect with friends from our chapter, while enjoying the beautiful San Diego weather and attractions.

A Far Western Chapter business meeting was conducted in San Diego (draft minutes included below), and the following individuals were elected to our officer team:

President: Renee Avilla, CoBank
Vice President: K-deep Dhaliwal, Moss Adams
Secretary: Debi Wilson, Saticoy Lemon Association
Past President: Christy Norton, Matson & Isom

Our Board of Directors also includes:

Director: Bryan Andersen, Sunsweet Growers
Director: Brendan Ronayne, CoBank Farm Credit Leasing
Director: Geoff Chinnock, Morrison & Company
National Director: Carrie Parrish, Sunkist Growers
National Director: Christy Norton, Matson & Isom

THANK YOU to all directors who serve on your Far Western Chapter board. I am excited to continue to work with this group over the next year, as we prepare for our 59th Annual Far Western Chapter meeting, which is set for May 20-22, 2015 in Napa, CA (mark your calendars!).

Annual meeting preparation will begin shortly, and we are seeking volunteers to participate in various committees: **Program, Early Bird, Printing/Registration**, etc. Please reach out to any Board Member if you have an interest in being a part of our annual meeting planning. It is an easy and effective way to become involved, network and idea share with others, and get more out of NSAC. Topic or speaker ideas are also welcomed as planning begins.

held in San Diego!

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Do you have a newsletter idea?

Please click [here](#) if you would like to submit an idea for a newsletter article, member to profile, or news story of interest.

Quick Links

Far Western Chapter Website:

<http://www.nsac-fwc.org/>

National Website:

<http://nsac.coop>

Our NSAC membership roster reflects diversity in occupations, employers, backgrounds and skill levels. This organization provides a great gathering place for individuals from cooperatives and service companies alike to interact and learn from each other. Please let the Board of Directors know how we can better serve and bring value to your membership, your ideas are encouraged and appreciated!

Renee Avilla, President

Richard French Receives National Award

Far West Chapter member Richard French was awarded the National Silver Bowl Award at the TACC in San Diego. This rare recognition is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves over a substantial period of time by services which have enhanced, to a high degree, the image and operations of NSAC and the cooperative profession.

Richard has been a dedicated member of the Society for over 31 years. He has served as national director representing the Far Western Chapter, and then went on to serve as our national president before retiring from the industry last year.

Richard was unable to attend, but in true Richard humor he wrote an acceptance speech that began, "I am truly sorry that I was not able to be with you in San Diego. The good news for you is that this written note will be much shorter than if I were in front of you with the microphone."

Congratulations again Richard!

Carrie Parrish, National Director

NSAC National Update

The National Office was very pleased with the turn-out for this year's TACC conference. We certainly had wonderful representation from the Far Western Chapter membership! Thank you to all who attended. We would like to keep you informed about a few projects the National office is working on:

- Our goal is to develop a Canadian chapter and introduce cooperative based educational opportunities to accounting professionals in Canada. Four potential Canadian members attended the TACC conference in San Diego, one of which was Daphne Rixon, Director of the Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives (CEARC). Daphne is also an accounting professor at Saint Mary's University in the Sobey School of Business. Daphne met with the National Board of Directors a few times over the past year, and she will be instrumental in making a successful NSAC Canadian Chapter.
- NSAC will be represented at the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) bi-annual summit, which takes place in Quebec this October. ICA hosted an event in Cape Town, South Africa, last fall in which NSAC representatives were also in attendance. NSAC will have an informational booth in the exhibition hall during the summit. We are optimistic that attending the summit will help bring NSAC into an international framework in order to broaden our reach and

continue serving cooperatives.

- 2015 TACC Conference planning is already underway! For 2015, NSAC, is teaming up with the National Rural Electric Association (NRECA) to bring you an unparalleled education event. The partnership with NRECA means more learning opportunities and a chance to broaden your network of cooperative financial professionals. Save the date and plan to join us in the Mile High City for this one-of-kind event! August 2-5, 2015 at the Sheraton Denver in Denver Colorado.

*Christy M. Norton, CPA
National Director and Past President*

Draft Annual Meeting Minutes 8/4/14

NSAC -- Far Western Chapter Annual Business Meeting Meeting Minutes- August 4th Omni Hotel 12:30 PM

Welcome-Christy Norton, President

- Christy opened meeting with welcoming members to our breakout lunch session.

Activity update-Renee Avilla, Vice President

- The Far West Chapter Social event is Tuesday night at South Paw Club
- K-Deep Dhaliwal was thanked for his efforts on the getting the event sponsored and providing his time for the purchasing of prizes.
- Our Sponsors, CoBank, CoBank Credit Leasing, Crowe Horwath, Farm Credit West, Farmers Rice, Integrated Agribusiness Professionals, Matson and Isom, M. Green & Company LLP CPAs, Morrison & Company, Moss Adams, Sunkist Growers, Sunsweet Growers and Wells Rural Electric Company were thanked for their generous support for our social event.

Membership Update- Christy Norton

- Christy gave the membership update with information provided by Bryan.
- Bryan personally reaches out to new members and leaving members.
- The Far West chapter has 175 members and is the 4th largest chapter

Finance Update- Christy Norton

- Our finances have been flat line as most activity relates to our annual meeting.

- We continue to have \$70,000 in the bank.

National Update

- NSAC is reaching out to Canadian Cooperatives to start a chapter(s) in Canada.

Election Update

- The Board presented the following individuals to be elected into position for the 2014-2015 year:
 - Past President- Christy Norton
 - President- Renee Avilla
 - Vice President- K-Deep Dhaliwal
 - Secretary- Debi Wilson
- Motion was approved by Brent Morrison and seconded by Laura Peckham.
- Attending Board members were all introduced

2015 Time and Place

- Napa was presented as the place for our 2015 Annual Meeting.
- Feedback from members is requested for potential spouse/family outings.
- Members were asked to participate in committees and become active in our chapter.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00

Debi Wilson, Secretary