



April 2017

Message from the President



Greetings from Michigan! The Great Lakes chapter held its regular board meeting in Schaumburg, IL on March 17th. It was good to see the members in attendance and we had a very productive meeting.

The main topic of discussion was the June chapter meeting being held in Grand Rapids, MI. If you've had a chance to review the "email blast" from last week, you'll see we have a very strong list of speakers for the meeting.

Kristin Emming, our Time and Place chair, has worked to secure the L.V. Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids for the conference and a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn - Downtown.



Ask a co-worker if they would like to join NSAC. The NSAC, and In particular our Great Lakes chapter is a great organization.

Hope to see everyone in June.

Upcoming Events

NSAC Great Lakes Chapter Meeting June 15th-16th

Please join us at the Great Lakes Chapter meeting at the L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids, MI. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Downtown, which is just a short walk from the conference center.

We have great speakers lined up for the meeting. On Thursday, June 15th, we have planned a

nighttime tour of the John Ball Zoo for participants and their families from 8:00PM to 9:30PM. The theme of the tour deals with how animals adapt to the dark. During the tour, some of the animals will be brought out and presented to those in attendance!

Follow this [link](#) for the agenda.

Follow this [link](#) for the registration form.

See you there!

Cooperative Learning Network

There are several CLN learning opportunities coming up over the next few weeks and months:

- May 2 - *Advanced A&A Seminar*
- May 10 - *The ACA and the New Administration*

You can find out more about these events and register by visiting the NSAC's the following link:

<http://www.nsac.coop/events.php>



From The Treasurer...

Below is the Treasurer's report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. An in-depth discussion was held at the board meeting in Schaumburg in March, and will be discussed at our chapter meeting June in Grand Rapids.

Respectively submitted,
Tyrone Lein
Treasurer

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER - NSAC TREASURER'S REPORT For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 & 2015

	2016	2015
JANUARY 1 FUND BALANCE	\$19,358	\$18,053
JUNE ANNUAL MEETING		
Registration Fees	11,500	9,500
Expenses	(8,936)	(11,469)

Net Income (Loss) From Annual Meeting	2,614	(1,969)
A&A SEMINAR REVENUE	(865)	4,600
MEMBERSHIP DUES & OTHER REVENUE	1,051	1,232
OTHER EXPENSES	(1,344)	(2,058)
DOWN PMT ON (NEXT YEAR'S)/PREVIOUS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING	(602)	(500)
PERIOD END FUND BALANCE	\$20,212	\$19,358
The fund balance at Dec. 31 is held as follows:		
Checking	\$14,435	\$13,584
Certificates of Deposit	5,777	5,774
Total	\$20,212	\$19,358

Chapter Membership Report

As of March 31, 2017, the membership of our chapter was 114 - down 6 members since a year ago this time. Please join me in welcoming the following new members to the Great Lakes Chapter since our last Chapter Annual Meeting:

- Amy Gallagher - FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative
- Michelle Hester - Oryana Food Cooperative, Inc
- Brian Dahlk - Wegner CPAs
- Christy Sommers - Maner Costerisan
- Tracy Grosskreutz - Wipfli LLP

Each current member should strive to obtain at least one new member this next year. As you will see if you ever attend a chapter meeting or a national meeting, your peers in the cooperative world are ready to lend a helping hand. Attending the chapter and annual meetings are also great (affordable) ways to obtain your required CPE credits. In addition, NSAC also provides webinars on a variety of topics throughout the year. Each member of NSAC receives one FREE webinar per year. You should have received an email from the national office with a promo code to utilize your free CLN.

The NSAC Membership Committee is once again seeking and supporting your efforts to help enroll new members to the Society. As a token of the organization's appreciation, all members will receive a portable power bank charging device in the coming weeks. We hope this device will be used and serve as a reminder of our need for members to serve as ambassadors.

New Member Recruiting Campaign: The new member recruiting campaign for 2017 will award a \$200 gift card to anyone who sponsors five new members. Also for anyone who sponsors a new member, your name will be added to a drawing, and at the 2017 Conference, five names will be drawn randomly for a \$200 gift card. The membership campaign offers you several ways to win, and the gift card can be used as you choose.

I encourage everyone to identify at least one prospect over the next three months that could benefit from membership in NSAC. Please remember that our members come from a variety of disciplines: attorneys, bankers, CPA's, insurance agents, actuaries, general managers & CEO's, human resources, IT providers, and others. Think of how many types of service providers a cooperative uses in a year. I'm sure that each would find benefit in a membership in NSAC.

Andy T. Jones, Membership Chair