Midwest Chapter
Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma

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National Director’s Report

As we approach the end of September, this year (at least in Southwest Nebraska) is proving to be a challenging one in terms of how the weather is affecting harvest, the tariffs in place that have affected the soybean market, and the above-average crop that we are looking at handling at our elevators. I am always amazed at how every harvest is different and unique. I am also always amazed at how we come together as a company and an industry and find unique and different ways to deal with the challenges that are presented. We must keep the Cooperative’s interests and the interests of our member-owners at the forefront of our decisions. I am convinced that is what makes the Cooperative business model and the Cooperative system such a great place.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve the Midwest Chapter as one of the National Directors. I have been involved in NSAC and the Midwest Chapter for a long time and am honored to be able to help promote the Midwest Chapter and the cooperatives that we represent in our respective states at the National Level.

I hope you had the chance to attend that National Meeting this past August in Austin, Texas. If you were there, I think you would agree that the National Board put together a great program. The program reinforced the NSAC mission statement and the goals that the Board has set for the organization. The level and quality of the education that was available at the meeting was the best I have seen. The networking opportunities that were available allowed everyone the opportunity to make new friends and connections in the Cooperative industry that, I am sure, will prove to be invaluable. If you have never attended a National Meeting, you should consider trying to attend one in the future. You will not regret it. Your National Board will get together in January in Dallas for our annual retreat/planning session. I look forward to be able to spend that time with the Board and help further the mission and goals of the National Organization.
The Governor of Nebraska proclaimed October 2018 as Cooperative Month in the State of Nebraska. In his proclamation, he states:

“Nebraska's farmer owned agricultural cooperatives maintain facilities and employment locations in 374 rural communities in Nebraska, directly employ over 5,400 Nebraskans, provide scholarships to rural students, support their rural community and school organizations, reinvest nearly $186 million annually in facilities to serve Nebraska's farmers and ranchers, and pay the farmer and rancher patron owners nearly $78 million annually in patronage and equity redemption payments contributing to a total economic impact on the State of Nebraska of approximately $2 billion annually;”

Cooperatives in Nebraska, and I suspect in the other states that the Midwest Chapter represents, are an integral part of the economy and the value that the Cooperative Industry brings to not only agriculture, but to all sectors of the economy is a story that we need to continue to tell.

I hope that everyone has a safe and productive harvest season.

Thank you,

Jeff Krejdl
National Director

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National Meeting in Austin

The National meeting was held in Austin last August. This was my very first National meeting. 😊 As Jeff mentioned above, please try to attend a national meeting in the future. I think there is a myth that only members needing continuing education need to attend. The majority of the people I met were there for the content of the meeting and it was awesome!! I am making plans to attend next year in Denver!!

Fun Fact I learned about Austin – Austin is home to the largest bat colony in the world, 1.5 million to be exact. Hoping to get a video posted to Facebook so you can see them (2nd picture above) but oddly People travel all over the world to see this! Was spooky but cool at the same time. And super crowded as you can see.

For those who did attend we would love to see your pictures and share with the Midwest chapter. Please email them to bpadgett@prideag.com or paigege@lvpf-cpa.com and we will get them posted in our newsletter or our Facebook page.

Barbie Padgett
Communications Chair
Midwest Member Highlight

A special thank you to our newest committee volunteers!

Chris Augustine – Education Chair
Chris Roberts – Education Committee
Paige Goebel – Communications Committee
Mishayla Freburg – Membership Chair

The Midwest Chapter appreciates each and every one of you and your time to make the Midwest Chapter GREAT!
If You Think What You Do On Your Work Computer Is Private, Think Again

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It's possible you could be kissing that bonus goodbye. Just as your digital imprint can snarl up your job hunt, what you do at work can impact your professional persona. Most employees know they shouldn't be spending much time at work sending personal emails or shopping on Amazon. Those who think of it may take the trouble to clear their browsing history, according to a survey by Simply Hired, a job-search site. But that may not do as much to protect privacy as employees think...... Read More>>

NSAC Membership Benefits

NSAC provides a variety of training sessions, publications, and research tools to enhance the professional competence of its members and improve the level of service they can offer cooperatives.

Training Programs

Education is perhaps the most valuable service a professional association can offer its members. NSAC provides quality education and educational materials to its membership and has set a goal to build on that service. Educational opportunities available for members include: click here for more information......

NSAC’s Cooperative Learning Network

What is NSAC’s Cooperative Learning Network?
The NSAC Cooperative Learning Network is a live, interactive webinar, and you can attend from any location with internet and/or telephone access. NSAC members can attend an unlimited number of CLNs at no charge!

Who presents the information for one of these courses?
Each Cooperative Learning Network will have one or more speakers who are recognized experts on the topic. CLNs typically include a Q&A session where participants can ask questions live or by chat.

CPE Credits
The National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives (NSAC) is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.learningmarket.org.

Delivery Method: Group-Live.

For more information please contact our offices at (937) 222-6707 or info@nsacoop.org.
SAVE THE DATE
NSAC MIDWEST CHAPTER
ANNUAL MEETING
June 6-7, 2019
More details coming soon!!!!

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CLASS AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Introduction to Cooperatives and NSAC
9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Basics of Cooperative Financial Statements
10:20 – 10:40 a.m. Break
10:40 – 11:30 a.m. Cooperative Equity
11:30 - 12:20 p.m. Tax Issues Related to Cooperatives
12:20 – 1:10 p.m. Lunch (provided)
1:10 – 2:00 p.m. Basics of Hedge Accounting / Risk Management
2:00-3:00  Question and Answer Session
REGISTRATION FORM

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Total Amount Due  $25.00 * ______ = ________ (Please make checks payable to “NSAC Midwest Chapter”)

* Please indicate what location you will be attending
This training does not qualify for CPE under NASBA rules

Mail your registration with payment by November 21, 2018 to:

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