



# Preparing for Convention

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**2017**

**NACS/NASE Convention**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza**

**Kansas City, MO**

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*Going to Kansas City, Kansas City Here I come*

## *What really happens at Convention?*

- Opportunity to meet and talk with National Office Representatives in an open and engaging atmosphere
- Network with employees from across the nation
- Develop leadership skills
- Make a meaningful difference
- Opportunity to be selected for task forces and committees
- Form lifelong friendships
- Explore this great country

First Time Attendees will be paired with a convention mentor and receive a special reimbursement. New members that attend their first convention during their first year of membership will be entered into a special drawing.

**What are you waiting for?** Registration is open and Kansas City is waiting: <http://www.nacs-fsa.org/>

**Resolutions:** Recommendations for changes to policy and procedure to improve the delivery of programs and improve opportunities for better service to the agriculture community.

*Have you ever thought “We could do this better if only...”*

The NACS-FSA resolution process is the way to make meaningful changes! And, it all happens at Convention - be there to see the process in action and join the debate, make a difference!

## What have the Committees been up to lately?

### Farm Program Committee Report

The FP Committee held a teleconference on December 22, 2016, to discuss the resolutions and received responses from the National Office. The National Office and committee responses were placed on the NACS website for members to review. We encourage every NACS member to visit with their local Farm Program staff to find areas of concerns that could be presented to the National Office FP staff as a resolution.

*Charlean Smith, Chairperson*

### Farm Loan Program Committee Report

The committee received responses from the National Office and completed a committee call on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee decided that further discussion with National Office was warranted. The resolutions were discussed with National Office representatives on a conference call, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the report has been completed and posted to the website. The committee will be looking to the membership for information that we can take back to National Office regarding some field issues that were discussed in prior resolutions (they are looking for examples). This is to be further discussed at the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City, MO at the end of June.

*Kimberly A. Eilerman, Chairperson*

### Management/Personnel Committee Report

The committee received responses from the National Office and completed a committee call on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the report was posted to the website to finalize the 2016 resolutions. Each member is challenged to develop resolutions for this year's convention.

*Jason McMillin, Chairperson*

### Membership Committee Report

Working with state associations, the membership committee has been re-establishing membership coordinators for each state. The goal is to establish communication between state associations and membership committee. With this communication we will help establish personalized recruiting strategies to encourage membership for potential members. Membership committee will continue to provide resources to membership coordinators and provide personal contacts to potential members from the national association.

*Jeff Larsen, Chairperson*

### Information Committee Report

The NACS IT Committee met with National and Finance Office via teleconference on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had 14 resolutions that were discussed. A few of the concerns had already been addressed or are currently being addressed with planned updates and releases. Others were met with positive input from NO and FO. Those representing NO and FO on the call seemed very eager to hear our concerns and excited for the opportunity to hear our concerns directly. IT Resolutions with NO and Committee responses will be posted on the NACS website. The IT Committee has also been involved in quarterly conference calls with NFAOC staff in an effort to keep things in both the field office and state and national offices moving more smoothly.

*Kristina Bargen, Chairperson*

Visit [www.nacs-fsa.org](http://www.nacs-fsa.org) to review resolutions previously submitted and submit new ones.

**Don't forget to complete the Committee Survey**

Sample convention agenda - official agenda will be provided at registration/check-in:

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm - 8pm

- Committee chair meeting
- **First Time attendee mixer**

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 7am - 5pm

- Delegate certification
- Opening Ceremonies
- NACS FSA Opening Session
- **NACS Committee Meetings** – open discussion and debate of proposed resolutions.
  - o It's not too late to submit resolutions, on-line up until the week before convention and after at convention during the committee meetings and even up to the final vote on Wednesday.
- **Group outing - Group will be bused to World War I Museum and Memorial for tour and reception. Buses will depart for the hotel at 730pm.**

Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 7am - 5pm

- State Presidents meeting
- **National office presentations and Question/Answer Panel**
- Guest speaker during lunch – lunch is being provided
- NACS FSA Zone meetings

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 7am - 5pm

- NACS FSA Zone meetings
- Briefings
- **Continuation of NACS-FSA Annual Meeting** – this is when all the fun really happens!
  - o Committee reports are presented and debate occurs for the final vote and acceptance of the adopted resolutions to be taken forward. And, election of officers!
- **Banquet and reception**

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 8am - 12pm

- New / Old board meeting ~ if you are running of office, plan to attend this meeting

# Recommend a location for the next convention



Where has the convention been?			
Washington, D.C.	2016	Lincoln, NE	2008
St Louis, MO	2015	Cincinnati, OH	2007
Rosemont, IL	2014	Arlington, TX	2006
San Diego, CA	2013	Orlando, FL	2005
Detroit, MI	2012	Louisville, KY	2004
Salt Lake City, UT	2011	Las Vegas, NV	2003
Portland, ME	2010	Bloomington, MN	2002
Atlanta, GA	2009	St. Louis, MO	2001

## Basic Convention Rules

- During the annual business meeting delegates and alternates, identified by the appropriate badge, will be permitted to engage in debate.
- During NACS-FSA business meetings, members wishing to address a topic\*: will approach the microphone, address the President and state your name and state, wait for acknowledgment for the President and address all comments to the President.
- During the Q&A panel with the National Office, state your name and state prior to addressing your question to the panel. Don't be shy and use the microphones.
- Only members identified by a delegate badge will be permitted to vote. Unless a vote of all members in attendance is called for, such as when an amendment to the constitution and by-laws is called to vote.

## General Parliamentary Procedure to observe:

- To make a motion on the floor: Seek recognition to speak as indicated above\* and make the motion. For example, ***I move to amend the FLP committee report by moving resolution number 3 to non-adopt.*** Your motion must then be seconded. The written motion must be provided to the Secretary at that time. The President will then restate the motion and call for debate. As the person that made the motion you will be allowed the first opportunity to speak on this motion. Remember that the person who is seconding the motion must be recognized by the President before seconding the motion; and, you must be recognized again by the President before you begin debate.
- Call for the vote – **Question** may be called and if recognized by the President basically ends debate on the current topic and voting takes place. A motion to limit debate can be made to limit the time allowed for all debt. A motion to end debate can be used to end debate on the current topic and call for the vote.
- Recount of the vote – **Division**, most voting is done by voice acclamation and the President determines if the motion carries or not. When Division of the house is called, a revote by hand or standing is required to determine if the original decision should stand.

**Remember! To be recognized by the President and enter into debate, you must have on your person a delegate or alternate badge. For the most, voting may only be done by this group.**

Badges may be rotated among attendees for states that have more members in attendance than allowed for delegates and alternates.

## Certification of delegates

Prior to convention, each state will prepare and submit to the National Treasurer the certificate of delegates and alternates. **Only those states that are current on all dues will be allowed to have delegates during convention.**

On Monday, delegates and alternates will check in and receive their badge and the final count of this representation will be confirmed.

On Wednesday, the roll call of states and the certification of delegates and alternates will be provided to the membership by the Secretary and Treasurer. Each state as they are called will confirm the number of delegates and alternates while also providing an opening remark representing their state.