

Zone A Newsletter

ZONE A MEETING

The 2020 Zone A Meeting was held in Las Cruces, NM on March 12-14.

Although the COVID-19 virus was beginning to shut down events across the country we were able to proceed as planned and have 13 folks attend representing Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Kansas and New Mexico.

First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to all those that attended! We were able to have dynamic and useful discussion about issues that we face everyday. These conversations were made more relevant and current by the contributions of DAFO Peggy Browne and DAFLP Bill Cobb, who not only attended and presented at the meeting but also graciously answered questions from the attendee's in an engaging and enlightening panel session. The NMSU Aerospace Studies/Air Force ROTC started the meeting with a fantastic presentation of colors, and Keith Hiser gave an update on behalf of the National Association of District Directors. Other sessions included NFAOC via webcam and Angie Biester giving us a preview of the BOTS that are beginning to roll out in each of the states. Dillard's financial called in during their sponsored lunch to give us an update on all their products as well.

After all of the presentations, we reviewed and discussed the 2019 and 2020 resolutions, received committee reports and finally met with Andy Quinn and the legislative committee on what things are happening up on the hill.

To say the least there was a LOT of information packed into 2 days and we were able to have a great time while we took it all in!

NATIONAL CONVENTION POST-PONED

The 2020 convention committee, along with the NACS board, national office and our fellow associations made the decision to push out the dates of the 2020 NACS national convention. The new dates will be **August 30 - September 3, 2020** still in Omaha, NE and still at the Omaha Hilton Downtown. Keep your eye on the NACS website (<https://nacsfsa.weebly.com/>) for registration information and make sure to get those reservations!



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MEET YOUR REP

With a little uncertainty headed into the year, I am now your 2020 Zone A Representative. My name is Jessica Weigand and I am a Farm Loan Specialist for the State of New Mexico. I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to represent Zone A and work on preparing for the Zone meeting. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns and I hope to see you at the National Convention in Omaha!

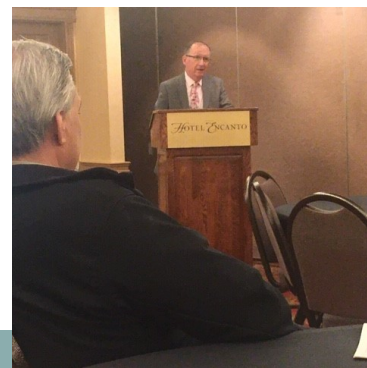
REPRESENTING ZONE A

NACS is run by volunteers so here is a quick shout out to all of those folks that are volunteering on behalf of the western states!

NACS Committees;

- Farm Loan Programs-LM – Rebecca Padilla, NM, Alternate—Ana Gallegos-Cain, NM
 - Farm Loan Programs-LS – Chantal Haun, CA, Alternate—Katherine Lewis, CA
 - Information Technology – Becky Gerlach, WY, Alternate—Jessica Davis, ID
 - Management/Personnel – Jessica Smith, NM, Alternate– John Oosterman, CA
- NACS Zone A Representation on DAFLP working groups
 - Work Not Completed Group– Rebecca Padilla, NM
 - FLO Leadership Training Group– Jovani Armendariz, NM—Jessica Davis, ID—LeAnn Gibbs, NM
 - GLS CCB Review Board– LeAnn Gibbs, NM
 - REVAMP Task Force– LeAnn Gibbs, NM
 - NACS FBP Task Force—Chantal Haun, CA—Jovani Armendariz, NM

SCENES FROM THE ZONE A MEETING



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