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Dear Extension Colleagues:

This newsletter is being sent to all SCACAA members, as well as to all other Extension employees for informational purposes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

SCACAA members voted changes to our constitution and by-laws at our December 2000 meeting in Columbia. The new organizational structure went into effect at our annual meeting in June at Clemson. The new officers are Don Manley (President), David Parker (President-Elect), Marion Hiers (Vice-President), Mike Loveless (Secretary), William Hair (Treasurer), and Russell Duncan (Past President). Directors for 2001-2002 are David Gunter and Charles Davis (Central), Roy Hollingsworth and Carlin Munnerlyn (Coastal), Wallace Wood and Lee Keese (Foothills), Jay Chapin and Charles Privette (Specialists & Administrators), and Elwyn Deal (Life Members).

In August, the SCACAA sent a large delegation to the NACAA annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM, in order to support Frank FitzSimons' candidacy for national vice-president. Everyone wore bright orange shirts, and the "One Clemson" theme was very apparent. In spite of three very fine candidates, Frank was elected on the first ballot. (Of course, we had the best candidate.) Congratulations Frank! We know that you will represent South Carolina and Clemson University very well.

Another item of business at the national meeting was the increasing of dues. The national officers were pressing to raise national dues from \$25 per year to \$50 per year – exactly double. The voting delegates balked at this and, after lengthy debate and several votes, finally approved a dues increase of \$15 per year – from \$25 to \$40. As a result of this, we are having to raise our state dues in order to cover this increase. The Board met on November 7 and voted to increase state dues for 2002 to **\$50.00 if paid by January 1, 2001, and \$60.00 if paid after January 1 and prior to March 1, 2002**. In order to be counted for 2002 membership, dues must be paid by March 1. I'm sure that some will balk at the dues increase. I belong to numerous professional organizations, and \$50 is still extremely reasonable (or even \$60 for that matter). I feel that I get much more in return for my SCACAA membership than I do for other organizations to which I belong in which the dues are twice or even three times as high. SCACAA membership is still a bargain!

Another item that may be of interest to all Extension employees is that the SCACAA membership voted to pursue a bid to host the national meeting in Charleston in 2006. The bid committee is being chaired by John Oxner. We will put forth the bid at the national meeting in Savannah in August, 2002. We do not know at this time if we will be challenged in the bid, since 2006 is an open year nationally (meaning that any state can put forth a bid). However, whether opposed or not, we fully expect to get the bid, and to be hosting the national meeting in 2006. We hope that we will be able to count on the entire Extension organization for support as we host that meeting – once again demonstrating the "One Clemson."

Our state annual meeting for 2002 will be held in Charleston in June. That meeting is being chaired

by Marion Hiers, and information on the meeting should be on the SCACAA website very soon.

Speaking of the website, I urge all of you to visit the website at: <http://www.clemson.edu/scacaa/> or <http://www.clemson.edu/public/n4/index.htm>. Once there, click successively on Cooperative Extension Service, Extension Departments & Other Units, Extension Associations, and SCACAA. We are working to keep the site up to date (thanks to Bob Spalding).

You should be receiving your 2002 membership information from Mike Loveless in the very near future. I urge all of you who are eligible to get your 2002 dues into William Hair before the first of the new year. I look forward to serving as your association president for the coming year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, send them to me or one of the other board members.

Sincerely,

Don Manley, President  
SCACAA