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TAIA 2010 Regional Meetings

By the time you receive this newsletter only one of the five 2010 Regional Meetings will remain, Dumas on November 9. All the earlier meetings were well attended with surveys indicating that the planning committees did an excellent job of selecting speakers. This year's support by the sponsors was largest number we have ever had. Please visit page 4 to view the 49 sponsors that helped make the 2010 Regional Meetings a great success.

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Office of the State Chemist Adds TAIA as an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Member

Dr. Craig Nessler, Director, of Texas AgriLife Research has notified TAIA that the Office of the State Chemist has added TAIA, represented by Donnie Dippel, Texas Grain & Feed Association represented by Ben Boerner, and Joe Cox Assistant Vice Chancellor of External Affairs with Texas AgriLife, as ad hoc members to the Advisory Committee. The three ad hoc members added represent manufacturers, distributors and consumers with the expertise and interest in the matters under investigation. It is a great honor to have TAIA represented on the Advisory Committee to help support our association.

Save the Date January 18 - 20 TAIA Annual Conference

Make sure you have January 18 - 20, 2011 on your calendar. The TAIA Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison. Last year's conference produced many positive comments about the number of contacts attendees were able to make at this meeting. If you have never attended the annual conference, you should consider the possibilities that could be solidified for your business or career.

The number of company meeting rooms for individual meetings will be increased to help meet the demands we had last year. Companies that had a meeting room last year will have the first option to secure their room again, but we do have some additional rooms. Give the TAIA office a call if you would like to be put on the list for a meeting room.

The TAIA Board decided at the Summer Meeting to change the Business Meeting from a luncheon to a breakfast. Many attendees like to leave the conference prior to lunch cutting down attendance at the business meeting. The board hopes this change, along with the change made last year to award one five hundred dollar raffle prize to a person at the business meeting, will increase attendance.

The TAIA Annual Conference is the place to meet with many different companies for networking, planning, and securing needs for 2011.

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Chairman's Comments

Regional meetings are now in full swing. They began in Lubbock which was a huge success and will end in Dumas the 9th of November. Remember, year in and year out, the regional meetings are the number one benefit for TAIA members as stated by the members themselves. Please thank the regional planning committee members for a "job well done" when you see them.

At our summer meeting in New Braunfels, we had many new members get involved which always infuses new ideas and direction for our organization. If you are a member and want to get active, you are always welcome. A good starting point for everyone is to attend a summer meeting or become a member of a regional planning committee. We will put you to work.

As many of you know, TAIA sponsored two Anhydrous Ammonia regulation workshops in the Panhandle and Central Texas during the summer. It is interesting how the wheels of motion start when there are issues that involve Texas Agriculture and our growers and retailers. This is how this particular concern played out: A TAIA member called Donnie and I and told us that the United States Department of Transportation has stepped up inspections of retailers handling anhydrous ammonia in nearby states. Your organization sprung to action by scheduling meetings in what we felt were the high use anhydrous areas. The rest is history as we had two very well attended meetings that offered our members and growers valuable information. This is one aspect of our organization that, honestly, I was not too familiar with until I got more involved. Regulations will get tighter if we don't stay proactive and involved. As stated above, it starts with a phone call.

Our annual meeting in Addison is fast approaching. If you attended last year, you know that it was a great time for all. The concept will remain the same with multiple meeting rooms hosted by many of our company members. Stay tuned for more details.

In closing, let me say that I am really looking forward to the upcoming planting season. The commodity prices have soared, cattle prices have remained high, and I am working for a new company. I am excited about the challenges we will face. I look forward to seeing you at the remaining regional meeting and the upcoming annual conference.

Mark Hebert, Chairman

President's Comments

Every year I cannot wait for those cool fall mornings, and this year has to be one of the best falls I can remember. As the year winds down so do the Regional Meetings, and we look forward to Annual Conference. The first four Regional Meetings have been very well supported in attendance and sponsorships by the industry. The last several years the support shown TAIA has made me feel very proud to be a part of this association. In a time when we are seeing company mergers TAIA continues to hold a steady membership and continues to increase the sponsorships for our events. Much credit for TAIA's stability and growth needs to be given to the board members past and present for taking their position on the board very seriously and being very responsible when making decisions on the course your association needs to take. The board constantly continues to search for ways to do more for our members and provide services to help the agriculture industry.

I am looking forward to the 2011 Annual Conference after the many positive comments we received from those attending the 2010 conference. I hope more companies realize the value of the networking and the business potential available at the annual conference. I am not really looking forward to Eighty-Second Texas Legislative Session that will begin in January. This will be a tough session with an eighteen billion dollar budget deficit to overcome, a carry-over of Sunset Reviews from last session, water issues and redistricting in addition all the other issues that will arise. We will also see the final proposed regulations for the National and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits. TAIA has made comments on the both sets of draft regulations, and we are waiting to receive the final proposed regulations.

Have a great fall!

Donnie Dippel

TAIA Would Like to Welcome New Members

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NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY

Zachry Adams Joins Intrepid Potash

Intrepid Potash is pleased to announce the addition of Zachry Adams to its sales and marketing staff. Zachry has joined Intrepid Potash as an Account Manager-Market Development. His focus will be on promoting Intrepid TRIO and assisting with Sales to select key accounts in the Southwest. Zachry is originally from Alabama where he attended Auburn University and obtained his BS in Forestry. Afterwards he worked for Auburn University as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Department of Agronomy and Soils. During this period he obtained his MS from Auburn University in Agronomy and Soils. Prior to joining Intrepid Potash, Zachry worked as a Soil Conservationist with the USDA-NRCS in Alabama. Zachry is a Certified Crop Advisor and will be located in Intrepids Denver office. He can be reached at 303-996-4997 or by e-mail at zachry.adams@intrepidpotash.com.

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November 9, 2010
Dumas Regional Meeting

January 18 - 20, 2011
TAIA Annual Conference
Addison

February 1 & 2, 2011
CCA Exam Training
Lubbock

December 6 & 7, 2010
Texas Plant Protection
Conference
Bryan

February 4, 2011
CCA Exam
Lubbock