

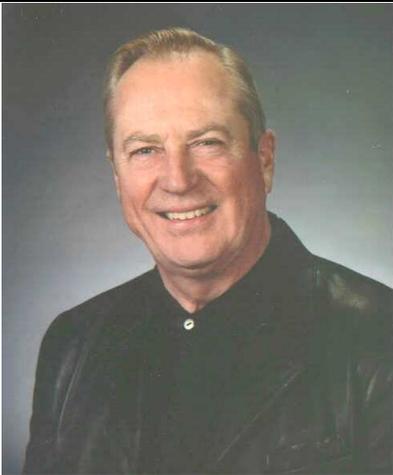
Rural Rehabilitation

REPORTS

June, 2007



Presidents Message—By H. Roald Lund



Dear Reader,

“Once Rural, Always Rural” is a quote from a participant at your Mid-Year Planning Meeting. It was in reference to the urbanization of America and our mission to serve in Rural Rehabilitation. We had several important discussions on how to better our state-to-state communications, on the significance of maintaining and using an up-to-date website, on the value of extending invitations to inactive or non-member states to encourage participation, on the value of recognizing individual state efforts in furtherance of their and our collective vision on Rural Rehabilitation, and on the history and corporate memory of the individual states.

You will enjoy the “Old South” newly redecorated and rebuilt facilities at Point Clear, Alabama. You will be amazed, as I was, to realize that Hurricane Katrina had pushed a wall of water high enough to flood the entire hotel complex to a depth of 12 feet! The renovation alone was 50 million dollars!

These wonderfully fresh surroundings helped your Board and our Alabama hosts to have a positive and motivated planning session for our upcoming Annual Meeting on September 23-26, 2007. Janet and I hope to see everyone this fall. I know that you will enjoy the ambiance of the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort and the program planned by our Alabama hosts. I can hardly wait for September!

We did make an adjustment in the officers of the Board—as provided in the bylaws—and appointed Director John “Bubba” Trotman as vice president and Lee Boyer as website committee chairman, due to the resignation of Bruce Wall from Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund. Charles Springs, Jr. and his nominating committee will provide us with a slate of nominees, and Kim Porter will lead

the audit committee for 2006-2007.

In this newsletter you will read of our intention to recognize Stan Garbacz for his years of service to NARRC and, also, of the Board’s wishes to recognize Montana for their innovative efforts in the “Junior Ag Program.” As Chairman of the Annual Meeting, I have asked Alabama to present a history of their organization and program. I think we should have the host state at our Annual Meeting provide a “Show-n-Tell” report of their history and work as a way to introduce us to each other and to new members of NARRC.

This note, also, to again express my—and our—appreciation to Vernon and Jeannie Eagan for their continued leadership in the support of the National Board and the individual Corporations and States. Their background work assured us of a successful and meaningful Annual Meeting. And so, Dear Reader, I wish them the National Board and each of you a safe and rewarding visit to our Annual Meeting at Point Clear, Alabama. Bring your swim suit—the beaches and pool are wonderful!

NARRC Website Update—Lee Boyer, Chair

Our NARRC Webmaster has posted the following in the “Announcements” section of the NARRC Website: www.ruralrehab.org.

- 1/07/07 Updates have been made to the site including the NARRC roster, current officers, past officers, and the brief history.
- 1/20/07 Two more states have added links to their websites.
- 5/11/07 Updates have been made to the site including the NARRC roster, current officers, past presidents, and future meeting places.

NARRC BOD Mid-Year Planning Meeting

April 30, 2007

Point Clear, Alabama

The mid-year planning meeting of the 2006-07 Board of Directors was called to order by President Roald Lund on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 8:25 a.m. in the board room of the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama, with all current board members present. A quorum was established. Also present were J. Lee Alley, Horace Horn, and Homer N. Lewis (Alabama) and Jeannie Eagan. Absent was Vice President Bruce Wall (Arkansas) who resigned in March, 2007. John Trotman gave the invocation.

As the meeting began, President Lund remarked that the NARRC organization is entering a new phase and there is a need for continuing education. He noted the fact that within the NARRC membership, there are numerous new delegates who do not possess the "rural rehab" historical knowledge. Therefore, he suggested an effort be made at each annual meeting to educate newer members. After discussion of ways to remedy this situation, Alabama accepted the charge to give a brief history of their state's program at the fall meeting—thus setting a pattern for future NARRC annual meeting host states to follow.

Upon motion by Woeste/Springs, the Board ratified the fax/email vote of October 3, 2006, approving the wording on the Resolution of Appreciation for Stan Garbacz (as instructed by the membership at the annual meeting in Great Falls, Montana).

Upon motion by Jacka/Trotman, the Board approved travel and lodging expense—if needed—for Stan Garbacz to attend the annual meeting in Alabama for the purpose of honoring him for his long-time excellent service as secretary/treasurer to the NARRC.

Upon motion by Skinner/Springs, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Pre-Conference Board Meeting held September 10, 2006.

Upon motion by Jacka/Trotman, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Post-Conference Board Meeting held September 13, 2006.

The following items of recognition were passed around for board members' viewing prior to presentation in September: the Montana's Junior Ag Program plaque; the Past President's plaque, and the framed Resolution of Recognition for Stan Garbacz.

The financial report was given by Secy/Treas Vernon Eagan. An updated copy of the NARRC Roster noting membership status was provided. Eagan noted the extensive effort that he and Jeannie have made in calling the states to encourage their participation in membership and to attend annual meetings. Eagan reported that dues received for 2007 was from the same twenty-six states as in 2006.

Upon motion by Springs/Jacka, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of NARRC funds for dinner at the Fairhope Inn Restaurant on Sunday, April 29, 2007, involving the NARRC Board of Directors (11 including their three guests) and the Alabama delegation (4) to discuss plans for the 2007 annual meeting—a total of 15 persons.

Website Committee: David Skinner reported that Lee Boyer (Montana) has agreed to serve as chairman of the website committee upon the resignation of Chairman Bruce Wall. He discussed the possible candidates for the third committee member, but no selection has yet been made. It was noted that NARRC has not been billed by website manager Megan Longoria (Nebraska). Eagan will contact her to determine what we owe her at this point since she has made all the updates provided by the committee and Eagan. Skinner will write an article for the June NARRC newsletter to make the membership aware the website is up and running.

Refund Policy for Annual Meeting Registration: Eagan distributed a list of all NARRC policy adoptions from Board Minutes—including the refunds for annual meeting registrations.

Upon motion by Porter/Springs, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution for the NARRC membership to ratify: "RESOLVED, that refunds of registration fees paid in advance of the Annual Meeting in Point Clear, Alabama, and all subsequent Annual Meetings shall be made only upon written request presented seven (7) working days in advance of the formal opening of the meeting and that no partial refunds shall be made under any circumstances." The host state should note on their Registration Form each year of the time frame for refund requests. (*Rationale: The previous notice of seventy-two (72) hours in the original policy posed too much of a time crunch for the host state to cancel their contracted numbers without incurring cost.*)

Registration fees were discussed and the need to revisit this issue. Upon motion by Jacka/Trotman, the Board unanimously approved registration fees of **\$250.00** for delegates and **\$75.00** for guests.

2007 Annual Meeting: Alabama hosts J. Lee Alley, Horace Horn and John Trotman, briefed the Board regarding the annual meeting agenda and planned scheduled activities. Upon motion by Woeste/Springs, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$2000 to Alabama in connection with hosting the 2007 annual meeting (as outlined in established policy).

Incentive for Participation at Annual Meeting by Non-Member States: Discussion was held on how to get more states involved at annual meetings and to become actively involved. Upon motion by Porter/Skinner, the Board unanimously approved to give a paid membership for the subsequent year (a \$100 value) to any current non-member state coming to the upcoming annual meeting.

2008 Annual Meeting: President Lund reported that our 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on September 27 – October 1, 2008, at Fargo, North Dakota, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. The focus will be on "energy, manufacturing and technology." Afternoon tours are planned, along with a Winnipeg, Canada, tour for those interested.

President Lund advised the board of their need to appoint from its membership a new vice president due to Bruce Wall's resignation. (Bylaws require this appointment be from the current board.) A motion was made by Trotman/Jacka to appoint David Skinner to this position. David Skinner then moved to amend the motion by striking out his own name and inserting the name of John Trotman—the amendment was seconded by Charles Springs. The motion as amended was approved unanimously (with Trotman abstaining) appointing John Trotman to serve the remainder of Bruce Wall's term as vice president.

Nominating Committee: President Lund appointed Charles Springs as nominating committee chair. Springs will select two other members from the NARRC membership reporting their names to President Lund and Secy/Treas Eagan for publication in the June Newsletter.

Audit Committee: President Lund appointed Kim Porter as audit committee chair. Porter will select two other members from the NARRC membership and report their names to President Lund and Secy/Treas Eagan for publication in the June Newsletter.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



GROUNDS OF GRAND HOTEL MARRIOTT (Photos by Roald Lund)



NARRC Officers, Directors, Alabama hosts and guests attending the Mid-Year Planning Meeting at the Grand Hotel Marriott. Pictured above left to right is Roald Lund, Kim Porter, Charles Springs, Don Jacka, Homer Lewis, David Skinner, Horace Horn, J. Lee Alley, Jeannie Eagan, John Trotman, Martha and John Woeste. Vernon Eagan is pictured in the photo at right.



NARRC Planners enjoy the atmosphere at Oak Hollow Farm—the selected site for September's Tuesday evening dinner. This is a third generation farm with an old fashioned barn dance type facility.

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News items for the next Rural Rehabilitation Reports due out in January 2008 are requested from member states. Send articles for publishing that would be of interest to the membership to: Vernon Eagan, NARRC Secretary/Treasurer, 4408 Dawson Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72116 or email: egnljj@swbell.net.

In Remembrance

Long-time NARRC friend, **Richard "Dick" Grabemeyer**, secy/treas of Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corp, passed away April 29, 2007, at the age of 89. Dick served on the MRRC board for 25 years and 23 years as secy/treas.

Former director and vice president of South Carolina Rural Rehab Corp, **Ed Pittman**, died on May 12, 2007. He had experienced very poor health since retiring from the board in June, 2006.

Deepest sympathies are extended to the families of these dedicated gentlemen.

Future NARRC Annual Conferences:

2007

September 23-26

Grand Hotel Marriott—Point Clear, AL
(www.marriottgrand.com)

Hosts: John Trotman/J. Lee Alley

2008

September 27-October 1

Ramada Plaza Hotel—Fargo, ND
(www.ramadafargo.com)

Host: Bill Fortier

2009

September 19-23

Park Place Hotel—Traverse City, MI
(www.park-place-hotel.com)

Host: Marion Weers

REMINDER

**NEW PROGRAM RECOGNITION
(NPR) AWARD**

Submit your new program entry to:

**Vernon L. Eagan
NARRC Secy/Treas**

**no later than July 15, 2007
(entry form enclosed.)**

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