

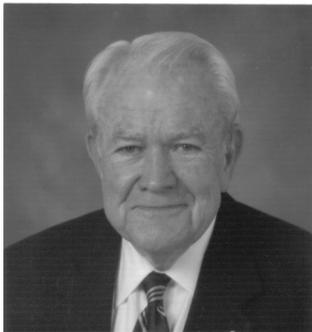
Rural Rehabilitation

REPORTS



June 2008

President's Message—By John Trotman



Dear Reader,

Your NARRC Board is very excited about the prospects for a timely and informative meeting in Fargo, on September 27—October 1, 2008.

Your planning group was met with a well-planned, tentative

program presented by the North Dakota Board for our fall meeting. Energy and alternatives to making money on the farm will be addressed, plus several planned tours for you to experience and take home useful information.

Every meeting hosted by the North Dakota Rural Rehab Corporation has provided something unique, different, and of interest to our group. A few years ago during one of the tours, the group enjoyed a wonderful home-cooked country dinner by a rural community group of ladies in a colorful old rural community center. On another occasion, we were delighted with learning the history of

flour milling in North Dakota, plus we learned of the extensive, almost inexhaustible supply of coal that is being stripped from the countryside and how the top soil is then placed back leaving an undisturbed appearance. Coal that is being processed and burned to produce electricity on the spot near where it is mined.

On behalf of the NARRC Board, we encourage you to share a copy of the enclosed advance tentative agenda with your boards and staff and begin making plans to be a part of the 2008 Annual Meeting.

HOST STATE INVITATION By Roald Lund

Dear Reader,

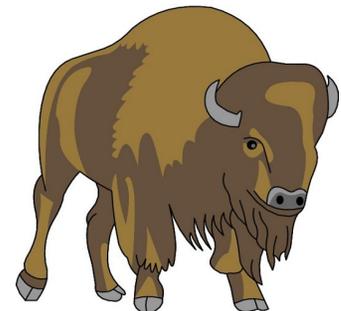
This note is to encourage you to pull out your atlas and date book and locate Fargo, North Dakota; and in your date book circle **September 27, 28, 29, 30, and October 1** for the NARRC Annual Meeting.

You really should plan on spending several extra days in this “most rural area of the United States.” We have fun “native”

events before and after the convention, such as: “Sodbuster Days” in Fort Ransom and the “Norsk Hostfest” in Minot. Also, in addition to the Hjemkomst Center, there is the interesting Plains Art Museum; and plus there’s shopping in Winnipeg, Canada—less than 200 miles north. Bring your passport for Canada.

So, on behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors for the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, we extend a warm and personal welcome to you and your guests as you explore the Red

River Valley of the north and enjoy our late summer weather. Bring a jacket—the days are warm, the nights are cool.



Report of the NARRC BOD Mid-Year Planning Meeting

April 29, 2008, in Fargo, North Dakota

By Vernon Eagan

Call to Order: The Mid-Year Planning Meeting of the 2007-08 Board of Directors was called to order by President John Trotman on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Etude Room of the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo, North Dakota, with all board members present. A quorum was established. Also present were Terese Berg, Jim Tessmer, Bill Fortier (North Dakota), and Jeannie Eagan.

Invocation and Opening Remarks: The invocation was given by Vice President Kim Porter. President Trotman opened the meeting by expressing appreciation for the letters and kind remarks from member states regarding Alabama's hosting the 2007 conference.

Minutes and Reports: Upon motion by Tenorio/Gary, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Pre-Conference Board Meeting held September 23, 2007.

Upon motion by Tenorio/Gary, the Board approved the minutes—as read and previously distributed—of the Post-Conference Board Meeting held September 26, 2007.

A detailed report of the secretary's activities was given by Vernon Eagan. (A copy of that report is attached to the filed minutes.)

The financial report was given by Secy/Treas Vernon Eagan. Upon motion by Jacka/Weiss, the Board approved the report as presented and to be filed for audit. (A copy of that report is attached to the filed minutes.)

The Website Committee recommended that NARRC begin paying website manager Megan Longoria at a rate of \$20 per hour for work performed on the NARRC Website. Upon recommendation by the Website Committee, the Board voted unanimously to pay Megan at the rate of \$20 per hour for website work.

2008 Annual Meeting: North Dakota hosts Roald Lund, Bill Fortier, Jim Tessmer, and Terese Berg briefed the Board regarding the annual meeting agenda and planned scheduled activities—speakers in the mornings with the tours in the afternoons. ***NOTE: A COPY OF THE TENTATIVE AGENDA INCLUDED WITH JUNE NEWSLETTER.***

2009 Annual Meeting: Director Weers reported that our 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on September 20-23, 2009, in Traverse City, Michigan, at the historic Park Place Hotel. The focus will be on "local agriculture and the maritime industry." A tour of the Leelanau peninsula loop is planned for Tuesday and includes NW Michigan Horticulture Research Station, a cherry farm, an antique apple orchard, etc. An optional tour is planned for Saturday, September 19th to Mackinac City if enough interest is expressed.

The Board decided on May 5-6, 2009, as the date to conduct the 2009 Mid-Year Planning Meeting to be held at the Park Place Hotel to ensure the room rate of \$99.00.

2010 Annual Meeting: Director Gary advised that the 2010

Annual Meeting will be held on September 26-29, 2010, at the Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center, in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Olive Branch is located about 25/30 minutes from Memphis International Airport and/or from downtown Memphis.

2011 Annual Meeting: A conference call was conducted with Steve Gallagher of Palmer, Alaska, in connection with Alaska's desire to host the annual meeting in 2011 and to determine if that would be feasible—time frame (possibly in late July rather than in September), the best location (Anchorage vs. Palmer), and travel expense for delegates. Alaska will be present in Fargo to answer any concerns and accept guidance from the delegates as to their wishes.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Chairman Roald Lund and committee members were present to discuss their recommendation with regard to an increase in membership dues and/or increasing the delegate/guest registration fees to annual meetings.

Upon motion by Jacka/Tenorio, the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the delegate body that the Annual State Dues as stated in the Bylaws be raised from \$100 to \$150. In addition, the dollar amount in the policy statement authorizing NARRC to give funds to the host state each year to offset their costs of hosting the annual meeting be increased from \$2000 to \$3,500. (The policy statement is not a part of the Bylaws.)

(Rationale: The increase in Annual State Dues would help keep down the costs of delegate/guest registration fees to annual meetings by passing on these additional funds—a total of up to \$3,500—to the host state each year, if requested.)

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws: *(In keeping with NARRC's Bylaws, official notice will be sent to the states 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the above recommendation to be ratified by the delegate body and to amend the Bylaws: Page 1, "Dues" Section, first paragraph, second sentence of the bylaws by striking out \$100 and inserting \$150. The amended bylaws after the dollar change would read: Thereafter, annual membership dues shall be \$150 per year, unless otherwise amended by a majority of the membership at any meeting of this Association, and shall be payable by each member Organization promptly following January 1st of each year.)*

Nominating Committee: President Trotman advised that the nominating committee will be appointed next week and the names published in the June Newsletter.

Audit Committee: President Trotman advised that the audit committee will also be appointed next week and the names published in the June Newsletter.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Members of the NARRC BOD and host state inside the Hjemkomst Center and connecting Plains Art Museum in East Fargo at the close of the 2008 Mid-Year Planning Meeting.

(Viking ship in background was built in 1971 by local teacher Robert Asp. The vessel sailed to Bergen, Norway—a 72-day voyage.)

**West Acres Shopping Center
3902 13th Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota**

A permanent shrine to a reluctant hero. Roger Maris



When approached with the idea of creating a museum in his honor, New York Yankee outfielder Roger Maris, who hailed from Fargo, initially declined out of humility. Eventually, though, he would say, "Put it where people will see it, and where they won't have to pay for it." Maris is best known for hitting sixty-one home runs in 1961. His 61 in

The Roger Maris Museum is located a block away from the Ramada Plaza Hotel in the West Acres Shopping Center and is free to the public.

The rooms at the Ramada Plaza are spacious suites with excellent meeting and dining facilities—all under superb management. The rooms and meals are reasonably priced.

Take time now to look over your North Dakota materials handed out last fall and plan to spend some extra time on your own in this unique and beautiful state.

Registration packets will be mailed by North Dakota in late July/early August.

61 set a new major league record, breaking Babe Ruth's previous mark of 60 hit in 1927.

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Tate and Wendy Rusk (CO) at the 2007 NARRC meeting in Point Clear, AL. Tate will be serving as a member of the 2008 Audit Committee.

Future NARRC Annual Conferences

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

2010

September 26-29, 2010
Whispering Woods Hotel— Olive Branch, MS
(www.wvconferencecenter.com)
Host: John Teel

REMINDER

NEW PROGRAM RECOGNITION (NPR) AWARD

Submit your new program entry to:

Vernon L. Eagan
NARRC Secy/Treas

no later than July 15, 2008
(entry form enclosed.)

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News items for the next Rural Rehabilitation Reports due out in January 2009 are requested from member states. Send articles for publishing that would be of interest to the membership to: Vernon Eagan, Secretary/Treasurer, NARRC, 4408 Dawson Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72116, or email: egnavljj@swbell.net.