



Agriculture foundation to hold annual meeting Nov. 14

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Oct. 28, 2013 - The 2013 Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) Annual Meeting will be held Thurs., Nov. 14, 2013 in Manhattan. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a lunch following. The meeting will take place at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, where the KFAC office is located.

KFAC executive director, Cathy Musick, board chair, Bill Wood, and 2013 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year, Angela Black, will present information about their respective roles over the past year.

Angela Black is a kindergarten teacher at Walton Rural Life Center in Newton, Kan. She incorporates agriculture in her classroom in many ways including environmental lesson plans so her students understand how agriculture affects all aspects of our lives. Black brings ag literacy to the forefront of her classroom by allowing students to understand the influence of agriculture from farm to plate. Black uses project-based learning to integrate agriculture into her teaching. Black was honored in March and attended the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., in June. Her trip was sponsored by High Plains Journal.

Bill Spiegel, Manhattan, has been nominated for the chair-elect position on the board of directors. Spiegel owns and operates a 4th generation family farm near Randall in Jewell County. A 1993 graduate of Kansas State University, his work experience includes 10 years as editor of Kansas Farmer publication, and five years as director of communications for the Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. He is married to Julie and they have twin boys. He is a member of the American Agriculture Editors Association and serves on the boards of directors for the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and No-till on the Plains.

During the meeting, the board of directors for KFAC will also elect five directors. Those nominated for 3-year terms include:

Jim Adams, Manhattan

Jim Adams is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist for Kansas State University, and has served as a 4-H Youth Development faculty member since 1976. He has served on the KFAC board of directors since 1989, and has held many of the officer positions, including chair, chair-elect, past chair, and treasurer. He has also served on the finance, endowment and internal affairs committees. Adams manages over 700 acres of rangeland in southwest Barber County. He and his wife, Mary Jane, live in Manhattan and have two children and two grandsons.

Doug Haverkamp, Manhattan

Doug Haverkamp has 26 years of banking-related experience, currently serving as Market President in

Manhattan's Central National Bank. Doug came to Central National Bank from USDA, having worked in the county, district, state, and national office levels of the former Farmers Home Administration, now Farm Service Agency. Haverkamp is a native of Seneca, Kan., and graduated from Nemaha Valley High School. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics and finance. He and his wife, Laura, reside in rural Manhattan with one son remaining at home, Nicholas. Two older sons, Anthony and Jacob have graduated from Kansas State University with degrees in Construction Science and Agricultural Economics, respectively.

Roberta Spencer, Circleville

Roberta Spencer has served on the KFAC board since November 1999 and has held the positions of chair, vice-chair, secretary, education and membership committee chair. She is currently employed as the Jackson County Conservation District Manager, a position she has held for 27 years. She promotes KFAC's art contest with the local schools in the county. Her first contact with KFAC began in 1986 while attending a luncheon with a local teacher who attended KFAC's summer course. She also nominated a local middle school teacher, Mary Schulz, who in fact previously won KFAC's Teacher of the Year award. She has served as the Chair of Kansas Envirothon for the last three years, serves on the Holton FFA Advisory Board, and also the NEK Local Environmental Protection Advisory Board. She and her husband, David, live west of Circleville, Kan., and both have off-farm jobs. They own a cow-calf operation and have three children and seven grandchildren.

Mary Anne Stoskopf, Hoisington

Mary Anne Stoskopf and her husband, Dean, farm in the Hoisington community, operating a 4th generation family farm that produces wheat, grain sorghum, alfalfa, and Red Angus cattle. They have two grown children, Julie Debes and Wayne Stoskopf, both graduates of Kansas State University College of Agriculture. Stoskopf has served on the KFAC board since 2000, and she has served as chair, chair-elect, secretary, and education committee chair. She was very involved in the production of KFAC's first educator's guides and Kansas Kids Connection student magazines, as well as the Exploring Kansas Natural Resources Educator's Guide and the recently released Exploring Plants: Kansas Crops Educator's Guide.

Trent Winter, Clifton

Trent Winter is a Kansas State University graduate in Animal Science and Business Management. He owns and operates a 4th generation cattle and wheat, corn, grain sorghum and soybean farm with his wife, Connie. He has two sons, Barrett and his wife Casey, who reside in Olathe, Kan., and Blade, a junior in high school, planning on attending K-State. Winter also owns a custom spreading business, Wintergreen Spreading. Winter has served 20 years on the Washington County Conservation District, serving as chairman for 19 of the 20 years. He's served as chairman and has been on multiple committees for the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC). His wife, Connie, is a middle school math teacher and the curriculum director at Clifton-Clyde Middle School.

All KFAC friends and donors are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. For those interested in attending, please contact the KFAC office by calling [785-320-4350](tel:785-320-4350) or emailing ksfac@ksu.edu to register by Nov. 1, 2013. The registration fee is \$15 per person, which includes lunch.

About Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. KFAC was founded in 1982 as part of a nationwide initiative to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. For more information, visit www.ksagclassroom.org or phone [\(785\) 320-4350](tel:785-320-4350).

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