

MEMORANDUM

To: All Conservation District Directors
Conservation District Employees
NRCS Employees
OACD Associate Members

From: Scotty Herriman, President

Date: January, 2008

Subj: 70th Annual OACD Meeting – February 24, 25, 26 2008

PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

The 2008 OACD annual meeting is right around the corner!!! This year we will be changing our format with a focus on more intensive break-out sessions for District Directors and Employees. These sessions will consist of “Conservation College” to increase the knowledge of your directors and employees on various topics. Please note that the business meeting has changed to Monday Afternoon to allow for more focus on these issues.

HOTEL – The 2008 State Meeting will be held February 24, 25, 26 2008 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. The location is I-40 and Sooner Road. The Sheraton Midwest City Hotel, which is connected to the Reed Center itself, will serve as the headquarters hotel. Reservations for the Sheraton is 405-455-1800.

The satellite hotels, all within 100 yards of the conference center include the Hawthorne Inn at 405-737-7777, The Holiday Inn Express at 405-736-1000 and the Hampton Inn and Suites at 405-732-5500. Smoking rooms are available at the Hawthorne Inn. Both the Sheraton and Hampton Inns are smoke free. The rooms at each hotel are \$81. **The cut-off date for reservations is January 25, 2008.** When you call just ask for the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting rate.

Any changes or cancellations must be made directly with the hotel.

MEETING REGISTRATION –Attached is a registration form. Please make copies, as needed, including copies for NRCS employees. Everyone (except the spouse of a paid registrant) must pay a registration fee. **Payment must be mailed (NO FAXES) with your registration form. Please note the pre-registration deadline in February 13th (registrations must be received in OCC by the 13th or regular registration will be applied).** Complete and mail your registration form, (along with your check payable to **OACD**), to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 160, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

No refunds for registration or meals will be made after February 19th.

SPEECH CONTEST & YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM – The speech contest is scheduled to begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 24, 2008.** Check-in for Division I and Division II contestants will be on the second floor of the Reed Center. Contestants must be checked in by 1:15 p.m. Districts are responsible for making all necessary arrangements for their contestants. The Youth Awards Program will begin at 4:00 p.m. Districts need to make arrangements for

essay and poster winners to be present to accept their awards or have a director to accept the award on their behalf.

AWARDS LUNCHEON – The awards luncheon will be on Tuesday, Feb. 26. OACD encourages you to attend the luncheon to recognize each of the very deserving recipients.

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BREAKFAST – Paula Templeton, President of OACDE, has arranged a breakfast and program on Monday, February 25th at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to register if you plan to attend.

OACD AUXILIARY PROGRAM – On Monday, February 25, the Auxiliary will tour the historic Skirvin Hotel, followed by a luncheon. In the afternoon the participants will tour the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. A special exhibition, “Sharing Hope: One stitch at a Time,” will be showing at the museum. The exhibition will display the 21-foot -long National Memorial Quilt as well as other handmade commemorative quilts and textiles from around the world.

Everyone is welcome to the Tuesday morning complimentary buffet breakfast, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and hosted by OACD. The Kay County Conservation District, winner of NACD’s 2007 District Excellence Award for Education and Stewardship, will share samples of its educational programming. The Auxiliary will be treated to a Centennial Puppet Show featuring “OKIE the farmer,” “Bessie the Cow,” and “Grandpa” as they explain the importance of agriculture and conservation to Oklahoma.

AUCTION- Again this year a silent and live auction will be held. OACD, OACDE and the Auxiliary are sponsoring the event. The silent auction will be Sunday and Monday. The live auction will be at the conclusion of the legislative banquet. **However, for the auction to be successful we are asking Conservation Districts, Directors, Employees and Auxiliary Members to bring items. Bring your auction items to the registration area by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday or as soon as possible.**

DON’T FORGET YOUR LEGISLATORS - OACD will send invitations to your legislators for the reception and banquet on Monday evening. **It is very important that you follow-up with a special invitation from your District by contacting them.** You should make arrangements to meet your legislators at a given location prior to the reception and/or the banquet. **The reception will at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet will be at 7:00 p.m.** OACD will provide the legislators complimentary drink tickets for the reception and banquet tickets.

SUNDAY HOWDY SOCIAL – Build your own ice cream sundae, cookies, soft drinks and socializing is planned at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. Fun, Fellowship and the kickoff to the meeting.

QUESTIONS? – Contact Clay Pope (405) 699-2087

Attached: Registration Form
 Tentative Agenda

PLEASE CHECK THE OACD AND OCC WEBSITES FOR UPDATES ON THE AGENDA!!

REGISTRATION
70th Annual Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts Meeting
February 24, 25, 26 2008
Reed Center– Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Please Print

REGISTRANT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE NAME: *(Only if attending – no registration fee)* _____

	No.	Fee	Amount
Pre Registration only (before February 12, 2008)	_____	\$ 90.00	_____
Registration only (after February 12, 2008)	_____	\$100.00	_____
Pre Registration Package (not available after February 12, 2008) (includes Registration, 1 Monday Lunch, 1 Legislative Banquet & 1 Tuesday Lunch)	_____	\$150.00	_____
District Employee's Breakfast	_____	\$ 20.00	_____
Monday Luncheon	_____	\$ 30.00	_____
Monday Legislative Banquet	_____	\$ 35.00	_____
Tuesday Awards Luncheon	_____	\$ 25.00	_____
Auxiliary Program (includes tour and lunch)	_____	\$ 40.00	_____
Howdy Social	_____	\$ 8.00	_____
		TOTAL	_____

Mail Form and Check (payable to OACD) to:
Oklahoma Conservation Commission
2800 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 160
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

NO REFUNDS FOR REGISTRATION OR MEALS AFTER FEBRUARY 19, 2008

2008 OACD STATE MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA

Date: February 24, 25, 26, 2008

Place: Reed Conference Center

Meeting Theme: Oklahoma Conservation: Exerting Influence; Leading by Example.

Sunday, February 24

1:00-5:00 Registration
1:00-5:00 Trade Show
1:00-4:00 OACD Auxiliary Greeting Room
1:00-8:00 Silent Auction
1:30 Speech Contest
2:00 OACDE Executive Board Meeting
2:00 OACD Resolutions Committee Meeting
3:00 OACD Nominations Committee Meeting
4:00 Youth Awards Program
5:00 Inspiration Time
7:00 Howdy Social and conservation movie night

Monday, February 25

7:30 OACDE Breakfast & Program
7:30 Registration
8:00-4:00 Silent Auction and trade show

9:00 General Session
Congressman Frank Lucas (invited)
Krysta Harden, NACD Executive Director (invited)

9:30 Auxiliary Tour & Lunch

10:30 Breakout Sessions: Conservation College
Class 1: Water Quality
Class 2: Watershed dams
Class 3: Day to Day District Operations
Class 4: District Employees—who you are and what you do.

11:45 Luncheon
Scott Meacham, State Treasurer (invited)

1:30 Breakout Sessions: Conservation College continues

2:45 OACD Business Meeting and Leadership development program
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NRCS Employees Meeting

6:00 Legislative Reception
7:00 Legislative Banquet, Awards, Live Auction
9:00 Dance

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 OACD Past President's Breakfast
8:30 Auxiliary Breakfast & Program

9:00 General Session
Rep. Dale DeWitt (invited)
Sen. Charles Wyrick (invited)

10:00 Breakout Sessions: Conservation College seminars
Session 1: Carbon Sequestration—what's on the horizon?
Session 2: District Directors—who you are and what you do.
Session 3: Conservation Education—knowledge is power
Session 4: Exerting influence—shaping opinions in politics and media

11:45 Luncheon:
The Honorable George Nigh, Past Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

1:30 OACD Executive Board Meeting