



PACIFIC REGION CHECK-IN

Alaska, American Samoa, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Palau, Washington

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

Welcome and Introductions of Attendees

- See list of attendees at the end of document.

Discussion: Trouble Shooting Zoom and Virtual Board Meeting Questions

- Review of upcoming board meeting, with no questions or issues from attendees

Pacific Region Dues Updates (as of July 7, 2020):

- Districts can pay FY20 districts through September.
- NACD sent the most recent dues notices on July 1, 2020.
- Tom Wehri encouraged board members to reach out to their respective districts to encourage dues payments.
- Documents to support membership outreach are available on the [Board of Directors](#) and the [Pacific Region Webpages](#).

State	Dues FY-2020	# of State's Members	% of State's Members		Dues FY-2019	Dues FY-2018
Alaska	\$1,825.00	5 of 12	41.67%		\$2,156.00	\$2,060.00
American Samoa						
California	\$9,565.00	25 of 93	26.88%		\$16,582.00	\$11,230.00
Federated States of Micronesia						
Guam	\$775.00	1 of 3	33.3%		\$775.00	\$775.00
Hawaii	\$850.00	17 of 17	100.0%		\$850.00	\$850.00
Idaho	\$17,587.00	41 of 51	80.39%		\$18,646.00	\$15,478.50
Northern Mariana Islands						
Oregon	\$17,683.25	28 of 46	60.87%		\$14,801.00	\$13,752.00
Palau						
Washington	\$24,729.00	39 of 46	84.78%		\$27,103.00	\$24,257.50
Grand Total	\$73,014.25	156 of 274	39.4%		\$80,913.00	\$68,403.00

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Discussion: Diversity Equity and Inclusion

- NACD passed a [Board Statement](#) at the July 20, 2020 virtual board meeting
- The District Operations and Membership Services committee is working on collecting resources for district use ([available online here](#)).
- After approval, these resources will be linked on a public NACD site. They will also help inform training modules to be offered as part of the [District Officials Training Program](#)
- NACD will look to work with State Associations and Districts to continue work related to DEI.
 - o CARCD has done extensive training of both board and staff and continues to commit to this topic. Karen Buhr has offered to support anyone who may have questions about how to start DEI activities.
- Please contact Ariel Rivers with any questions, suggestions, or concerns

Discussion: 2020 State Association Meetings – Adjustments for COVID-19

- Washington, California and Oregon are all likely to hold virtual meetings in the fall
- The Executive Directors for each state association will continue to discuss regionally the potential opportunities for support across the region.

Roundtable State Updates

Alaska:

- Work has continued through zoom, which has been a helpful tool without travel
- Districts are continuously encouraged to connect with NACD, and reminded they have a national voice through the association
- Two recent media pieces highlighting district activity:
 - o AACD participated in a statewide advertisement highlighting agricultural activity as it continues: [Farmers Feed Alaska](#)
 - o Homer SWCD is partnering on a [Homer Grown](#) podcast, with several episodes already available online.

California:

- We welcome new NACD Board Member, Rick Gomez from Inland Empire RCD
- Paul Williams has stepped down from his NACD activities

Guam:

- Focused on implementing several programs, including feral swine activities and working on long-range planning
- Finding great success with employees in both Southern and Northern Guam SWCDs
- Some challenges implementing EQIP programs due to cost of materials
- Partnerships between districts and others for education and outreach at local schools, and distributing food products (in collaboration with the Farmers Co-Op)

Hawaii:

- Lack of tourism is impacting the state, especially as it is not likely to return at the same level any time soon

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- Some individuals are looking at backyard gardens and are then less likely to purchase from farmers. However, existing farmers need to stay viable without the tourism market. Districts and others are looking at longer term strategies to help support
- The districts are also trying to figure out how to continue the land judging contest under current conditions

Oregon:

- Working to support districts with COVID reopening.
- Some individual districts are taking up DEI issues and have statements from district board

Pacific Islands Area:

- Additional staff to be appointed to Palau and Federated States of Micronesia, to be tasked with strengthening district capacity
- CNMI furloughed staff due to COVID
- Staff in American Samoa are coordinating with Guam and others on issues related to technical assistance

Washington:

- Washington will likely see a 15% budget cut
- WACD is working to strengthen communications and transparency with districts
- Districts have been good at adapting to current situations

Outcomes:

- Through a poll, 18 attendees voted on whether to continue zoom check-ins, with 44% voting for bi-monthly meetings, 33% voting for monthly, and 22% voting for quarterly. ***Ariel will schedule a regular time bi-monthly, and those available can call in as they choose.***
- With ongoing calls, we can focus on Pacific region issues that are common across the states instead, for example:
 - o Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - o Small-scale conservation via backyard gardens and school gardens
 - o Long-term viability of farmers and farming communities.
- The State Association Executive Directors and staff will meet at least bi-monthly to discuss virtual meetings and other topics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Pacific Bi-Monthly Zoom Call, Sept. 1, 2020, 4-5 PM (Pacific Time)
- 2021 NACD Annual Meeting, Feb. 6-10, 2021 – *New Orleans, LA*

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