

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this finds you all doing well. As president of WAAE, I personally hope that your start of the year has been rewarding, fulfilling, & successful as you get to know your students. Please feel free to contact your representatives or myself, if you have questions about items. Here are some informational pieces for you.

### **WAAE Information**

If you are currently not a member of WAAE, please view our website at the following address for more information: <http://www.waae.com/membership/> WAAE is a great professional association with various benefits please refer to the website or contact a sectional representative with questions. The **representatives** can be found on the following site: <http://www.waae.com/contact/>. Please peruse the WAAE website for all upcoming events – [www.waae.com](http://www.waae.com)

### **Sectional Awards**

Congratulations to all the sectional nominees! Please note all awards are due on *December 28th*. To submit a state level award they must be sent to the WAAE office. Applications may be submitted in paper form and sent to 1172 Hummingbird Lane, Plymouth, WI 53073. Please note December 28th is a received by date not a postmark date.

If you email the application it must be in one pdf file.  
Emailed applications can be sent to [Bridgett@WAAE.com](mailto:Bridgett@WAAE.com)

The applications that are due by this date are the following:

- Outstanding Young Member (state form)
- Outstanding Educator (state form)
- Teacher Turn the Key (form off of NAAE website)
- Outstanding Post-Secondary Adult Ag Ed Program (state form)
- Agri-Science Teacher (form from NAAE website)
- Outstanding Program
- Farm Business Production Management Award (state only award)

More information is on the following link: <http://www.waae.com/awards/>

### **Teacher's World Opportunities**

Please stop by NAAE's Teacher World at National FFA Convention as there are many educational opportunities available for all instructors. Please refer to the following for more information -

<http://www.naae.org/prodev/teachersworld.html>

### **2014 NATTA Applications Now Available**

The DuPont National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy provides teachers the opportunity to learn how to incorporate more science into their curriculum, to make learning fun and challenging for students. More specific information can be found with this link -

<http://www.naae.org/prodev/nataa.html>

### **NAAE Regional News**

Here is the information from our regional representative Terry Rieckman -

<http://communities.naae.org/blogs/regionIII/2013/09/22/convention-time-something-for-everyone>

### **NAAE Convention**

If you are attending the NAAE Convention, please let Bridgett know so that we have a correct count of WAAE members. If you haven't reserved your room yet, the room block closes on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Room rates are \$49/ night Monday – Thursday and \$72/night Friday-Saturday. Please let Bridgett know your travel plans as soon as you secure them. More information about the convention can be found at <http://www.naae.org/convention/index.html>

### **Facebook Links**

If you are a facebook user, please like this page as it will give you regional information. Here is the link - <https://www.facebook.com/NAAE3>

If you are not a facebook user, please refer to this address for NAAE's monthly updates: <http://communities.naae.org/blogs/bottomline>

For those of you traveling to National Convention enjoy the energizing, educational experience and wishing you safe travels! Thank you for all you do for students, FFA members, and your communities!

Sincerely,

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