Louisiana CCA Board Meeting
October 21, 2014

Place: Rapides Parish Extension Office, Alexandria, La.

Board Members Present: John Fontane, Rustin Gilder, Josh Zaunbrecher, J Stevens, Menko Thompson, Dan Didier and Past Board Member Fran Deville

Meeting commenced at 1:30pm

Topics Discussed were:

1) La CCA currently has a cash balance of approximately $13,000. Several suggestions on how to best utilize these funds were discussed. Suggestions included
   a) Purchasing of equipment to allow CCA to scan their phone when attending educational sessions.
   b) scholarships
   c) reducing cost of educational meeting for CCA's

2) It was noted that 2 persons took the August 2014 CCA exams. Neither passed. It was also noted that ICCA no longer will reveal who passed or failed CCA exams but will reveal the percentage of persons passing and failing. It was also noted that John Lee and Huston Condrey passed the February 2014 exams and are now CCA's

3) Board members were asked to promote the February 6, 2015 CCA exam as they meet potential CCA's. The registration period for this exam began October 6th and ends December 5th.

4) ICCA had a proposal to lower CEU requirements from 40 hours to 35 hours. This proposal failed. ICCA did away with the leniency period. It will be harder for CCA's who have less than 40 CEU's in their cycle to get leniency. It is undetermined when this will go into affect.

5) Dr. Rogers Leonard approached John Fontane about the LSU Ag Center assisting the CCA program with online education sessions. CCA taking these online sessions will be able to be monitored thru a log in system.

6) Eric Welsh with ICCA will try to come to Louisiana in December to meet with graduate or undergraduate students about the CCA program. He would like to meet with the La. CCA Board.

7) 31 CCA's educational cycle ends Dec. 2014. 14 of these have enough CEU's. 17 are short. All 17 have been informed via email of their status. It was noted that some of these 17 were surprised of being short CEU's.

8) NRCS (Chris Coriel) will try to make available to CCA members on line study sessions. He says these sessions are already available. He needs to see how to utilize these sessions.

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm