LOUISIANA CCA BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Place: LSUA Extension Office

Board Members Present: Marty Pousson, John Fontane, Lloyd Glenn, Robert Prince, Mike Venable, Rustin Gilder

Meeting came to order at 3:30pm

Topics of Discussion were:

1) John presented a copy and explanation of the updated financial statement detailing all income and expenses for the current year. This statement agrees with ICCA accrued financial statement.

2) Board agreed to continue education meeting relationship with LSU Ag Center and LACA, Louisiana Ag. Consultants Association.

3) Proposed educational sessions for 2008 will be a Soil and Fertility Workshop in Crowley, La. in February and a Rice Management meeting in October in Alexandria. Exact dates to be announced later.

4) La. CCA will loose two members, Ken Lanier who has retired from Royster Clark and Jason Gray who has moved to Alabama. At least three people have stated interest in taking the exam in February 2008. John asked board members to get addresses of people interested in taking the test and he will mail to them the current International and State performance objectives.

5) John discussed with board that our Performance Objectives and Exam needs to be updated by Nov. 2008.

6) It was mentioned that LACA is offering scholarships and that other organizations such as LAIA, Louisiana Seedman's Association also offers scholarships. This information needs to get out to the public ag community.

7) The new ICCA promotional brochure was distributed to the board. Board had previously agreed to continue ads in the Louisiana Farm and Ranch magazine in 2008 and this brochure would be incorporated into the ad. John stressed to the board that he needs pictures for the ads of current La. CCA's checking crops. An article will be published in the LF&R in 2008 which will list the names and employers of all LA. CCA's. This is an effort to show the farmers who is a CCA. Ruston Gilder suggested that the title of the article be "Is Your Crop Adviser Certified?"

8) John informed board that ICCA is experimenting with using Scan Cards in the future as a way to certify hours at educational sessions.

9) At least 8 states will conduct experimental programs between CCA and NRCS's Technical Service Provider Program. This will certainly increase the credibility of the CCA program in the future.
10) John informed the board of the excess call he is getting from LA. CCA's about unreported CEU hours. Efforts to correct this problem are ongoing. However, the "problem" is looked at in a positive manner because it shows that members are serious about the program and concerned about maintaining their educational efforts.

11) Marty Pousson informed the board of the various meetings, dates and locations that will be held in 2008. Each of these will be posted on the La. CCA web site.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm