Louisiana CCA Board Meeting Minutes For February 12, 2009

Place: Baymont Inn and Suites, Alexandria, La.

Board Members Present: John Fontane, Marty Pousson, Fran Deville, Robert Prince, Rustin Gilder, Lloyd Glenn

Meeting Came to Order at 1:00pm
Topics Discussed were:

1) Unaudited Financial Report as of 12-31-08 was presented to the board. John explained the reimbursement of expenses to Gary McCauley who spoke at the Rice Meeting in Oct. 2008.

2) It was noted that per information from Laurie Karr, that 72 members have currently paid 2009 dues. There are 6 members whose CEU cycle ended 12-2008 who were short on CEU's. Four of these have over 25 CEU hours. Two of these have less than 10 hours. The four members with over 25 CEU hours will be contacted and asked to submit a letter if they want to remain in the CCA program.

3) It was explained that Paul Harris who took his test in August 2008 will receive his CCA number this month. Luther Smith will be contacted to see why this is taking so long.

4) Marty Pousson reported that he may no longer be able to administer the CCA exam unless it is given in Baton Rouge. It was decided to wait and see if this problem works itself out.

5) John reported that Luther Smith will try to work out something with ASA on getting the La. CCA exam rewritten. Fran suggested that LSU specialist be contacted to submit questions for the exam. This has been attempted before with unsuccessful results. Rustin wanted to know who writes the exams for the LDAF. Marty reported that outsiders are contacted to write the questions.

6) It was reported the NRCS has funds available to fund Technical Service Providers. The possible conflict with La. state law in CCA receiving funds for this service was discussed.

7) Five persons took the CCA exam in February. It is possible that several LSU Parish Agents may want to take the exam in August 2009.

8) John reported that there is still a favorable relationship with CCA, LACA and LSU.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm