

# NATIONAL AG IN THE CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

## Committees and Special Appointments – 2018 - 19

### Standing Committees

#### EXECUTIVE

##### **\*Will Fett, President (IA)**

Tammy Maxey, President-Elect (VA)  
Willie Grenier, Past President (ME)  
Tonya Wible, Secretary – Eastern (PA)  
Katie Carpenter, Treasurer – Eastern (NY)  
Audrey Harmon, Southern (OK)  
Scott Christmas, Southern (KY)  
Courtney Schaaradt, Central (NE)  
Darlene Arneson, Central (WI)  
Jessica Jansen, Western (OR)  
Amber Smyer, Western (NV)

#### FINANCE

Works with the executive director to develop the organization's annual budget and submit it to the executive committee and full membership for approval.

Committee Members:

##### **\*Treasurer- Katie Carpenter - Eastern (NY)**

Amber Smyer, Western (NV)  
Tammy Maxey, Southern (VA)  
Darlene Arneson, Central (WI)

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Assist in the promotion of NAITCO and AITC programs including e-newsletters and developing a communications plan.

Committee Members:

Courtney Schaaradt, Central (NE)  
**\*Audrey Harmon, Southern (OK)**  
Jennifer Scharpe, Western (CO)  
Mary Beth Bennett, Eastern (WV)

### Special Appointments/Assignments

#### OUTREACH LIAISON

Stay abreast of current legislation and government programs that may affect NAITCO and make reports/recommendations to executive committee.

**Diane Olson, Central – Missouri**

#### LITERATURE

Provide a book review for the quarterly newsletter and assist with bulk book purchases for NAITCO members.

Committee Members:

**Kevin Daugherty, Central – Illinois**

### Ad Hoc Committees

#### AWARDS and RECOGNITION

Oversee NAITCO awards programs including, but not limited to, the Ag Advocate Award and the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award programs.

Committee Members:

##### **\*Jessica Jansen, Western (OR)**

Melanie Gaebe, Central (ND)  
Jett Mason, Southern (TX)  
Debbi Cox, Eastern (NH)  
Denise Stewardson, Western (UT)  
Becky Sponholtz, Southern (FL)

#### GRANTS

Oversee NAITCO grants and scholarships programs including, but not limited to, the CHS grants, Fire-Up Grants, and Next Gen Ag Leaders Grants. Assist with review of grant applications.

Committee Members:

##### **\*Amber Smyer, Western (NV)**

Marsha Kucker, Central (SD)  
Michelle Bailey, Eastern (WV)  
Michele Smoot, Southern (NC)  
Sue Knott, Central (MN)

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Oversee NAITCO scholarship programs including, but not limited to, the CHS scholarships to attend NAITC conference. Assist with review of grant applications.

Committee Members:

##### **\*Darlene Arneson, Central (WI)**

Kristen Hinton, Western (WA)  
Chris Szkutac, Eastern (MA)  
Scott Christmas, Southern (KY)  
Michelle Blodgett, Central (MI)

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Review and approve conference workshop proposals, proof national conference program, assist in conference planning decisions, and make conference policy recommendations to the executive committee.

Committee Members:

##### **\*Tonya Wible, Eastern (PA)**

Previous Host – Willie Grenier (2018 ME)  
Current Host – Andy Guffey (2019 AR)  
Future Host – Denise Stewardson (2020 UT)  
President – Will Fett  
Aw & Rec Rep – Jessica Jansen  
Executive Director – Lisa Gaskalla  
Conference Planner – Joy Brisighella

\* indicates chairman or co-chairman

President will serve as an ex-officio member on all committees.

Executive Director is responsible for helping facilitate the work of all committees including, but not limited to, meetings, tasks, and assignments.