



Annie's Project — Education for Farm Women

The APEFW Board of Directors

The 11-person board that supports and governs Annie's Project – Education for Farm Women is made up of people with experience, innovation, and passion for this work. The Executive Committee is made up of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our Board members at large bring a diverse knowledge and experience base. Please visit <http://www.anniesproject.org/board-of-directors/> to put faces on these folks. They work hard to support the work you do and get results for farm and ranch women.

Training Opportunities

The Annie's Project – Education for Farm Women Facilitator Training and Support committee has just completed an Annie's Project and a Managing for Today and Tomorrow facilitator training in Grand Island, NE.

If someone you know is interested in receiving training so that they too can facilitate Annie's Project courses, direct them to Claudette Roper at administrator@anniesproject.org with their request. She can also receive requests for a training course to be scheduled in your state.

Currently there is an Annie's Project facilitator training scheduled for August 9 in Springfield, IL. Information about upcoming trainings are posted on the website at <http://www.anniesproject.org/instructors-facilitators-login/> under the *Training* heading.

First APEFW Quarterly Teleconference

On Friday, May 20 our first Quarterly Teleconference had 24 facilitators and state coordinators join in.

Board members Angela Kazakevicius, Karisha Devlin and Willie Huot joined Ruth Hambleton in the call.

E-mail items for discussion on the next teleconference to administrator@anniesproject.org

Among topics discussed were the RMA request for proposals, course reporting, and training requests.

If you couldn't clear your schedule to attend, the conference was recorded and is posted for review at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/JVuqYoM9Qlo>



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Claudette's Corner

Claudette Roper, Director of Administration, has worked for Annie's Project—Education for Farm Women since 2013.

We were excited to see the positive response from facilitators and state coordinators to both APEFW's first newsletter and first quarterly teleconference on May 20. Thank you to all those who were able to join us. Your interaction makes these teleconferences come to life.

Keep in mind that your interaction doesn't have to end with the teleconference call. If you have questions that you did not ask at the time or some that came up later, please e-mail me. You will either receive a response from me or from

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someone in the organization better qualified to respond. If the answer to your question is one that will benefit the entire group, not only will you receive a response, but we will also address it in the next newsletter or teleconference.

We have learned in these last six months that change can be very challenging. We have also learned that to be successful, change is necessary. Thank you to all who have embraced the changes and all who are working on making the necessary adjustments. We are here to help you navigate the changes – just e-mail or call.

We would like to hear from you about the work you are doing in your state. Do you have a success story? Have you found an effective way to communicate to participants the value in committing their time? Have you found a solution for reaching women in sparsely-populated areas? Please e-mail me at administrator@anniesproject.org and let us share it with this group.

Jennifer Boyles, State Coordinator – South Carolina



Jennifer Boyles recently presented at the Extension Risk Management Education National Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. Her topic was "Annie's Project, South Carolina—a unique perspective."

In South Carolina we have delivered 5 very successful programs in different geographical areas all across the state. While women in South Carolina enjoy a less traditional 3.5 day retreat-style program, it has also

enticed women to attend from our neighboring states of Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. All of these women in agriculture come from diverse backgrounds and farming operations and appreciate a peer-to-peer learning environment and networking opportunities.

This unique statewide retreat-style format builds relationships that will carry on far beyond program's end. We continue to encourage relationships by providing the South Carolina Women in Agriculture Network that includes our Annie's Project Alumnae and other women eager to learn best practices and build viable sustainable agricultural enterprises.

Annette Sweeney Concludes Service on APEFW Board

The APEFW Board would like to thank Annette Sweeney for her Board service. Annette's non-for-profit experience with women's organizations, as well as her vast marketing experience, provided the Board with fantastic insight as the organization transitioned to a 501(c)(3). Annette has pledged to continue to assist the organization as it matures. The Board looks forward to her continued support.



Annie's Project – Education for Farm Women Board members serve 2-year terms.

Newly-Elected APEFW Board Members

We are pleased to welcome new Board members Toni Dunker and Wesley Tucker.



Toni Dunker—Ag Risk Management Advisor-Advance Trading, Inc.-Quincy. Toni joined Advance Trading in 2001. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University specializing in agriculture marketing and her master's degree from the University of Illinois in Agriculture Education. Toni is a 1998 graduate of the Illinois Agriculture Leadership Program. The program of study while in the IALP was national agriculture policy and agriculture in Brazil, Chile and Peru. Toni and her husband Lenny live in rural Adams County. She spends much of her "extra" time raising and showing reining horses.



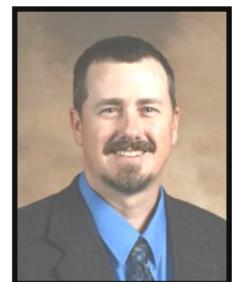
Some Spring Annie's Project Graduation Pictures

It has been a busy spring for APEFW facilitators across the country. To date we have sent out 511 APEFW certificates of completion for participants in 36 courses. Congratulations to all!

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Wesley Tucker — Regional Agriculture Business Specialist, Polk County, University of Missouri Extension. Wes joined Extension in 2001. He earned his Master's degree in Agricultural Economics the same year. His Bachelor's degree is in the same subject with a minor in animal sciences. He has been teaching Annie's Project classes since 2006 and continues to be amazed at the enthusiasm with which the women dive into the program and soak up everything that was offered, even the most shy ones.

A colleague said: "Wesley is a great Annie's Project instructor and is very enthusiastic about the program. He has continuously had the biggest Annie's Project classes in Missouri. Wesley goes beyond the 6-week class by sponsoring 'get together' meetings that allow women to continue to network and learn. His meetings are very well attended and meticulously planned. He brings in very high-quality guest speakers, one of the most notable being Temple Grandin." Being from the Show-Me state he certainly shows us how word-of-mouth can grow a program.



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