8am Meeting called to order, Armando Campos

Farm Bill update, Karl Anderson (POWERPOINT)
-Farm Bill is currently being reviewed and hopefully will pass, will most likely have lots of discussion and obstacles
-CCA Conservationist of the Year Award: teamed up with USDA, ARA, TFI to create a recognition program for a CCA who is implementing conservation with their clients
-$2,000 award plus travel expenses to accept award in DC at USDA—working on funding right now
-CCAs experts in Nutrient Management Practices, forming team of CCA TSPs or were TSP to discuss good and bad of TSP program to hopefully improve it
-Hurdles of working more closely with NRCS include:
  - Much more efficient process needed (1-2 years to get something approved)
  - Hands may be tied on both ends due to government
  - More responsibility on CCAs to get documentation to NRCS
  - NRCS has an engineering mindset that delays things by thinking everything is engineering
  - Are there financial constraints or incentives needed? yes

Continuing Education App, and Sustainability Specialty CEUs, Marta McCoy and Luther Smith (POWERPOINT)
-CCA App was demoed and orders for the handout circulated.
- Board discussed how to handle SSp and Precision Ag CEUs for CCAs who do not have specialty. They currently receive CEUs but not in the required categories. The system cannot be changed to two categories for the same event. It was recommended that we do not use 2 sign-in sheets for SSp meetings due to the potential for cheating and creating confusion. The issue will be handled on a case by case basis. There is very little demand at this time but if a CCA attends an event that is approved for SSp CEUs but does not have the SSp then the CCA can request that the CEUs be changed to the appropriate category for that individual CCA.
-Board discussed allowing service on boards and committees to qualify for CEUs, keep a limit on it but allow it as PD.

  Example from CPSS and CPAg: Professional Service: (no maximum/no minimum): Activities considered in this category are targeted to those that contribute to the profession through instruction or serving on a board or committee. Boards and Committee’s eligible for Professional Service CEUs must have Soil Science as part of their mission. You may claim up to five CEUs for each board or committee you serve on each year.

Motion: To allow service on boards and committees to count as professional development CEUs, up to 5 CEUs per two-year cycle. Passed.

Promotion of the CEU App—if you need the electronic version or printed, please contact Marta
The Fertilizer Institute Update, Sally Flis (POWERPOINT)
-distribute info graphs and video widely!
-4R Advocates are farmers and crop advisers
  -nominations go through October
  -4 groups recognized
-when implementing 4R compared to traditional farming, cost per acre decreases
-Submit applications by 10.31.18 for projects
-4R Certification (through TFI) certifies Ag Retailers
-hopeful for the Farm Bill to pass

Leadership Opportunities, Armando Campos
Greenfield Scholars—chaired by past chair of the NA CCA Board, need for mentors
  -Greenfield Scholars committee, Isaac Wolford
Policy Committee—works with Karl in Science Policy, needs to be a US based CCA
Continuing Education—10-15 to help review the Education Areas document and add the Specialties

Award and Final Comments, Armando Campos
Award for service to Thom Weir
Chair duties will be passing to Mandy Fox as of January 1

2019 Board meeting will be September 16-18, 2019 in Wichita, Kansas. Details to follow.

11:15am, meeting adjourned