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From the Chair – Welcome to another exciting year in the Quad City Section of ASAE!

My 2004-5 term got off to a great start with the Ag Machinery Conference, May 3-5, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Several of our Section members, including yours truly, participated in this great conference. Over 400 people attended this year's conference which included more than 60 displays from various suppliers and service providers. *What you may not have realized is that our Section receives a significant windfall from our participation in this conference. Last year this amounted to just over \$2200.* So, your continued support of AMC in 2005 is not only important for your own personal development but also for the success of our Section as well. Funds received from the AMC will allow the Section to sponsor two \$ 750 scholarships again this year.

Then, in June, the 8th Annual ASAE ¼ Scale Tractor Competition was held at the Quad City Downs.

Twenty-five college teams participated in this year's competition including schools from all over the United States and Canada. I was pleased to see several of our Section members serving as judges and helping with the activities. Here again your support helps make this worthwhile activity a success! What a great way for students to learn teamwork and prepare for jobs in industry. This year's overall winner was Oklahoma State followed closely by the University of Kentucky and Kansas State. To see how your alma mater did, check out the results on the national ASAE web site at <http://www.asae.org/students/tractor/asaecomp.html>

Another activity sponsored by the Quad City Section was the Young Professionals Softball Game and Cookout held on September 25th. This was a continuation of the initiative started last year by Quad City Section Member Chad Yagow to reach out to young professionals within ASAE. In an effort to keep this important initiative going, we have added a Young Professionals Chair, Mark Bowers, to the Executive Committee. Please give Mark your full support including any ideas you may have for activities for young professionals or the names of anyone who may be interested in joining this new group.

The Fall Meeting held at the Viking Club in Moline on 26 October was another big success! Approximately 50 people attended this meeting which featured an interesting technical session on harvesting equipment and an excellent kick-off by National ASAE President, Jerry Wille. Our Section was challenged by President Wille to come up with ideas for promoting the ASAE Centennial Anniversary (in 2007) and ways to make the national

ASAE meeting more “industry friendly”. Please send any ideas you have on the “industry friendly” issue to Jerry Wille at JWille@CurryWille.com and/or on the Centennial Anniversary to Lyle Stephens at StephensLyleE@JohnDeere.com.

And many more exciting Quad City Section activities are planned in 2005 including the Winter Meeting (25 January), a Continuing Education Seminar (22 February), Annual Awards Night (29 March), and a Section Tour (19 April). Please continue to support our Section by attending these activities. If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact me or any of the other Executive Committee members. After all, this isn't just our Section...it's your Section too!

Have a great Holiday Season! - Steve Newbery, Quad City Section Chair, 2004-2005.

Fall Meeting Review - The 2004 ASAE Quad City Section Fall Meeting was held on October 26th at the Viking Club in Moline with approximately 50 members and guests in attendance.

The meeting began with a New Harvesting Equipment technical session in which Jeff Gray of Claas Omaha described the features of the 500 Series of Class Lexion combines which includes the industry's first Class 9 combine featuring a 16 row cornhead, 360 bushel grain tank and 460 horsepower engine. Bruce Coers of the John Deere Harvester Works described the new Harvest Smart feedrate controller which allows automatic control of combine ground speed using grain loss, rotor load and engine load as input signals.

ASAE President Jerry Wille, the after-dinner speaker, gave an update on several ASAE activities including Society finances, the proposed name change, industry involvement and the ASAE Centennial celebration coming up in 2007.

AETC 2005 - Louisville, Kentucky – February 13-15, 2005 – This annual conference, sponsored by ASAE's Power and Machinery Division, will again feature technical tours, continuing education seminars, technical committee meetings and plenty

of opportunities for networking with colleagues in the machinery industry. For more information, see http://www.asae.org/meetings/aetc2005/Prel_Program_AETC.pdf The conference precedes the National Farm Machinery Show (see <http://www.farmmachineryshow.org/>) held February 16-19 in Louisville.

AE-50 Recipients – The AE-50 recognition program of ASAE's *Resource* magazine annually honors up to 50 of the most innovative products in the industries served by ASAE. This year's AE-50 winners (for more details, see the June/July 2004 issue of *Resource*) included three (listed below) with ties to the Quad City Section! Congratulations to the Quad City Section members who were involved with the design of these innovative products!

John Deere Harvester - 60 Series STS Combines

John Deere Seeding Group – Separate Fertilizer Placement Opener

John Deere Seeding Group – 1770NT 12 and 24 Row Planters

Annual Meeting Notes – Quad City Section Member Dan Burke was the recipient of the ASAE Sunkist Young Designer Award at the 2004 ASAE Annual International Meeting in Ottawa in August. Dan is a Senior Engineer at the John Deere Harvester Works. Dan was nominated by the Quad City Section for this award.



Dan Burke

Quad City Section Member Barrie Smith received an ASAE Leadership Citation for providing strong leadership for four years as Chair of the Standards Council. Barrie also received a Presidential Citation for his leadership in organizing the 2004 ASAE/CSAE Annual International Meeting in Ottawa.



Barrie Smith

Welcome! - The Quad City Section would like to welcome the following new members: Jason Haegele (Iowa State), Carrie Schwartz (Kansas State), Todd Wehler (Woods Equipment), Andy Dochterman (John Deere Seeding), Aaron Bruns (John Deere Harvester), and Andrew Greenlee (John Deere Davenport).

Closing Notes - As of 1 November, the Section had balances of \$ 837.62 in its checking account and \$ 4,930.37 in its savings account with a CD valued at \$ 2,042.75.

Upcoming Events - Check the Section's web site at <http://www.qcesc.org/ASAE> for the most recent information on the Section:

January 16-18, 2005

Quad City Farm Equipment Show, QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island. See <http://www.qccaexpoctr.com/farm.html>

January 25, 2005

Quad City Section Winter Meeting, Davenport Holiday Inn.

February 13-15, 2005

ASAE Agricultural Equipment Technology Conference, Louisville, Kentucky.

February 22, 2005

Quad City Section Continuing Education Seminar

March 29, 2005

Quad City Section Annual Meeting

April 19, 2005

Quad City Section Spring Tour

May 2-4, 2005

Agricultural Machinery Conference, Crowne Plaza Five Seasons Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. See <http://www.amc-online.org/>

June 2-5, 2005

ASAE ¼ Scale Tractor Design Contest, Quad City Downs, East Moline.

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