



## CHAPTER CHALKBOARD

An Electronic Member News Update from the California Chapter, ASFMRA  
February 7, 2017

### California Distinguished Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Award Application Deadline Extended

The California Chapter is still seeking nominations for this year's Distinguished Agriculturalist and Agricultural Stewardship Awards. Please give serious consideration to industry professionals who could be potential recipients. The applications and criteria for the awards [can be found on-line](#). The deadline for submission has been extended to February 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Awards Committee Chair, Jaime Bigham, ARA at (559) 276-4824 or [Jaime.bigham@mfarmcredit.com](mailto:Jaime.bigham@mfarmcredit.com). The annual awards will be presented at the Outlook Agribusiness Conference on March 30, 2017.

### Register Now to Attend the Outlook 2017 Agribusiness Conference – March 27 – 30<sup>th</sup> in Fresno

Registration is open for Outlook 2017 - California's Premiere Agribusiness Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fresno. See the lineup of events below...

Monday, March 27 – Financial Aspects of Agriculture (FARMit Class)

Tuesday, March 28 – Best Practices for Rural Property Appraisals; Leadership in Agriculture (FARMit Class); Fresno State Student Reception

Wednesday, March 29 – The Appraisal of Permanent Plantings in Changing Markets; 2017 Spring Ag Tour; California Classic BBQ & Scholarship Auction

Thursday, March 30 – Outlook Conference and Release of Trends™

[REGISTER ON-LINE](#)

For questions or to volunteer to assist with conference activities, please contact any of the individuals below...

Scholarship Auction – Julie Rose Gonsalves ([Julie@c-x.com](mailto:Julie@c-x.com))

Outlook 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities – Suzie Roget ([sroget@calasfmra.com](mailto:sroget@calasfmra.com))

Outlook 2017 Program Committee – Dan Whisenhunt, AAC ([danwhisenhunt@yahoo.com](mailto:danwhisenhunt@yahoo.com))

### Thank you Outlook 2017 Sponsors!

The following companies have shown their support of the upcoming Outlook 2017 Conference with their sponsorship commitments!

**Duarte Nursery** – Conference Lunch

**Farm Credit** – Name Badge Lanyards; Ag Tour Box Lunches; Conference Refreshment Break

**Runyan Appraisal Service** – Conference Breakfast

**Capital Ag Property Services** – Ag Tour Transportation

**Edwards, Lien & Toso, Inc.** – California Classic BBQ

**Bank of America Merrill Lynch** – Conference Speakers

**Parcel Quest** – California Classic BBQ

**Prudential Agricultural Investments** – Dinner Wine for BBQ

**American Pistachio Growers** – Audio Visual Support

**Vineyard Professional Services** – Audio Visual Support

**Hancock Farmland Services** – Audio Visual Support

**Citizens Business Bank Dairy & Livestock Industries Group** – Supporting Sponsor

**Hilmar Cheese Company** – Supporting Sponsor

**Rabobank, N.A.** – Student Reception

Sponsorships are still available. Please contact Suzie Roget in the chapter office at (209) 368-3672 or [info@calasfmra.com](mailto:info@calasfmra.com) to discuss these opportunities.

### **Auction Items Needed for California Classic BBQ Scholarship Auction March 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Scholarship Auction at the California Classic BBQ is the Chapter's primary fund raiser the Scholarship and Internship Programs. Donations are now being accepted for this year's event which will be held on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Clovis Rodeo Hall. Successful auction items from past years have included Cabin Getaways; Sports Tickets; Hosted Dinners; Artwork; Hunt Trips; Gift Baskets; and so much more! Please contact Julie Rose Gonsalves with your donations at (559) 277-7474 ext. 101 or [Julie@c-x.com](mailto:Julie@c-x.com).

### **Yosemite Farm Credit Offering Appraisal Internship**

Yosemite Farm Credit is offering a 12 week paid Internship to college students (2+ years of college experience preferred). This program offers the opportunity for students to gain valuable on-the-job training for the farm real estate appraisal process. Resumes will be accepted through February 24, 2017.

For more information, contact Jerry Furtado at (209) 724-0760 or [jaf@yfc.ag](mailto:jaf@yfc.ag). Please send cover letter, resume and transcripts to:

Yosemite Farm Credit, ACA

Jelina Seibert, SVP Human Resources Manager

P.O. Box 3278

Turlock, CA 95381

Or email to: [careers@yfc.ag](mailto:careers@yfc.ag)

### **Reminder to Members Looking to Pursue an ASFMRA Designation**

If you are looking to pursue an ASFMRA Designation – whether it's your first, second, third or fourth – the California Chapter has a Committee that wants to help you. The Newly Accredited & Professional Advancement Committee, chaired by Carl Evers, III, AFM, is compiling a database of members who are working toward accreditation. The committee wants to track your status so that they can be aware of your education needs, help with deadline reminders, be a liaison with the national office if needed, etc. If you have never considered becoming accredited or have been on the fence, we encourage you to join this esteemed group of land experts by pursuing your AFM, ARA, AAC and/or RPRA! Contact Carl at [fmscarl3@gmail.com](mailto:fmscarl3@gmail.com) or (559) 871-9019.

### **Internship Applications Now Being Accepted**

The California Chapter Scholarship Committee will fully fund one Student Internship for Summer 2017. Applications for college students interested in an Internship in the fields of Rural Appraisal, Farm Management or Ag Consulting are encouraged to apply as are companies looking to host an Intern for the summer months. The deadline for applications to be submitted is April 15, 2017. Application Forms [can be accessed here](#). For additional information, please contact Julie Rose Gonsalves at (559) 277-7474 ex 101 or [Julie@c-x.com](mailto:Julie@c-x.com).

### **2017 Chapter Member Directory**

The CA Chapter's annual Directory of Members will be published in early 2017. If you have had a change in address or contact information that has not been submitted to the chapter office, please do so immediately. Send all changes to: [info@calasfmra.com](mailto:info@calasfmra.com). The Board of Directors has approved to include non-ASFMRA designations beneath member listings in the new directory.

### **SAVE THESE 2017 DATES!!!**

March 27 – 30	Outlook 2017 Agribusiness Conference – DoubleTree Hotel, Fresno
April 21	Board of Directors Meeting – Harris Ranch, Coalinga
July 16 – 17	Career Day 2017 – Omaha, NE
July 17 – 21	ASFMRA Summer Education Week – Omaha, NE
October 10 - 13	2017 Fall Meeting – The Cliffs Resort, Shell Beach
November 13 – 17	Agronomics – Vision for the Future 2017 – Savannah, GA