Friday, 3:30-5:30, State Reps Meeting

Initial announcements.

* Representative from new chapter forming in Erath, Comanche, Palo Pinto, and Hamilton.
* Lots of help for presenters at this meeting. Keep in mind for next year.
* Big push this year to increase sponsorships. Reduces registration costs.
* 485 registrants, up from 436, more first-time registrants. Remember that trainees are welcome; counts toward their initial AT certification.
* Are there things that the members need that we aren’t providing at the Annual Meeting?
* Engaging in tracks at annual meeting.
* Chapter operating template has been updated.

Role of the State Rep

* Some provide chapter support (AT, IT, Membership)
* Can add historical memory, info on rules and bylaws
* Some chapters don’t have much “use” for position
* Some complete annual report
* Provides communication between chapter and State
* Some are new to chapter, some are long-standing members
* Can assist with planning or logistics at State Meeting
  + Need State Office to identify volunteer opps; perhaps rotating?

Lines of communication

* Semi-annual meetings; one conference call and annual meeting
* Do we need communication other than the conference call?
* Put “State Reps” in subject line for any discussions for the group
* Generally will say if sent to Presidents. Generally bcc everybody.
* Forum system (Proboard) for communication within and between chapters.

Perpetual funding campaign

* Program now funded from limited federal grants
* Growth has been exponential
* Seeking Endowment for staffing, grants, opps
* Need networks
* Will be developing promotional materials. (early 2017?)
* Will be tax-deductible

State Meeting in 2018

* 20th anniv of first chapter is 2017
* 20th anniv of Program is 2018
* Wants to do big 20th anniv thing at 2018.
  + Needs photos, stories.
* Needs for meeting
  + 500 people
  + 14 break-out rooms
  + ballroom for 500+
  + proximity for field trips
  + proximity for chapters
  + onsite lodging

Doug Steele, Dir of AgriLife, spoke on capital campaign.