



**June 8th, 2022**

**What a gorgeous day in North Dakota. The sun is out along with some clouds, no wind (which is unusual) and the temperature is just right for working outdoors.**

**Good Morning everyone. Hope you all have a bright and sunny day inside and outside.**

**CONFERENCE! CONFERENCE! CONFERENCE!**

**IS A COMING! July 14 thru July 17, 2022, IN CLACKAMAS(PORTLAND) OREGON AT THE MONARCH HOTEL.**

**IT'S NOT TO LATE! NO LATE FEE! JUST YOU IS NEEDED.**

**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION, GET YOUR TRAVEL PLANS SET AND BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM. ALL OF THESE THINGS NEED TO BE DONE BY SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.**

Your national board has been working hard to put together the first in person conference since 2019. It will be great to see old friends and meet new ones. We understand the elephant in the corner (COVID) and hopefully everyone can attend conference by following guidelines of staying safe.

The registration form and hotel information are attached. Our group rate is \$119.00 for 1 to 2 people in a room and \$129.00 for 3 people and \$139.00 for 4 people. These rates are good 3 days before conference and 3 days post conference so work on planning that family vacation this week. Our block of rooms is guaranteed until June 13, 2022. The block of rooms will be released on that date, but you are still able to get our rate based upon availability, so you are going to want to do this right away.

Registrations for the conference are also due on June 13, 2022, which allows the board and conference committee to finalize the plans, plus the great meals.

The conference committee is in the process of lining up a tour for the attendees and don't forget that you will want to register and attend the FCL Benefit Dinner. I hear this could be an evening you will not want to miss. The tour and benefit are an additional charge to the registration fee, but what would conference be with out having some fun and fellowship with others.

The hotel is providing lots of amenities for us so check out the sheet attached.

Now put pen to paper and fill out the registration form and email it, or fax it headquarters so that you can be counted as one of the many that will be attending 2022 National FCE conference. If you prefer mailing the registration, we would ask that you let the office know that you are doing that for we are so very close to deadline.

For conference updates please check our website [www.nafce.org](http://www.nafce.org) for we will be posting there for all to see.

### **Now for a few other items.**

There is still time to develop a membership brochure and submit it for the contest by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Membership Brochure** - National's income is based on membership dues and just like many organizations' membership dwindles for one reason or another. Your national board has been working on designing a new membership brochure. The one that we have is very dated and several of the items are outdated. So, your board is asking your help in making this happen by announcing a new contest. We would like you (FCE members) to design a new membership brochure to be used as a marketing tool for our organization so that we can grow, grow like weeds. The information and guidelines can be found on the website. You will have until June 15, 2022, to send in your entries to headquarters. The entries can be done individually, club, etc. **Please read the rules carefully** or the entry could be disqualified.

**We are still in need of the following officers for the board – 2 vice presidents” must served on the national board within the last 8 years and a treasurer.** There are specific qualifications for each of these officers and they can be found in our bylaws or by contacting Kristin Walker the nominating chair at 304-863-8253 or [kristinfce@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinfce@yahoo.com).

Sales Room and Silent auction – we are going to try something new this year – each state and any of the attendees that want to contribute will be asked to bring an item worth \$20.00 for the general silent auction and then instead of bid sheets we will use coupons.

Double tickets will be sold for \$1.00/each or 20 tickets for \$10.00. There will cups at each item to deposit your ticket in. Tickets will be sold by a couple of individuals. I am told this is a Chinese Auction. Sounds like fun.

The alumni will hold a quilted item silent auction during conference. Anyone attending can bring an item. The winner list will be posted Sunday morning.

Look forward to seeing all of you in July in Clackamas, Oregon.

If you have questions about any of the information in this flash, please let us know.

Have a great day and hope to see you on the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, zoom session open to everyone.

Hugs and Prayers for Everyone to Stay Safe and Healthy!

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