MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
The deadline to renew your Membership is December 31. Please log into your NAICC profile to update your information and pay your dues. Your inclusion in the online NAICC member directory is directly related to your Membership status. Log into your profile HERE to renew.

COMMITTEE CONNECTION
Being on a Committee is an excellent way to connect with other members within NAICC. If you are interested in being on a Committee, please contact Grant McMillan or Allison Jones. Committees have different time allocations, so feel free to ask which one will fit into your calendar the best.

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All committees will meet on Wednesday afternoon, January 26 for about 90 minutes to review old business and discuss the upcoming year. Additional follow-up may happen through the year with emails and/or calls (conference or zoom). We look forward to getting to know you better at a committee meeting!

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL
By Rick Kesler, Governmental Affairs Liaison

Endangered Species Act
The Biden administration has proposed to repeal parts of the Endangered Species Act related to critical habitat, exclusion areas, and the economic impact analysis. The EPA is reviewing how they want to move forward with Endangered Species Reviews and hopes to have a work plan put out this month. A prioritized list of species will be included.

Waters of the United States (WOTUS)
EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a rule in the Federal Register on Tuesday, initiating updates to the pre-2015 regulatory definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are seeking public comment on the proposed rule. To read the rule or comment on the rule click HERE.

Two links with more information: Brownfield Ag News and AgWeb
2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING
This year for the Richard L. Jensen, Ph.D. Memorial Keynote Address, NAICC and FEAЕ has the pleasure of introducing Ross Bernstein, an inspirational business speaker and Best-Selling Sports Author who hails from Minnesota. He is an award-winning peak performance hall of fame business speaker who has keynoted conferences for Fortune 500 companies on all seven continents and has been featured on CNN, ESPN, Fox News, and “CBS This Morning,” as well as in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today.

Mr. Bernstein’s mission is to get us all thinking DIFFERENTLY about how we can raise OUR game to the next level. It is all about the DNA of what makes champions in sports so unique and how that relates to business. In his research he concluded that the same metrics and characteristics that were common among champions in sports, were also common among peak performers in business. There are reasons certain teams win consistently, whereas others don’t and Ross explains why. It’s based largely on the “Good to Great” concept of how the best companies are able to separate themselves from the rest of the pack. If you have the desire to up your game, to compete on the next level, this is a keynote you do not want to miss.

The Richard L. Jensen, Ph.D. Memorial Keynote Address Speaker at the 2022 NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO is funded in part by the Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education (FEAE Foundation) whose mission it is to catalyze innovative education and training for current and future professional crop management practitioners, including both researchers and crop consultants.

FRIDAY NIGHT NETWORKING PARTY
FRIDAY NIGHT NETWORKING PARTY is going to be a bit different this year. After a wonderful meal and great conversation, the interactive Prices and Prizes will begin! Similar to the TV Show “The Price is Right”, you will have a chance to win a Prize by correctly guessing the price. However, to be considered, you must purchase a raffle ticket from the FEAЕ raffle! One of the three-part ticket will be added to the drawing so you can “Come on Down”! Each ticket is one chance! If you prefer not play, simply put someone else’s’ name on the ticket.

Interested in the 2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND AG PRO EXPO?
2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
Attendees are encouraged to bring school supplies to Orlando and drop them off at the NAICCC registration desk. They currently are in critical need of #2 pencils, 8 or 10 count washable markers, loose leaf paper, dry erase markers, notebooks (composition or spiral), and 24 count crayons. They will also accept gift cards and donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit www.agiftforteaching.org/donate and type in “NAICC” in the “In honor of” line.

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Have something to sell? Looking for a specific piece of equipment? Check out the NAICCC Member Marketplace. Log in to Members Only portal on the NAICCC website and scroll down to the NAICCC Member Marketplace. Choose Items for Sale or Items Wanted. It is just that easy.

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