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NEW Executive Director Announced!

This summer the news spread throughout the membership that PAS Associates Executive Director Ken Olcott was resigning. Mr. Olcott's love for PAS will continue as he will remain Coordinator of the Impromptu Speaking Career Program Area and will continue as the "Belt Buckle" Man.

It is now time to introduce Mr. Lealand Schoon as our future PAS Associate Executive Director. Mr. Schoon shares " I am excited for PAS and the PAS Associates! PAS will likely see growth as industry has an increasing demand to find employees who are prepared for the workforce. I look forward to working

closely with Mr. Olcott during our transition!"

Mr. Schoon has a long standing record with PAS and the PAS Associates. He served the PAS organization as National President in 1994 and has been involved as PAS Associates Chairperson twice. He currently supports the PAS organization as PAS Career Area Program Superintendent.

Mr. Ken Olcott's contact information is KOLCOTT001@nycap.rr.com

Mr. Lealand Schoon's contact information is ljschoon@gwtc.net

Congratulations to Ken & Jane Olcott

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients

Our congratulations go to Jane and Ken Olcott, founders of the National PAS Organization who will receive the **Honorary American FFA Degree** at this year's National FFA Convention.

PAS is very fortunate to have two wonderful people dedicated to the future of agriculture.



Ken's Corner

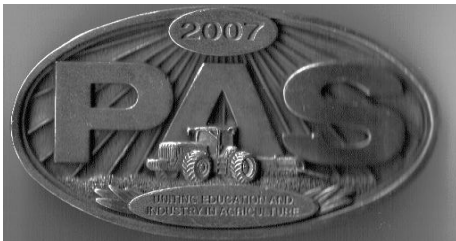
Written By: Ken Olcott

I am happy to welcome Lealand as the new Executive Director of PAS Associates. I also want to say "thanks" to all who submitted applications for the position. The committee told me their task was a hard one due to the number of worthy candidates to be considered.

PAS has been big part of my life for many years and I plan to continue with the organization in a variety of ways. I will continue being the "Buckle Guy" and I am already working on the details as the coordinator of the Impromptu Speakers for Agriculture CPA. Also,

Jane and I plan to continue making financial contributions to help support PAS as needed.

As Jane and I look back on the last 30 years, we are proud to see the success of PAS members as they have completed their education and moved on to become leaders in their chosen field of agriculture. We feel we have been fortunate to be a part of PAS and PAS Associates and thank all who have been there as advisors, students, board members, state leaders, etc. Our best wishes go to all as we change our role with the organization once again.



The latest series of the PAS belt buckles.

Greetings from National PAS

Written By: Brittany Nussbaum
Greetings from the National PAS Officers! This year has started with a bang. This past summer the officers promoted PAS through many different events.

The FFA Alumni Conference was attended by Michelle Reddel. She got the chance to meet many prospective members and supporters of PAS. Our next stop was the New Century Farmer conference. Seth Wilbanks was a participant of the program. Danielle Heeren and Brittany Nussbaum attended the Texas CFFA Convention in July and had the chance to meet fellow college students, experience their FFA

convention, and speak with members of the Texas Junior College Association. August was also filled with travel. The PAS Board meeting proved to be productive and is future oriented. We then traveled to the National FFA convention to spread the word about PAS through high school and collegiate workshops, career show booth, and many speaking opportunities. Overall the year has been a great success to this point. Don't forget to join us in Driving PAS to New Frontiers at the National PAS Conference on March 12th-15th 2008 in Dallas, Texas.

I-CAL

Written By: Eileen Jensen

Have you ever wanted to travel across the world and study agriculture? I-CAL, International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Program, gave 12 college students an opportunity to experience the adventure of a lifetime.

In the spring of 2007, the I-CAL participants traveled to Morocco and Egypt to study international agriculture. This adventure included visits to farms, cooperatives and historical tourist attractions.

Participants had the opportunity to explore U.S. & Moroccan and U.S. and Egyptian agricultural trade and the impact on the future of the U.S. exports to these countries.

The participants studied how the U.S. Grains Council programs are benefitting U.S., Moroccan and Egyptian producers.

I-CAL is an opportunity that college students across the country can apply for. All students must be a part of a

collegiate organization such as PAS.

PASA member, Eileen Jensen comments, "PAS gave me the chance to make memories of a lifetime and friendships that will last forever. Our thanks goes out to Jill Casten from the National FFA Organization and Larry Groce from the The Grains Foundation who traveled with us across Africa."

I-CAL, International Collegiate Agricultural Leadership Program, is a program that is sponsored by the National FFA Organization and the U.S. Grains Foundation.

For more information about the U.S. Grains Council log onto www.grains.org.



I-CAL participants gather in front of the Ancient Egyptian Pyramids. I-CAL is a collegiate program that allows students to travel to various countries to learn about U.S. trade and the importance of American agriculture.



During the 2007 National FFA Convention, PAS was given the chance to participate in a pre-session. Seth Wilbanks, Vice President and Danielle Heeren, President-Elect show their enthusiasm for PAS pre-session.

Enrichment Club

Sustaining Life Members

9 members

\$3885 Total in Account

Non-Life Supporting Members

5 members

\$1265 Total in Account

Chairperson

Carl Horne (Iowa)

Chairperson Elect

TJ Morehouse (Iowa)

Ag Business/Ag Educator

Mike DuBois (Pennsylvania)

Executive Director for 2007-08

Ken Olcott (New York)

Executive Director for 2008

Lealand Schoon (South Dakota)

News Editor for 2007-08

Eileen Jensen (New York)

Editor in Chief for 2007-08

Kristy Miller (Indiana)

A Look Ahead...a note from the Editor

Written by Eileen Jensen

It is my pleasure to take on the role of PASA Newsletter Editor for the current year. I hope you all anticipate the success within the PAS Associates and continue to look forward to supporting the PAS Organization in the future.

In the next issue of the PASA Newsletter, we will be discussing more collegiate opportunities which include the 21st

Century Farmer and Ag Ambassadors.

We will talk with a few past PAS members who have participated in these events and have benefited from them as well.

If you have any stories or information that you would like to include in the next issue, please feel free to email me at elj8@cornell.edu

PAS Associates is an organization of former members, advisors, administrators, industry representatives, parents and other PAS supporters. The Associates support and promote the National PAS Organization through financial contributions, award program sponsorships and donations of time and expertise serving as career program area judges, timekeepers and assistants.