

## **Call for Papers for NCERA-210 Annual Meeting**

NCERA-210 is accepting abstracts of papers and organized symposia for presentation and discussion at the annual meeting December 7-8, 2010. We welcome abstracts on any topic dealing with cooperatives and related forms of businesses. The abstract should clearly outline the topic to be covered, its importance, its relevance to agricultural cooperatives, and, in the case of organized symposia with multiple participants, the role of each presenter, and a discussion plan. The abstracts should contain the following sections: Motivation, Objective(s), Methods, Results, and Plan for Discussion.

The length of the abstracts should be between one and two pages of text (MS Word preferred). Please submit abstracts electronically to Todd Schmit at [TMS1@cornell.edu](mailto:TMS1@cornell.edu). Members of the NCERA-210 Executive Committee will begin considering the abstracts on August 16, 2010 and will notify all submitters by September 6, 2010 about paper acceptance.

Candace Roper, Senior Vice President at CoBank, will be our keynote speaker this year. Candace will be speaking about CoBank's new Knowledge Exchange program, an information- and knowledge-sharing initiative that draws on the expertise and insights of customers, experts within the bank, and people from across the Farm Credit System to develop industry-specific strategic information and research.

Travel scholarships are available for junior faculty and graduate students, with those presenting papers having the highest priority for funding. The Ralph K. Morris Foundation is providing the support. Interested applicants should submit a one page request for funding to the Ralph K. Morris Foundation that contains the following information: 1) Discuss why you wish to attend the conference, 2) submit a budget with travel, lodging, and registration, 3) contact information, and 4) whether or not you have submitted an abstract for presentation. Including a copy of the abstract may also be helpful. Contact the Ralph K. Morris Foundation for more information ([ralphkmorrisfoundation.org](http://ralphkmorrisfoundation.org)).

For more information, meeting registration information, and future updates, please check the NCERA-210 web site at: <http://www.agecon.ksu.edu/accc/ncera210>. Previous abstracts as well as previous programs can be found on the website.