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To: Current and Prospective CA ARPAS Members.
From: Dennis H. Ervin, M.S., PAS
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Subject: 2010 National and CA ARPAS Membership and Dues.

Fellow Animal Scientists,

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a successful 2010. The California Chapter of ARPAS has completed a very successful 2009. The recent Continuing Education Conference (CEC) was well received by participants. The CEC planning committee is already hard at work planning for this year's Conference. Rest assured that we are working diligently to once again provide the highest level experience for our members and guests.

We appreciate those of you who were able to be members of this important organization during 2009 and look forward to even greater participation next year. As Dr. Marit Arana pointed out to us at this year's CEC, the National ARPAS organization is currently over 1500 members strong. Benefits for members are numerous and include:

- Provides Certification through examination in your chosen discipline(s)
- Brings Professional Recognition
- Provides for Continuing Education Certification
- Incorporates a Code of Ethics
- Positions Animal Scientists for potential licensing mandates by regulatory agencies
- Provides a pool of credentialed individuals to become actively involved in public policy affecting animal agriculture
- Publishes "The Professional Animal Scientist" Journal

In addition, our CA Chapter has historically and is presently involved in pertinent scientific research to provide regional and national results that can and are utilized by Animal Scientists. Our current Alfalfa Hay Research project and the completed California by-products studies are examples of local and educational contributions CA ARPAS is making to each of us.

Along with direct member benefits, The CA ARPAS chapter continues to support agricultural university students within our geographical area by providing scholarships. This effort has been and will continue to be paramount in our mission. The involvement of CA ARPAS toward betterment and future participation of these students is crucial to the long-term success of our industry.

Our new Legislative and Environmental Committee is working hard to provide members with up to date reliable facts regarding public policy affecting Animal Agriculture and related fields. Additionally, this committee is forming a resource pool of certified individuals who can participate in private and public venues to represent our interests as well as providing informed expert testimony.

This past year, your Governing Council modified the registration fee for the CEC. The new tiered fee schedule provides financial savings to those individuals who have chosen to be members of National and CA ARPAS. Additionally, at our October 29th business meeting the membership voted to increase CA ARPAS dues from \$10.00 to \$50.00 annually. This increase in dues will provide additional funding to the local organization and ensure our continued high level of involvement in our industry.

Your continued or new participation in ARPAS and CA ARPAS is extremely important to not only the organizations, but also the future of our industry. We will continue to seek the involvement of qualified individuals who are committed to the success of Animal Agriculture in California and the Nation. Your individual involvement is the key to our success. CA ARPAS needs you and you need CA ARPAS. Plan on joining and being a part our 2010 efforts.

Information on National and CA ARPAS can be found at www.arpas.org and www.arpasca.net . On-line dues payment is available at both sites. 2010 dues deadline is January 1, 2010.

Respectfully,

Dennis