



2008 Annual Report

Working Together *for a* Better Tomorrow

National Association *of* Conservation Districts



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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Conservationists,

As I complete my single-year term as NACD President, I would like to reflect on our accomplishments. The last twelve months have been a whirlwind of activity. NACD has improved as an organization and continued our efforts to make every dollar count.

We gave our communication tools a needed boost, launching a new print publication titled *The Resource*, publishing a new brochure, and redesigning *eNotes, Forestry Notes* and our traveling display. We expanded our reach through strengthened media relations and an exciting partnership with the Smithsonian and the Soil Science Society of America on the *Dig It! The Secrets of Soil* exhibit.

Continuing our renewed emphasis on member services, NACD provided new and updated capacity building materials, expanded the NACD marketplace and developed partnerships resulting in increased opportunities for conservation districts.

On the policy front, after three years of hard work, the 111th Congress passed the Farm Bill in June. It was a victory for conservation, providing a \$4 billion increase in funds for conservation programs for the next five years. The NACD Board also adopted policy on climate change and program administration, among other issues.

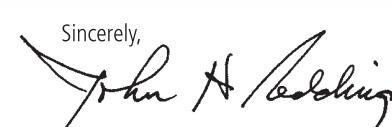
Another major accomplishment of 2008 was the NACD headquarters renovation in Washington, D.C. The renovations were completed in September, and we have raised just over half of the funds to pay for the project through the 509 Capitol Court Campaign and Renovation Ride.

It has been a successful year. As we look ahead, it is appropriate to remember the reason conservation leaders founded NACD more than sixty years ago. Our predecessors had the wisdom to know that to make a difference nationwide, conservation districts had to come together, focus their efforts and speak with one voice.

Without support of our members, NACD could not accomplish all that we do. We must continue to look ahead and stay true to our mission. There is still much to be done, and our job will never be complete. As we continue to tackle our nation's natural resource challenges, remember that when we work together toward a common goal, our results are much stronger.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your president.

Sincerely,



John Redding
2008 NACD President

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Letter from the CEO

Dear friends and members,

2008...what a year in the life of NACD. It was filled with many mixed emotions ranging from deep sorrow for the loss of our leader and friend Olin Sims to relief in finishing the Farm Bill to pure excitement from renovating our headquarters building.

The year brought changes and improvements that make the Association stronger and more viable. NACD made significant improvements to our board structure by establishing five Foundation Committees that serve as the sounding board for input and discussion on major issues impacting the association. This change allows for more involvement and investment in decisions by the Board of Directors and for more opportunities for leadership development.

Another accomplishment I am especially proud of is NACD's newly-launched communication tool, *The Resource*. The publication presents a dynamic and attractive view of the Association's work and activities of our member districts.

Through all of the decisions, challenges and emotions, NACD remains steady and constant because of the strength and power of conservation districts. The work that is accomplished at the local level provides the foundation and direction for NACD, no matter the issue, problem or opportunity.

NACD was established to help conservation districts work collectively to accomplish what they could not as individual districts. I believe the results of 2008 prove that original objective is still very much a reality today.

Sincerely,



Krysta Harden

NACD Chief Executive Officer

NACD Overview

For more than 60 years, conservation district leaders have shared the philosophy that conservation decisions should be made at the local level by local people who have the best understanding of the area's natural resource needs. In order to shape the national view and policies regarding natural resource conservation, conservation district leaders founded the National Association of Conservation Districts to represent districts' interests on a national level and act as their voice in Washington, D.C.

NACD currently represents nearly 3,000 conservation districts and the 17,000 district officials that serve on their governing boards. Local leaders from all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and major U.S. territories guide and govern the Association. NACD's member districts help local

communities protect and conserve America's land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources. The locally-led work of conservation districts directly results in clean air, clean water, healthy habitat and productive soil.

For decades, NACD has diligently carried out its mission to serve conservation districts by providing national leadership and a unified voice for natural resource conservation. As a national voice for conservation districts, NACD supports a voluntary, incentive-driven natural resource conservation approach that benefits all citizens.

Working together, we achieve greater results than we could ever realize individually.



NACD staff members joined several state executive directors in Wyoming for the directors' annual conference in May.



In November, NACD CEO Krysta Harden met with Bureau of Land Management Director Jim Caswell in Washington, D.C., to renew NACD's longstanding partnership with BLM at the national, state and local level.



Five NACD staff members participated in the Renovation Ride in July to raise money for the 509 Capitol Court Campaign. NACD's officer team, staff and members welcomed the riders to Washington, D.C., concluding the five-day, 258-mile trip. (Below, left) Ohio's Ross Soil and Water Conservation District was one of many schools across the country that participated in NACD 2008 Stewardship Week themed "Water is Life."



NACD CEO Krysta Harden (right) and USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Teresa Lasseter (left) participate in a USDA ceremony celebrating the enrollment of the one millionth CRP acre.

2008 NACD Activities and

Communications and Public Relations

Recognizing the importance of a clear and consistent message, NACD strived to improve outreach tools and expand its reach in 2008. Key efforts included:

- Launched a new content-packed, attractive quarterly publication titled *The Resource* to convey conservation news and district and NACD activities to our members and partners;
- Published new outreach tools, including a generic brochure; stand-alone, issue-specific pamphlets in every issue of *The Resource*; and an NACD display for expos and trade shows;
- Provided timely and relevant information to our member districts and partners through the NACD website, publications and numerous media releases;
- Redesigned *eNotes* and *Forestry Notes* newsletters, giving the publications a fresh new look and catering to audience needs;
- Expanded and strengthened relationships with members of the media, resulting in increased coverage of NACD priorities and activities; and
- Partnered with Smithsonian and the Soil Science Society of America on an exhibit themed *DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil* at the National Museum of Natural History and developed corresponding education materials.

Member Services

NACD continued to meet member needs in 2008, seeking and responding to member input through improved tools and opportunities. Highlights include:

- Provided new and updated capacity building materials for conservation district and state association use through presentations, publications and the NACD website;
- Continued participation with Conservation Partnership Information Technology Task Force to assist conservation districts with computer purchases, access to USDA secure information system and implementing security measures;
- Expanded NACD Marketplace (www.nacdstore.org) to include new education materials, awards, promotional items and Cabela's wearables;
- Organized Urban and Community Technical Team to work on broadening information for districts' work in urban areas;
- Facilitated an eight-state NACD Missouri River Team to represent districts in the River Basin and provide a voice in related federal initiatives;
- Established task force on District Employees Urban and Community Conservation Training/Certification to enhance district professionalism and recognition with nontraditional audiences;
- Produced and distributed a new NACD publication titled *Our Land, Our Water*, showcasing 25 district-led initiatives;
- Represented districts in the Sustainable Urban Forest Coalition and Green Infrastructure Community of Practice to increase members' visibility and resources in developing areas;
- Communicated directly with members through state conference calls to answer questions about NACD, learn members' needs and provide capacity building tools;
- Developed a partnership with Ensave, Inc., giving districts an opportunity to provide on-farm energy audits for cooperators and bring in additional revenue; and
- Coordinated efforts with the Private Landowners Network to increase public coverage of and access to conservation district information.

Accomplishments

Grassroots Advocacy

NACD had a busy and successful year on the policy front, representing conservation districts' interests in Washington, D.C.

This year, the Association:

- Met separately with U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee Chairman Peterson (D-MN) and Conservation Subcommittee Chairman Tim Holden (D-PA) to discuss conservation program administration and possible hearings;
- Adopted new program administration policy and drafted testimony with examples of program operations from across the country;
- Submitted economic stimulus proposal to Congress addressing "green jobs" and the importance of using conservation-related jobs such as watershed construction and rehabilitation, water quality improvement projects, forestry management and rangeland restoration to stimulate the economy;
- Submitted written comments to USDA regarding key conservation and forestry programs in the 2008 Farm Bill to assist with regulation development and Bill implementation and protect conservation districts' role in program delivery and technical assistance;
- Provided many written comments to federal agencies on issues such as Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, air emissions from livestock operations, the Clean Water Act and endangered species;
- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Association of State Foresters to improve forestry assistance delivery to private landowners;
- Adopted climate change policy in anticipation of Congressional debates to ensure conservation district involvement in policy development and in local carbon sequestration activities;
- Hosted a 2008 Farm Bill briefing in Washington, D.C. at which agency leaders provided implementation updates to conservation, wildlife, commodity, livestock and forestry representatives;
- Worked independently and through coalition efforts on Capitol Hill to represent district interests on issues such as wildland fire suppression funding, climate change legislation and water quality issues in the Great Lakes;
- Advocated for increased appropriations for NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance, U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry Programs and EPA's 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program;
- Engaged grassroots advocates through conference calls with state executive directors and through Action Alerts on issues such as appropriations, farm bill votes, and the economic stimulus proposal;
- Hosted a Legislative Conference featuring speakers such as Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer and Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall, Congressional office visits and a Congressional Reception; and
- Renewed the long-standing Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management, setting the stage for continued cooperative conservation projects on both private and federal lands.



Olin Sims Living Legacy Tree Plantings

NACD members, partners and friends of 2007 NACD President Olin Sims commemorated his life and work by planting trees across the country as part of NACD's Olin Sims Living Legacy Program. Sims is remembered as a strong leader, loyal friend and champion of conservation. In the photo above, more than 40 friends, partners, and leaders planted an American Chestnut tree at the National Arboretum in Olin Sims' honor.



Attendees of the 2008 NACD Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., heard from the key partners, congressional leaders and agency heads, including Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer (center). The 2008 Officer Team (below) came to Washington D.C. in March to go over the NACD budget and attend key meetings with partners.



Over 1000 conservationists attended NACD's 2008 Annual Meeting. NRCS Chief Arlen Lancaster (left) was one of many conservation leaders featured at the event.



NACD President John Redding spread the NACD message at the National Association of Farm Broadcasters annual Trade Talk. In the photo above, Redding is interviewed by Farm Broadcaster Dave Russell.



NACD Foundation Committees

NACD's programs and services are planned and guided by five Foundation Committees: District Operations and Member Services; Communications; Legislative; Stewardship and Education; and Natural Resource Policy.

Committees are made up of NACD Board Members, with each state being assigned to one of the five. Committees also establish special task forces and Resources Policy Groups on an as needed basis. Following is a summary of each committee's activities and accomplishments in 2008.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee provides guidance, input, direction and assistance to accomplish NACD's outreach and communication goals. Members of the committee work with NACD staff to strengthen both internal and external communications.

Placing a high-priority on branding, aesthetics and consistency, the Committee undertook several major projects in 2008 in an effort to update NACD's existing outreach tools and methods. The Committee's work included a redesign of *eNotes*, NACD's weekly electronic newsletter; a redesign of the Association's primary print newsletter, newly named *The Resource*; an extended NACD Annual Report; an attractive new display for use at trade shows and meetings; and a new general brochure for general outreach purposes.

New distribution methods increase NACD's ability to understand reader behaviors and provide targeted, timely information.

The Committee continues to place a high priority on understanding and meeting audience needs and interests, expanding and improving outreach efforts and promoting the work of conservation districts across the country.

NACD's freshly redesigned publications include *The Resource* and *eNotes*. Sign up today at www.nacdnet.org/news/publications to receive both in your inbox for free!



Stewardship and Education Committee

The Stewardship and Education Committee assists in the promotion of conservation education and Stewardship Week. Members participate in stewardship topic and theme development, which results in education outreach materials that are used to promote the importance of natural resources.

The Committee developed a five-year rotation of stewardship topics, allowing for increased collaboration with other partners. Topics are as follows: 2009 – Soil; 2010 – Forestry; 2011 – Wildlife and Habitat; 2012 – Current Topic; 2013 – Water. The 2009 topic of soils resulted in a partnership with the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian and the Soil Science Society of America. The partners collaborated to develop an exhibit themed *DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil* at the National Museum of Natural History and corresponding educational materials.

The 2010 topic of forestry is also providing an opportunity for collaboration with other partners on education materials that will be available in the fall of 2009.

NACD developed *DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil* education materials in collaboration with Smithsonian and the Soil Science Society of America. Use them today in your community!



District Operations and Member Services Committee

The District Operations and Member Services Committee works to improve connectivity between local districts, state associations and NACD by providing resources that assist in conservation districts' daily operations.

The Committee's work in 2008 focused on three main areas: Computer Management, Program Administration and a revised membership program. The Computer Management Task Force developed recommendations to USDA regarding computer management issues affecting conservation districts, such as computer purchases, information access and security measures. The Program Administration Task Force worked with the Legislative Committee to recommend and NACD policy position on USDA Program Administration. Finally, the Committee developed the new Friends of NACD Individual Membership program to provide additional support for NACD. The new program will be launched at NACD's Annual Meeting.

Committee work is also underway to determine interest in and demand for a limited access section of NACD's website to provide members access to sensitive information on a secure site.

NACD's new individual membership program, titled Friends of NACD, provides individuals an opportunity to show support for and make a personal investment in NACD



Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee guides and coordinates the development and implementation of legislative strategies in support of NACD's Board-approved policy and program objectives.

During 2008, the Committee reviewed the final Farm Bill legislative proposal and submitted comments to USDA regarding implementation after the Bill was enacted in June. The Committee also finalized appropriations recommendations, continuing a targeted approach to secure additional funds for the NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance account, the USDA Forest Service's State and Private Forestry Programs and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.

The leaders also developed and delivered a "green jobs" economic stimulus proposal to Capitol Hill, requesting additional funds for watershed rehabilitation and construction, EPA grants and forestry and rangeland health programs at the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

Finally, the Committee collaborated with NACD's District Operations Committee to address association policy and strategy regarding conservation program administration and with the Natural Resources Policy Committee to address the Clean Water Act.

NACD's Legislative Committee was very active in guiding the Association's efforts during the 2008 Farm Bill, which was enacted in July.



Natural Resource Policy Committee

The Natural Resource Policy Committee is responsible for coordinating activities and formulating policy recommendations in all areas, which include, but are not limited to, agricultural lands, water resources, forestry, urban, wildlife habitat and grazing lands. The wide array of issues that fall to this committee necessitated focusing efforts on issues that NACD was required to provide comment on or develop a policy position for during 2008. The Committee drafted and approved Climate Change Policy, established a joint task force with the Legislative Committee to review legislative changes to the Clean Water Act and provided comments to federal agencies regarding the Endangered Species Act, Sage Grouse, emergency withdrawal of lands, and water and air regulations impacting Animal Feeding Operations. Four Resource Policy Groups report to the full Natural Resource Policy Committee.

NACD's **Coastal Resource Policy Group** developed a survey to gain information on coastal priority issues as well as coastal resource opportunities for conservation districts. A Coastal Conservation Strategy will be developed using

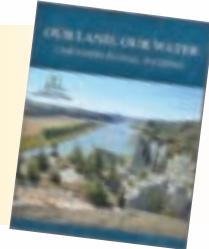
survey results. The strategy will include recommendations for implementation and possible funding sources to accomplish the established goals.

The **Urban and Community Resource Policy Group** compiled a report on districts' urban and community activities, and used it to prioritize their services. Activities included working with NRCS to provide technical tools for districts; identifying assistance for small acreage conservation; and developing training and certification guidance for district employees. The RPG also plans to launch a new urban and community section of NACD's website in early 2009.

The **Great Lakes Resource Policy Group** met throughout 2008 via conference calls and meetings in Michigan and Ohio. Activities included identifying federal and state partners, and drafting an annual work plan to assist landowners and municipalities as they manage growth and promote district involvement in Great Lakes restoration and protection activities.

NACD's **Forestry Resource Policy Group** guided the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the USDA Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service, state foresters and conservation districts to improve the delivery of technical assistance; is working on the mutual recognition of forest management plans; is developing templates for state-wide training for forestry assistance; and provided twelve issues of Forestry Notes to 4,700 subscribers.

NACD represents district interests on a broad range of natural resource policy issues. See a sampling of these issues in NACD's newly released publication, "Our Land, Our Water: Case Studies in Local Successes."



2008 NACD Foundation Committees

Legislative	District Operations & Member Services	Communications	Stewardship & Education	Natural Resource Policy
Steve Robinson Bob Cordova	Jack Majeres	Paul Leishman	Jim Lacy	Cliff Lundin
California Connecticut Illinois Iowa Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Oregon Rhode Island South Dakota Utah American Samoa	Delaware Georgia Hawaii Montana North Carolina North Dakota New Hampshire New Mexico Nevada Ohio Wisconsin Republic of Palau	Colorado District of Columbia Florida Idaho Massachusetts Minnesota Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Texas Virgin Islands Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Alaska Michigan Virginia New Jersey Nebraska Puerto Rico Tennessee Vermont West Virginia Federated States of Micronesia	Alabama Arizona Indiana Kansas Maine Missouri New York Pacific Basin Mississippi Washington Wyoming Arkansas
Keira Franz	Brad Ross	Lisa Lerwick	Susan Schultz	Keira Franz, Jeremy Peters

KEY: **Green** = Committee Chair

Italics = Staff Advisor(s)

Conservation District Contributors

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509 Capitol Court Campaign

For 20-plus years, the NACD headquarters office in Washington, D.C., has given districts a presence on the national scene. The three-story townhouse, located at 509 Capitol Court NE, is mere blocks from the Capitol Building and Congressional office buildings. It is a valuable asset for districts and allows NACD to better represent district interests.

In recent years, after much use and minimal upkeep, the office building at 509 Capitol Court, NE began to show its age. Stained and fraying carpets, water-stained and crumbling ceiling tiles, single-pane windows, and an undersized and inefficient heating and cooling system were just a few of the problems with the building. These problems were not just eyesores; they also caused higher energy costs and posed health and safety concerns for employees and visitors.

Renovations on the building began in August of 2008 with funds raised through NACD's 509 Capitol Court Campaign, which was launched in February 2007. Construction lasted a month and was finished in time to use the new conference room, named in honor of 2007 NACD President Olin Sims, to host the Partnership Meeting in November. The renovations have resulted in an office worthy of NACD's members, partners and staff.

Individuals, districts and state associations across the country have stepped up to the challenge and contributed to the fundraising efforts. To date, \$183,000 has been donated toward our final \$320,000 goal.

While the construction part of the NACD office is complete, the current fundraising levels of the Campaign do not match the cost of renovations (\$183,000 raised vs. \$320,000 expense). As directed by the Board, NACD paid the project out of reserves instead of borrowing from outside sources. We are still depending on your generosity to bring the 509 Campaign to a successful close. We can do it! Keep in mind: no donation is too small!

Please, help NACD preserve the building for another twenty years. Make a donation today. Donation forms and additional information about the 509 Capitol Court Campaign, including current fundraising totals and a list of donors, is available on NACD's website at <http://nacdnet.org/events/509campaign/>.



Conservation leaders from Utah, NACD President John Redding and CEO Krysta Harden review the renovations plans for the renovation of NACD's Washington, D.C. headquarters. As of July, Utah was the top contributor to the 509 Capitol Court Campaign and to-date has contributed \$12,449 to the Campaign's \$183,000 fundraising total.



Renovations included a spiral staircase to internally connect the basement and main levels of the office building. Previously, staff with offices in the basement had to exit the building and climb two flights of stairs to access the main office levels.



Construction on the office lasted the month of September. NACD CEO Krysta Harden, with the help of the HITT Foreman, kept tabs on the project, ensuring it remained on schedule and on budget.

Final Renovations Include:

- new heating and cooling system
- energy efficient double-pane windows
- new carpets and paint
- new exterior doors
- renovated bathrooms
- spiral staircase connecting basement with upper levels
- structural changes to improve layout and use

Top Contributors

As of December 31, 2008, the following states and individuals led the way in contributions to NACD's 509 Capitol Court Campaign. We appreciate every dollar contributed, but space does not allow a full listing in this report. A full list of donors is available at www.nacdnet.org/events/509campaign/donors_list.phtml.

Top 20 State Donors

Utah	\$12,449
South Dakota	\$12,168
Ohio	\$9,860
North Carolina	\$9,030
Indiana	\$8,770
Kentucky	\$7,700
Texas	\$7,141
Alabama	\$7,130
New York	\$6,900
Colorado	\$6,662
Iowa	\$6,325
Wyoming	\$6,000
Maryland	\$5,950
Georgia	\$5,785
West Virginia	\$5,300
Louisiana	\$5,090
Washington	\$5,050
Mississippi	\$4,621
Pennsylvania	\$3,600
Kansas	\$3,300

Top 20 Individual Contributors

Robert Warner	\$2,962
John Redding	\$1,260
Gene Schmidt	\$1,110
Larry E. Kehl	\$1,000
Rich Duesterhaus	\$875
Larry Nix	\$750
Joe Lomax	\$750
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Gene Weaver	\$500
Steve Robinson	\$500
Pete Waller	\$475
John Finch	\$475
Bob Cordova	\$450
Mike Macauley	\$400
Irvil Kear	\$400
Dennis Brown	\$375
Franklin Williams	\$375
Fred Feldman	\$359



Renovation Ride

NACD's members aren't the only ones to step up to the plate. In July, five NACD staff members bicycled 275 miles in five days in a fundraising initiative dubbed the Renovation Ride. The Renovation Riders began in Ohiopyle, Pa. and pedaled through four states (PA, WV, MD, and VA) on the C&O Rail Trail and Great Allegheny Passage Trail to the District of Columbia. The ride ended on the steps of our nation's Capitol. The Renovation Ride raised \$51,010 for the 509 Capitol Court Campaign through pledges from members, districts, friends and family.

Capitol Court Campaign Fundraising Progress

Just think, if every conservation district official donated \$10 to this valuable cause, we would easily meet our goal.

$$17,000 \text{ officials} \times \$10 = \$170,000$$

$$\$170,000 + \$183,000$$

$$(\text{current fundraising total}) = \$353,000$$

If every district official donated \$15, we would exceed our goal by nearly 50 percent, and the extra money would go into a maintenance fund to ensure the upkeep of the building for another twenty years!

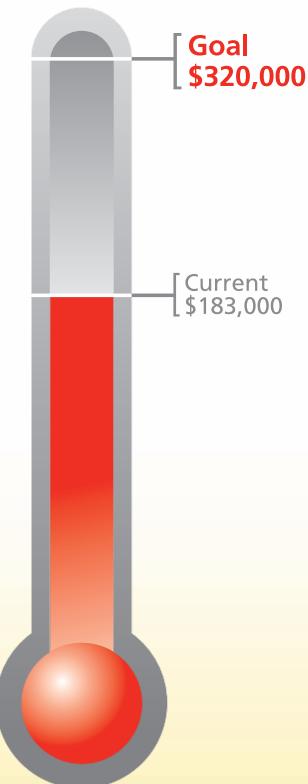
$$17,000 \text{ officials} \times \$15 = \$255,000$$

$$\$255,000 + \$183,000$$

$$(\text{current fundraising total}) = \$438,000!!!$$

(That's an excess of \$118,000 would go toward future upkeep of the building!)

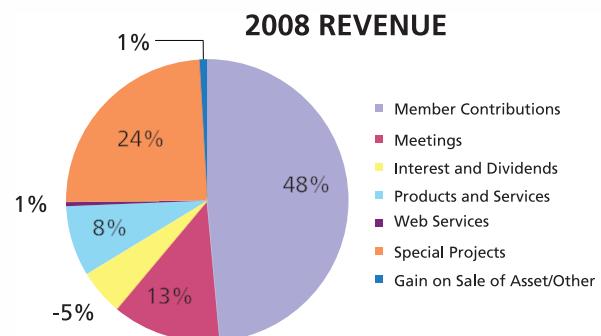
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Financial Information

Statement of Activity For the year ended September 30, 2008.

Revenue	2008	2007
Member Contributions	\$1,662,538	\$1,647,662
Meetings	430,272	400,953
Interest and Dividends	(177,926)	79,565
Products and Services	276,277	377,158
Web Services	18,577	49,044
Special Projects	828,919	767,345
Gain on Sale of Asset/Other	30,647	14,615
\$3,069,304	\$3,336,342	

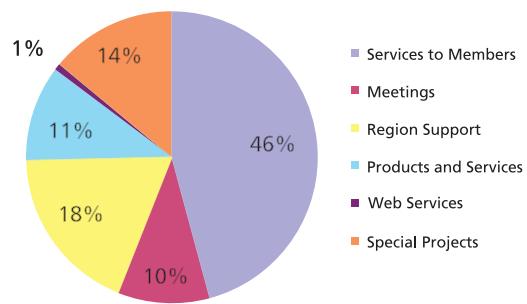


Expenses

Services to Members	\$1,449,717	\$1,394,118
Meetings	323,232	395,937
Region Support	589,413	549,352
Products and Services	336,207	383,977
Web Services	23,958	45,595
Special Projects	442,817	493,673
\$3,165,344	\$3,262,652	
Change in Net Assets	(\$96,040)*	\$73,690

*Note decrease in investment value.

2008 EXPENSES



Top 10 Contributing States

Ohio	\$97,059.12
North Carolina	\$62,851.50
Indiana	\$60,396.37
Arkansas	\$58,900.00
Texas	\$58,885.83
Minnesota	\$58,438.90
Alabama	\$52,700.00
Iowa	\$49,571.95
Kansas	\$47,290.26
Kentucky	\$46,456.18

100% District Participation

Alabama
Arkansas
Delaware
District of Columbia
Louisiana
Ohio
Nebraska
New Jersey
Virginia
West Virginia
Wyoming

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NACD currently has agreements with the following partners:

- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- DOI Bureau of Land Management

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* NACD lost a conservation leader and friend when Mike Barlow, NACD Executive Board Member from Oregon, passed away in late October. Mike was a well-respected man with a true love for the land. Mike will be missed by many in the conservation family across the nation.



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