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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

5:00 p.m. **Pre- Conference Reception,** Verrazano Room, Dunes Manor Hotel

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
8:25 a.m.	Risk Management Programs Update Paul Goeringer, Extension Legal Specialist University of Maryland Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
8:45 a.m.	Urban Agriculture Update Neith Little, University of Maryland ExtensionBaltimore City Extension EducatorUrban Agriculture
9:15 a.m.	IT Update - Tools to Make Our Job Easier Nan Stenzel, University of Maryland Extension Regional IT Coordinator
10:30 a.m.	Break - networking, check email, return phone calls, etc.
10:45 a.m.	"How to Use Academic Resources for Research" Mayhah Roma Suri University of Maryland Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
11:45 p.m.	The Maryland Agriculture Council-Mission and Outreach- A Place for Extension Gail P. Yeiser, Assistant to the Dean, Alumni and External Relations College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided) – networking



1:15 p.m. Simple Soil Health Evaluation

Jim Brewer (NRCS Resource Soil Scientist) will introduce the new Maryland Soil Health Card, which provides a framework for having a discussion with a producer about their fields' soil health. Using simple tools (e.g., shovel, pin flag, and tape measure) and observations, service providers can use the Card to estimate a field's level of soil health, and educate producers on basic soil health principles and practices that will improve soil health. NOTE: if held indoors, instructor will combine a slideshow with soil samples to demonstrate some of the key concepts. A field-based presentation (highly recommended) would allow participants to experience the process first hand.

2:15 p.m. Effective Teaching Techniques - What Works?

Ben Beale, St. Mary's County Shannon Dill, Talbot County Jeff Semler, Washington County

3:00 p.m. Special Presentations and Announcements

Update on Beginning Farmer Grant and Agent Resources

Shannon Dill, Extension Educator, Talbot County Ben Beale, Extension Educator, St. Mary's County

Introductions by New Ag Agents:

Peter Coffey, Carroll County

Andrew Kness, Harford County

Neith Little, Baltimore City

Matt Morris, Frederick County

Climate Change for Farmers Extension Team

Sara Via, University of Maryland, Department of Entomology

Special Announcement: Ginny Rosenkranz

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

5:30 p.m. MACAA Family Picnic and Softball Game

Stephen Decatur Park

Directions to Stephen Decatur Park

Leave the hotel; turn left on Philadelphia Ave. Stay to the right and cross the Route 50 bridge.

Stay on Route 50 towards Berlin.

Turn south on Route 113, go through 2 lights, turn on right on Tripoli Street and

Stephan Decatur Park is on the left.



FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast – Provided in the meeting room
7:05 a.m.	Meeting of the Northeast Association of County Agriculture Agents (NEACAA)
7:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests Ginger Myers, MACAA President
7:30 a.m.	Award Winner Presentations (10 minutes each)
	Achievement Award, Doris Behnke
	Mid-Career Award, Joseph Fiola
	Distinguished Service Award, Shannon Dill
8:00 a.m.	Minutes of the 2016 MACAA Summer Meeting Jessica Flores, MACAA Secretary
8:15 a.m.	MACAA Financial Report Dale Johnson, MACAA Treasurer
8:25 a.m.	President's Annual Report
8:30 a.m.	Old Business
9:00 a.m.	New Business
	- Committee Chairs
	- Member Recognition
	- Other New Business
	- 2018 Annual Summer Meeting
9:40 a.m.	Break
9:55 a.m.	MACAA Nomination Committee Report
10:00 a.m.	Election of 2017-2018 MACAA Officers
10:10 a.m.	2017-2018 Committee Assignments
10:25 a.m.	MACAA Foundation Report Dave Martin & Jim Lewis
10:45 a.m.	Tom E. Porter, Ph.D. Interim Associate Dean and Associate Director University Maryland Extension College of Agriculture and Natural Resources



Honorary Ag Agent - Robert Kratochvil

Service to Ag Award – Grove Miller

11:50 p.m. **Installation of Officers**

Shannon Dill

12:05 p.m. **Message from the Incoming President**

Doris Behnke

12:15 p.m. NACAA Northeast Regional Director's Report

Virginia Rosenkranz, NACAA NE Director

12:15 p.m. Discussion of Hosting NACAA Meeting in the Northeast

Maryland, Pennsylvania, and regional leaders.

1:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thank you Sponsors!

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At last year's meeting in my remarks as incoming President, I said "what a difference a year makes." That's still so very true for the University of Maryland Extension and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Under Dean Beyrouty's leadership we've seen key positions being filled, established the platforms for shared governance, and re-affirmed our mission to support our agricultural producers to end hunger in Maryland. We have several new co-workers in county and urban positions. They are talented new agents and we look forward to working with them in providing educational programs for the agricultural and natural resources industries across the state and great mid-Atlantic region.

And we do have several success stories to celebrate. Please join me in congratulating the 2017 MACAA and NACAA award winners:

Achievement Award – Doris Behnke

Mid-Career Award – Joe Fiola

Distinguished Service Award – Shannon Dill

MACAA was well represented at the 2016 NACAA AM-PIC in Little Rock, AR.

National Finalist in the Search for Excellence, Beginning and Small Farmer Category-Ginger Myers, Marketing Specialist, Western Maryland Research and Education Center

For the 2016 NACAA Communications Awards, Maryland had two national finalists, three regional finalists, and one state winner. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated.

Program Promotional Piece

Regional finalist – Jarrod Miller- Extension Educator, Somerset County

Feature Story

Regional finalist - Ginny Rosenkranz- Commercial Horticulture Extension Educator for Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties

Team Newsletter

National finalist – Jennifer Rhodes- Extension Educator, Queen Anne's County

Video Recording

National finalist – Jennifer Rhodes- Extension Educator, Queen Anne's County

Publication

Regional finalist - Ginger Myers- Marketing Specialist, Western Maryland Research and Education Center

Web Site

State winner – Ginger Myers- Marketing Specialist, Western Maryland Research and Education Center

We will have more success stories from the Salt Lake City, Utah meeting in July. Please attend, if possible, and support your fellow MACCA members as they make presentations and get recognized for their achievements. At this meeting the Northeast Region will offer its bid to host the National meeting in Philadelphia in 2021.



But, we still do have some challenges. There are still vacant positions that can limit our capacity to pursue field work, partnerships and grant applications. While a needs assessment survey has been completed for the Eastern Shore, the current survey underway on the Western Shore may reveal client priorities and needs we may not be servicing fully at this time. Implementing our programming will also need to dovetail with the College's strategic plans for Extension.

As MACAA president, I had the opportunity to serve on the review panel for the first set of designated Extension Signature Programs. Two were approved - *Grow it, Eat It* and *The Woods in Your Backyard*. Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resource programs have great potential for such designations and I encourage leaders in these programs to make application when the next call for nominations is posted.

Thanks to all of you and the Executive Board for supporting me this past year as your President. It has been an honor. I look forward to continuing to serve the members by supporting Doris Behnke as incoming President.

Respectfully,

Ginger Myers 2016 - 2017

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

7:15a.m. – Poster presentations were given. State winners were Shannon Dill – (Applied Research Submission: Eastern Shore Ag Needs Assessment) and Jon Moyle (Extension Education: Assessing Growers Response to Increasing Biosecurity Demands). Discussion on what should be included and how posters are judged at NACAA. MACAA members encouraged to submit posters in the future as submissions were down this year.

7:30 p.m. - MACAA Awards & Recognition: This year's awards were presented to:

RECOGNITION:

Paul Goeringer (Achievement Award)

Jenny Rhodes (Mid-Career Award)

Dave Myers (Distinguished Service Award)

AWARDS:

Honorary Ag Agent: Pam Adams, Bridgestone Manor Farm, Eldersburg, MD

Service to Ag Award: Ann and John Richards of St. Mary's County

8:03 a.m. – **The NAEACAA meeting:** Lead by Ginny Rosenkranz. Vice Chair Craig Williams presented that the NAEACCA is registered as charitable organization when future fundraising occurs.

8:30 a.m. - **2016 Annual Meeting.** Meeting called to order and all were welcomed. 24 members were in attendance. Representation included MD, D.C., and PA. Acknowledgment of new members and guests in attendance by Herb Reed.

8:34 a.m. - **2015 MACAA Meeting Minutes** were read. Dave Myers, Joe Fiola, and Yao Afantchao had corrections to the minutes. Ginger Myers motioned for minutes to move forward with corrections. Ginny Rosenkranz seconded. Approved.

Suggestion to provide minutes prior soon after annual meeting so members are able to better follow up with tasks assigned before the next annual meeting.

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8:42 a.m. - Financial Report:

\$9738.11 Total Balance in Savings and checking

\$3330.09 Total income

\$442.98 Net Income

\$10,181.09 Account Balance

2015 Annual Income: \$1000.00 (Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Sponsorship)

2015 Annual Expenses: \$1095.91

Net Income (Loss) \$(95.61)

Members made aware by Treasurer it is generally accepted that a small loss is incurred for holding the annual meeting.

In 2015, administration was not forgoing to provide travel or funding towards holding the MACAA conference due to funding shortage concerns at the University level. Farm Credit graciously provided \$1000 sponsorship for MACAA to hold the annual meeting.

AgLaw Initiative provided funding for lunch at the 2015 conference.

Financial report motioned by Jenny Rhodes to be passed as is. Rosenkranz seconded. Approved.

8:46 a.m. - President's Report:

Discussions on new Dean and his effort in moving forward with collaboration for educators to succeed at their job.

Acting Associate Dean Tom Porter on continue to communicate with both the Dean and associate Dean with success stories and issues throughout the state (university level, state, community with the farm community).

Discussions on 2015 National Meeting. When attending the national meetings, support award winners, poster presenters, and MACAA members presenting when attending. Challenges within the industry

Commodity prices (focus producers on smart marketing & pricing)

Disease pressure of crops (provide feedback to specialists)

Insect borne human diseases (be aware of impacts for human health)

Faculty promotion

Herb thanked MACAA for opportunity for "stepping in" to fill the president's vacancy in 2015.

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Old Business:

Ginny Rosenkranz provided update and information regarding the Professional Improvement of Leadership and Development (PILD) conference. Will be held April 2-5, 2017. Mark your calendars. Foundation funds available for a member to attend this conference as part of the MD team.

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) conference will be held February 8-9, 2017 annual conference in Orlando, FL. Very important for president to go. Funds available for president for travel assistance.

9:28 a.m. - New Business:

Reviewed Committee Reports (beginning on page 17)

PROGRAM RECOGNITION COUNCIL

Audit committee

Membership

Policy/Nomination

4-H & Youth

Communications – Susan is resigning from serving as chair of this committee. Nate has offered to serve as the new chair.

Professional Excellence – Jessica is resigning from serving as chair of this committee. Emily has offered to serve as the new chair.

Public Relations

Recognition & Awards

Scholarship - Motion made by Ben Beale for MACAA to pay the scholarship amount of \$40 for individuals who have been a MACAA members for a minimum of 5 years that have not already been paid. Jackie Takacs. seconded. Motion approved.

Search Excellence

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Agricultural Economics & Community Development

Agronomy & Pest Management

Animal Science

Horticulture & Turfgrass

Natural Resources

Sustainable Agriculture

Water – In process of completing a factsheet publication focused on Storm Water rights with AgLaw Initiatives.

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EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Administrative Skills Development

Agricultural Issues & Public Relations – Paul has volunteered to serve as new chair for this committee.

Early Career Development

Technical & Educational Technologies

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It is with sad news lifetime member, Loyal Reger, has passed way. He was a retired 4-H agent who previously had previously served in the military. A moment of silence was observed.

Jenny Rhodes motioned for all committee reports to be approved. Paul Goeringer seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

9:37 a.m. Nomination Committee Report (See booklet for Committee Chairs)

Committee Chair assignments will remain as listed in the MACAA booklet excluding the new chair assignments listed below:

Dave Myers – Sustainable AG

Jarrod Miller – Agronomy & Pest Management

Nevin Dawson – Natural Resources

Paul Goeringer - Ag Issues & Public Relations

Nate Richards - Communication

Emily Zobel - Professional Excellence

Dave Myers motioned to accept new committee assignments. Ginny second. Approved.

7th National Small Farm Conference to be held at Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA. September 20-22, 2016.

Berran Rogers will be offered an invitation to become a MACAA member by Ginny Rosenkranz via email after the conclusion. As part of being a new membership, membership will be covered by MACAA in additional to 1st time attendance to NACAA is free conference fee.

Aug 27th 1st day of state fair. Showcase at State Fair for University from 10am to 10pm. Request from Chuck Schuster for members to attend and work a 3 hour shift. See David Gordon for free parking and entrance pass.

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Dale Johnson has offered to coordinate a state nights out for the 2017 State's night out July 26, 2017. Requesting loan from MACAA in the amount of \$500 deposit per room to make a reservation the restaurant. Dave Myers made a motion for MACAA to make a loan to Dale Johnson to make a reservation for state's night out at the 2017 NACAA meeting. Suggested by Dave Myers to contact Northeast states to be included. Ginny will contact the Presidents of all the NE presidents. Chuck seconded the motion. Approved.

Jenny Rhodes motioned that the MACAA president should encourage all Presidents of the MD State Associations to come together and request for a quarterly meeting with the Associate Dean and Associated Director review administration overlap, concerns and action items for the next year. Dave Myers second. Approved

Ginger moved forward with coordinating state's night out at NACAA for Little Rock, AK in July.

Jon Hall discussed self-promotion of MACAA as being poor. Coordinated outreach and effort with members for self-promotion in current outreach outlets, such as social, media. Motion made that MACAA appoint a committee to look into having a state communication presence as an association on social media. Jenny Rhodes made the motion. Ginger Rosenkranz second. Ginger voiced concerns that Gale Yeiser be included on this committee. Motion approved.

Contact Linda for Dr. Beyrouty & Constance for Tom Porter on the phone let her know an email is being sent.

10:13 a.m. - MACAA Summer Annual Meeting for 2017:

Discussions held about options on locations and prices for hotels and MACAA conference. To be held *June 21-23, 2017.* Jim Lewis motioned for the MACAA conference to remain at the Dunes Hotel Manor. Doris Behnke. Motion Approved.

10:54 a.m. – Election of 2016-2017 MACAA Officers

Motioned made by Jenny Rhodes on the election of the incoming MACAA Officers. Officers up for 2016-2017 election include:

Herb Reed – Past President

Ginger Myers – President

Doris Behnke – President Elect

Jessica Flores - Vice President

Luke Gustafson - Secretary

Second by Ginny Rosenkranz. Motion Approved

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10:56 a.m. - MACAA Foundation:

Motion made by Dave Martin to suspend the 2016 MACAA annual meeting. Seconded by Dale Johnson. Meeting closed.

Summary of Activities for the MACAA Foundation discussed.

Herb Reed motioned to examine other investing options for the coming year. Dale Johnson second. Motioned approved.

Motioned made by Ginny to close the MACAA Foundation meeting to be closed and reopen the MACAA Annual Meeting. Luke seconded the motion. Motion approved.

11:03a.m. - Northeast Regional Director's Report by Ginny Rosenkranz:

Thanked members for being nominated to serve. She takes her role very serious and has thoroughly enjoyed her time serving!

Made members aware that there are vacant positions on the regional and national chair positions. Members should consider serving in these positions as there are benefits in attending national conferences.

NACAA Annual Conference for 2017 to be held July 9-13, 2017 in Salt Lake City, UT.

NACAA Annual Conference for 2018 to be held in Chattanooga, TN. July 29-2, 2018

NACAA Annual Conference for 2019 to be held in Fort Wayne IN September 8-12, 2016

11:11 a.m. - Northeast Bid for Hosting 2021 NACAA AMPIC:

Opportunity of Southern Region in 2020 to host the national annual conference. In 2021, there is an opportunity for Northeast region to host the national annual conference. Ginny has written a letter to the Dean to push forward Maryland being the state in which the annual conference

Summarization of the email trail sent out in fall 2015 that included conversation and discussion of the executive committee on our ability to host and support this national annual meeting.

Discussions included having complete uniformity in decision making with retired members, lifetime members, 4-H members, and others that will be pulled upon as resources to man and help host this annual conference. Locations to hold the conference within the state were discussed. Survey should be sent out to all members that are involved in making this decision. Dean should be made aware of the financial requirements involved with this meeting. A commitment of funds from the Dean should be received prior to members in deciding to host this meeting. Decision should be made before this year's national meeting.

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Motion made by Dale Johnson to move that the association to form an exploratory committee, chaired by Ginny Rosenkranz, that will evaluate resources needed and available by August 15, 2016 to host this national conference. Jarrod Miller, Dave Myers, and Ginny Rosenkranz will serve on the committee. Efforts of this exploratory committee with include sending out a survey to members and life members on who can commit to helping with the national conference. Ben Beale seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Motioned made by Jenny Rhodes to provide \$100 to reimburse George Rosenkranz for assisting in helping coordinate and pick up food for the picnic. Dale Johnson second the motion. Motion approved.

11:49 a.m. - Installation of Officers:

Installation of Officers conducted by Jenny Rhodes.

Herb Reed – Past President

Ginger Myers – President

Doris Behnke – President Elect

Jessica Flores – Vice President

Luke Gustafson – Secretary

11:57 a.m. - Message from Incoming President, Ginger Myers:

Thanked Herb for stepping in last year to step into filling a void of the incoming president of MACAA. His leadership has been very valuable. What a difference a year makes! Thanked all members for service in the past and coming year for representing MACAA in various roles. Members should look for opportunities to grow our organization and gain new members. Look forward to working together in the next year.

Meeting Minutes provided by Jessica Flores, MACAA Secretary (2015-2016). Updated as of 6/17/16.



2016-2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MACAA Financial Statement 6/01/2016 - 5/31/2017

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Account balances 6/1/2016		
Savings	\$ 5,076.67	
Checking	5,104.42	
Total		10,181.09
Income		
Membership dues Annual meeting in-	2,400.00	
come	3,266.30	
Interest Income	5.52	
Total income		5,671.82
Expenses		
NACAA membership		
fee	1,800.00	
Annual meeting ex-		
pense	2,343.30	
Recongintion Plaques	70.00	
Bank charge	65.00	
Total expense		4,278.30
Net income		1,393.52
Account balances		
5/31/2017		
Savings	5,882.19	
Checking	5,692.42	
Total		\$ 11,574.61

2016 Annual Meeting

Report

Report	
Income	
Meeting sponsored by	
Law Center	\$ 1,518.30
Registration & picnic	
income	\$ 1,748.00
Total annual meeting	
income	\$ 3,266.30
Expenses	
Expenses	2,343.30
Net income (loss)	\$ 923.00



FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2017

The purpose of the MACAA Foundation Fund Committee is to consider and recommend expenditures to the Foundation Fund Governing Board. The Foundation supports the professional improvement of its members and the improvement of the MACAA organization. In addition, the Foundation helps to create awareness by individuals and organization of the purpose of the NACAA Foundation Fund.

The Foundation is an account under the MACAA Federal Tax Identification number and is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c), (6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the account are not tax deductible.

Activity during the past year is shown on the following Balance Sheet and Income and Expense statements. At the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year, the corpus was invested in one Certificate of Deposit (CD) and the checking account. The interest earned on the 'CD-30' is deposited directly into the Foundation's interest bearing checking account. As directed by a motion at the 2013 Annual Meeting, both the 'CD-65' and 'CD-increasing' investments were allowed to mature with the principle and interest transferred to the checking account to accrue a higher interest rate than was available with certificates of deposit. All accounts are held with PNC Bank.

The interest rates on the CD and checking account are very low and this is expected to continue through 2017. Please note that the present balance in the checking account reflects a reserve of interest income from past years as well as restricted corpus assets (equal to \$26,772.51) from the mature CDs which are pending to be reinvested.

As of February 15, 2017, the Foundation had a total cash balance in the checking account of \$33,117.38 less the \$26,772.51 of restricted funds leaving an available balance of \$6,344.87 in the checking account.

David Martin, Co-Chair Jim Lewis, Co-Chair



FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2017

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Comparison December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016

	Dec. 31, 2015	Dec. 31, 2016	Difference
ASSETS			
CD-30	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Foundation Check	33,212.49	33,266.25	53.76
TOTAL ASSETS	\$63,212.49	\$63,266.25	53.76
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET WORTH TOTAL	\$63,212.49	\$63,266.25	53.76

MACAA Foundation Income and Expense Report

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

INCOME

Interest-check \$ 8.73 Interest-CD-30 \$45.03

TOTAL INCOME \$53.76

EXPENSE

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 0.00

INCOME-EXPENSE BALANCE \$53.76



AUDIT

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to examine and verify the financial records of MACAA.

As treasurer of MACAA, Dale Johnson maintains the association's checking and savings accounts.

As chair of the MACAA Foundation, Dave Martin maintains the Foundation's checking account and several certificate of deposits.

The association's financial records were last reviewed on June 21, 2017, and everything was found to be in order.

Thanks to both Dave and Dale for doing a good job with MACAA's finances and doing it responsibly for so many years.

Submitted by Susan Schoenian

MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to try to encourage all eligible Maryland Extension professionals to become active members in the MACAA. The association treasurer chairs this committee.

As of June 1, 2017 we had 35 active members.

MACAA membership also includes 41 life members.

NACAA rules for the annual meeting voting delegates is one delegate for the first 40 members and one voting delegate for the next 30 members (or fraction of 30). Therefore, MACAA is entitled to one voting delegate at the 2017 national meeting.

Dale Johnson, Treasurer Doris Behnke, President-Elect

POLICY AND NOMINATION

There is no report for Policy and Nomination.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Rhodes, Chair



PROGRAM RECOGNITION COUNCIL

4-H & YOUTH

There is no report for 4-H & Youth. There were no entries.

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Dill, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

I was the Communications chair for the Program Recognition Council of MACAA for 2017. I reviewed and selected state winners for submissions in the following categories; Personal Column, Feature Story, Newsletter (individual), Video Presentation, Publication, Web Site, Program Promotional Piece, and Bound Book. I then sent the winners submissions up to the NACAA Communications Chair to be considered for regional and national consideration. In scoring for completeness and quality against other submissions I used the NACAA guidelines found here: http://www.nacaa.com/awards/communications_scoresheet.php . I also employed the help of a colleague who had not made any submissions to independently score the submissions as well. Our selections were unanimous so the decisions were made final.

Our State Winners are as follows: Personal Column - Jeff Semler, Feature Story - "Hydrangeas to Color the Garden from Spring to Fall" Virginia Rosenkranz, Newsletter (individual) - "Mastering Marketing Newsletters" Ginger Myers, Video Presentation - "Getting Started on Spring Planting" Virginia Rosenkranz, Publication - "Current Legal Rules Benefit Spray Applicators When it Comes to Pesticide Drift" Paul Goeringer, Website - "Maryland Small Ruminant Page" Susan Schoenian, Program Promotional Piece - "Soils and Fertility Course (soils for Farmers)" Jarrod O Miller, and Bound Book - "A Sustainable Practices Workbook for Wine Grape Growing in Maryland" Joseph A Fiola.

Respectfully Submitted by Nate Richards

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Jim Lewis and Susan Schoenian were selected as the Maryland poster winners.

Applied Research: Nitrogen and Poultry Manure Use on Soybeans, James W. Lewis

Extension Education: Using Webinar Short Courses to Educate Small Ruminant Producers,

Susan Schoenian

Emily Zobel, Chair



PUBLIC RELATIONS

There were no pride entries submitted to the committee chair. There was one nomination for *Honorary County Agriculture Agent* and three for the *Service to Agriculture Award*. Those were forwarded to the President, for the Executive Committee to make a final selection. The 2017 awards go to:

Honorary County Agriculture Agent - Robert Kratochvil

Bob grew up on a diverse livestock and crop farm located in south-central Montana. He attended Montana State University where he graduated cum laude in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Plant Science. Following graduation, he returned to the home farm and entered a farming partnership with his father and brother.

In 1984, Bob returned to academics following acceptance into a graduate program by the University of Maryland's Agronomy Department. Soon after arriving, he joined Dr. David Sammons' Small Grain Breeding program as the Agriculture Technician. He continued to work with Dr. Sammons while earning his Master's Degree awarded in 1988. He chose to continue his graduate education by pursuing a PhD at UM under the tutelage of Dr. Sammons. In 1991 and while still working on his PhD, Bob was hired by the UM's Agriculture Experiment Station to be farm manager at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center's (CMREC) Beltsville Facility. In 1993, he was promoted to CMREC Acting Center Head. He was awarded his doctorate in December 1994. During the next five years, Bob was promoted to Center Head of CMREC and in 1998 Center Head of both CMREC and Western Maryland REC.

Bob joined the faculty of the Department of Natural Resource Sciences and Landscape Architecture (now Plant Science and Landscape Architecture) as an Assistant Professor in January 2000. He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 2006. He has a research (40%) and Extension (60%) appointment. During the past 17 years, Bob's Extension programs and research activities have emphasized three objectives:

- 1. Identify, evaluate, and educate farmers about crop production practices that optimize profit.
- 2. Design cropping systems that incorporate sound, economical nutrient and best management practices.
- 3. Evaluate alternative and value added crop opportunities.

Throughout the 17 plus years he has been Extension Agronomist, Bob has had close ties with Maryland's County Agricultural Agents, with commodity organizations (Maryland Grain Producers, Maryland Soybean Board and Maryland Crop Improvement Association), and with locally organized, alternative and value added crops venture groups (e.g., Chesapeake Fields Institute and Mid-Atlantic Biofuels). Bob has worked closely with Mid-Atlantic Extension Specialists helping establish the quarterly Mid-Atlantic Agronomists' Newsletter that was awarded American Society of Agronomy's Extension Newsletter Award in 2008. He is an active member of the American Society of Agronomy having served on the Board of Directors of that organization's Northeast Branch. He has served as President of the Northeast Corn Improvement Committee and been Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School four times. During 2010 and 2011, he served as co-leader for UM Extension's Agriculture and Natural Resources Profitability Impact Team.



In 2011, Bob's efforts were recognized by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources when he was awarded the College's Integrated Research and Extension Excellence Award. In 2012, Bob received the highly coveted James R. Miller Award from the Maryland Grain Producers Association for his service and support of Maryland's grain producers. During spring 2016, Bob was again recognized by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources when he received the Extension Excellence Award. In January of 2017, Bob received recognition by the Maryland Crop Improvement Association at their annual meeting for his numerous contributions to Maryland Agriculture and the Seed Industry.

Bob's teaching responsibilities are as a member of the PSLA graduate faculty. He has served as major advisor for one PhD student and six Master's students. And, he has been or currently is a graduate committee faculty member for 18 Master's and eleven PhD students.

Service to Agriculture Award - Grove Miller

Grove Miller, best known for his great smile, robust laugh, positive attitude and willingness to work hard has helped to make the Maryland agriculture industry the best. Grove's earliest agriculture connection dates back 70+ years to his growing up on a farm and as a 4-H club member. His belief in country and service was demonstrated early in life when he interrupted his college education for military service to his country. After military service he and his brother Jack decided to go into dairy farming together. This turned out to be a brilliant decision. Both brothers were interested in community involvement and public service. By farming together they shared farm responsibilities as their off-farm involvement expanded.

Grove's leadership abilities were tapped in 1961 by the Cecil County Fair. It was from this community involvement that his leadership roles and skills expanded to state, regional and national involvement including President of the Maryland Farm Bureau, Chairman of the Maryland State Fair, Chairman of MD AG Land Preservation Fund, VP for Agriculture with the MD Chamber of Commerce, Master of the Maryland State Grange, seven years on the Board of Regents at the University of Maryland, President of Farmers & Mechanics Insurance Company for 50 years, Chairman of the University of Maryland Advisory Board to the Vice President of Agriculture, and more. And, those are only the areas of agricultural service. If you added up all of the years of service to various community boards and agricultural interests, over the last forty-seven years, Grove has given more than 200 years of active service. Throughout this period, Grove and his brother grew their dairy operation that became a showplace frequently used by Extension for visits by politicians, foreign agriculture students, and visiting agriculturists.

Grove is always asking, "what do you need, is there something we can do?" He is always willing to share his knowledge, energy, and understanding of Maryland agriculture and politics. His long history of service to agriculture and Maryland 4-H has meant that he is known and respected in many quarters. He has repeatedly testified before legislative committees seeking funds for agriculture and was instrumental in securing the funding for the two million dollar Maryland 4-H Center, for Maryland residential camp facilities, and the operating budgets for the University of Maryland and Extension field faculty. He is quick to recognize an opportunity to extol the benefits of the College of Agriculture, Extension, and the 4-H program. As a 20-year member of the MD 4-H Foundation Board he has been a moving force to establish a solid financial endowment to ensure a bright future. To quote the MD 4-H Foundation director, "Grove Miller is responsible for where we are today. He is a man with a vision and is willing to work to make it come true."



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Miller is the consummate example of a dedicated volunteer. He is continually invited to represent agriculture and uses these opportunities to explain the importance and value of agriculture. When the Dean of the University of Maryland wanted to establish a \$1,000 Directors Award, he went to Grove Miller for funding. In 1995, Grove secured a \$150,000 donation from a regional bank, providing 75, \$2,000 scholarships to worthy 4-H youth. The scholarship program continues today. In 1999, working with the regional MD-VA College of Veterinary Medicine, an interactive birthing area showcasing the needs of agriculture was established at the Maryland State Fair. At the same time they instituted agriculture tours to develop a better understanding of agriculture and Extension for the urban resident. Grove epitomizes the 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better." Grove's decades of service have given agriculture a generous friend who is always willing to extend a hand and share resources.

Grove has been married to his wife Arlene for 68 years, has three children, seven grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Lewis, Chair

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The Awards and Recognition Committee submitted the following names for awards this year:

Achievement Award: Doris Behnke

Mid-Career Award: Joe Fiola

Distinguished Service Award: Shannon Dill

Each year the membership of MACAA has the opportunity to select one member to be awarded one of the following awards. The Achievement Award is given to a noteworthy Extension Educator who has served less than 10 years, the Mid Career Award for noteworthy Service between 10-20 years, and the Distinguished Service Award for an outstanding Extension Educator who has served more than 10 years in Extension.

Doris Behnke and Shannon Dill will be recognized at the National Association of County Agriculture Agents in July at the NACAA Annual Meeting, professional Improvement Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Thanks to Dale and Susan for helping keep the records correct as we determine who is eligible.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee administers the NACAA scholarship program in Maryland. Scholarships may be used for approved professional development activities. Group applications are encouraged and receive more favorable review than individual applications. Applications must be received by June 1. The State Chair reviews the applications and signs. The signature of the State President and State Extension Director are required. Scholarship applications are reviewed for funding at the NACAA AMPIC meeting each year.



To be eligible for a scholarship members must have contributed at least \$40 to the National Scholarship fund by the close of the NACAA AMPIC the year preceding the application. There are several ways to contribute to the scholarship fund including donating items for the scholarship auction and also participating in the raffle held at the scholarship auction at the national meeting. Note also that MACAA will make this donation for individuals who have been members for 5 years. There were no scholarship applications in 2017. Talk to me now about planning to apply in 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Herb Reed, Chair

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

The purpose of the Extension Program Committee is to encourage and recognize effective Extension programs throughout Maryland and the United States. The Extension Program Committee is responsible for administering eight contests at the state level. In 2017, all applications were required to be submitted electronically through the NACAA website.

The categories for consideration are:

- 1. Search for Excellence in Landscape Horticulture
- 2. Search for Excellence in Crop Production
- 3. Search for Excellence in Livestock Production
- 4. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management
- 5. Search for Excellence in Forestry and Natural Resources
- 6. Search for Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture
- 7. Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning or Small Farmers/Ranchers
- 8. Search for Excellence in Farm Health and Safety

The winning Maryland state entries are as follows:

Search for Excellence for Young, Beginning or Small Farmers/Ranchers:

Farming: Pencil to Plow – Beginner Farmer Entrepreneurial Training—Jessica Flores

Search for Excellence in Livestock Production:

Western Maryland Pasture-Based Meat Goat Performance Test—Susan Schoenian (Lead) with David Gordon, Jeff Semler, Mary Beth Bennett (WV), and Dahlia O'Bren (VSU)

I am pleased to announce that both entries submitted from Maryland have been selected as a **National Finalist.** Congratulations to Jessica as well as Susan and her team members for a job well done. I fully encourage each MACAA member to consider applying in one the above categories.

Respectfully Submitted, Ben Beale, Chair



PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

There is no report for Agricultural Economics & Community Development.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Rhodes Chair

AGRONOMY & PEST MANAGEMENT

There is no report for Agronomy & Pest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Jarrod Miller, Chair

ANIMAL SCIENCE

We have two members attending the Preconference Animal Science tour, Susan Schoenian and Jeff Semler. There were several posters, seminars and search for excellence submissions but have not yet heard if any were selected.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Semler, Chair

HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS

2015-2016 Maryland Department of Agriculture and University of Maryland collaborated to create teaching points and power point programs for Professional Fertilizer Applicators certification and Re-Certification. There are now over 1,500 certified Professional Fertilizer Applicators in Maryland who receive re-certification credits each year, often in conjunction with Commercial Pesticide Recertification through the University of Maryland Extension.

The Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association and University of Maryland Extension continue to collaborate to bring more horticultural conferences available to the Maryland Green Industry. The very successful educational conference created by Maryland Extension Educators and Specialists include Chesapeake Green, A Horticulture Symposium, The Cut Flower Short Course and Summer Tour, the Greenhouse Short Course, the Alternative Crops Course, Storm Water Management Conference, and the MNLGA Field Day.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair



NATURAL RESOURCES/AQUACULTURE
There is no report.
Respectfully submitted, Nevin Dawson, Chair
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
No report.
Dave Myers, Chair
WATER
No report.
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Respectfully submitted, Susan Schoenian, Chair



LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MACAA Life Membership presently consists of 43 retired agents, specialists, and other faculty. The membership also includes 15 widows of deceased members, who are kept informed of news and events concerning life members and are encouraged to participate in the annual dinner and tour.

On October 4-5, 2016, MACAA Life Members held their annual fall tour in Charles County, hosted by Pam King, County Extension Agent retired. Tuesday evening, the group enjoyed a wonderful dinner at a local seafood restaurant and heard about the history of area pertaining to the villainous John Wilks Booth. The following day an excellent tour of the diversity of agriculture in the county was conducted by Pam with assistance by Ben Beale, Ag Extension Agent in St. Mary's County. The annual dinner and tour was attended by 32 life members and spouses.

The 2017 MACAA Life Members tour is scheduled to be held on October 4-5 in Talbot County. The host for this event will be County Extension Agent, Shannon Potter-Dill

Respectfully Submitted, Terry E. Poole, Chair



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