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**WEDNESDAY JUNE 25**

4:00 p.m.  Check in Dunes Manor

5:00—7:00 p.m.  Pre-Conference Reception on the Deck of Dunes Manor  
Light refreshments - Cash Bar  
Relax and Enjoy!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

8:15 a.m.  Call to order and welcome

8:20 a.m.  MACAA—What is this Association all about?  
Resources, Discussion, Questions & Answers  
David Myers & Ginny Rosenkranz

9:00 a.m.  Crop Reports— Dale Hawks, State Statistician  
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service—Maryland Office

9:40 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m.  Award Winner Presentations (10 minutes each)  
Achievement Award, Ginger Myers  
Mid-Career Award, Shannon Dill  
DSA- Jon Traunfeld

10:30 a.m.  Update and Discussion with  
Dwight Dotterer, Nutrient Management Program Administrator  
Maryland Department of Agriculture

11:15 a.m.  Encouraging Energy Efficient Investments Among Farmers  
Sebestian Houde  
Asst. Prof, AGNR-Agricultural & Resource Economics

12:00 p.m.  Lunch provided
AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 26—continued

12:45 p.m. Promoting through Social Media
Michele Walfred, Communication Specialist, University of DE
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Faculty Presentations (4-6 – 15 to 20 minutes each)
Ag Law In Update
Paul Goeringer, Research Assoc. Agricultural & Resource Economics
Crop Insurance & 2014 Farm Bill
Howard Leathers, Assoc. Professor, Agricultural & Resource Economics
Poultry Update
Jon Moyle, UME Poultry Specialist, & Jenny Rhodes, Extension Educator,
Agriculture and Natural Resources, Queen Anne’s County
SARE Update
Nevin Dawson, Coordinator, Sustainable Agriculture, for AGNR Faculty
Mid-Atlantic AgrAbility Project
Ron Jester, Project Director
Woodland Stewardship Program and Opportunities
Jonathan S. Kays, Extension Specialist Natural Resources

3:45 p.m. Open Discussion

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.
2014 Annual Summer Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 a.m.  Breakfast – Provided in the meeting room

7:15 a.m.  Meeting of the Northeast Association of County Agriculture Agents (NEACAA)

7:30 a.m.  Timeline of UME – Since of direction & discussion
           Dr. Stephen Wright, Associate Dean and Associate Director UME

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests Dave Myers, MACAA President

8:35 a.m.  Minutes of the 2013 MACAA Summer Meeting Ginger Myers, MACAA Secretary

8:40 a.m.  MACAA Financial Report Dale Johnson, MACAA Treasurer

8:50 a.m.  President’s Annual Report

9:05 a.m.  Old Business
           - 2013 Report of MACAA Activities

9:45 a.m.  New Business
           - Committee Chairs
           - PILD (Public Issues Leadership Workshop) April 12-15, 2015
           - Maryland JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals)
           - Member Recognition
           - Other New Business
           - 2015 Annual Summer Meeting

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. MACAA Nomination Committee Report

10:45 a.m. Election of 2014-2015 MACAA Officers

10:55 a.m. 2013-2014 Committee Assignments

11:00 a.m. MACAA Foundation Report

11:15 a.m. NACAA Northeast Regional Director’s Report, Pete Nitzsche, NACAA NE Director

11:40 a.m. Achievement Award & MACAA Service to Ag Award — Lee Richardson

11:45 a.m. Installation of Officers, Shannon Dill

12:00 p.m. Message from the Incoming President, Jenny Rhodes
I want to thank personally every member of the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents for the important job that each of you carry out serving the community; in so doing we serve our country. All of us need to consider and convey the importance of 100-years of Extension in America. We have to commit to filling the boots of our predecessors, county agents that have selflessly lifted up America’s farmers; enabling them to become the most productive mankind has ever known. I charge all of us to take the time in the next few months, before this centennial year passes, to dust off the old documents in our offices, rediscovering how this legislation called Smith-Lever was so successfully delivered; Don’t forget to let America know! Sure there has been plenty of change, maybe too much or too little at times, but the Extension mission is still vital to the peace and security of our nation and the world.

On May 8, 1914 the Smith-Lever Act was signed into law apportioned to the Morrell Act of 1862, which had established the State and Territory Land Grant institutions. Smith-Lever legislation by direct federal funding and matching state and local funding quickly opened Cooperative Extension offices in counties across this nation. Important excerpts of the Smith-Lever Act:

In order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, uses of solar energy (energy derived from sources other than fossil fuels) with respect to agriculture, home economics, and rural energy, and to encourage the application of the same, there may be continued or inaugurated in connection with the college or colleges in each state and territory.

Cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the development of practical applications of research knowledge and giving of instruction and practical demonstration of existing or improved practices or technologies in agriculture, uses of solar energy with respect to agriculture, home economics, and rural energy and subjects relating thereto to persons not attending or resident in said colleges in the several communities, and imparting information on said subjects through demonstrations, publications, and otherwise; and for the necessary printing and distribution of information in connection with the foregoing, and this work shall be carried on in such a manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture and the State agricultural college or colleges or Territory or possessions receiving the benefits of this Act.

Stories to tell – you bet! Henry C. Whiteford was the first County Agricultural Agent in Anne Arundel County Office, located in Annapolis, Maryland. Mr. Whiteford was an Engineering graduate from the University of Maryland. I have copies of his 1916 and 1918 USDA Cooperative Extension Anne Arundel County Report. Yes, can you imagine reports were required even then? In Henry Whiteford’s early reports he highlighted the following:

In 1916 Henry spent 84% of his time in the field and 16% of his time in the office and traveled exclusively on horseback covering 9,611 miles in Anne Arundel County to make 976 farm visits, conducting 36 on-farm demonstrations, 182 farmer meetings with a total attendance of 1,092. In 1916 Henry wrote and mailed 2,625 letters, published 65 local Extension articles, and distributed 750 USDA Agricultural Bulletins and 112 University of Maryland, College of Agriculture Bulletins. In 1916 Henry received 387 calls directly to his home phone and 157 office calls. Attributed to his successful community engagement, in 1918 the personal calls directly to his residence increased to 1,672 and office calls to 1,944. In 1918 Henry traveled 627 miles by rail and 7,804 miles in his personal automobile.
In 1916 Henry started the first Maryland Hog Cholera Eradication Program, personally vaccinating 600 hogs and treating 1,000 hogs for mange in the county. Henry’s hog pasturing on-farm demonstration encouraged 75 farmers to adopt the pasture practice. Hog cholera outbreaks were quickly brought under control in the county; Henry stated that they were uncountable at the outset to just 6 reported cases in 1918.

Henry was instrumental in moving farmers from draft animals to tractors, reporting in 1918 that he personally consulted on the purchase of the 24 tractors being used in the county. He taught the science and benefits of the USDA Farm Mechanization program, and looked forward to the full standardization of tractors and implements. By direct consultation, 6 new silos were built in 1916 and by 1918 the number of silos in the county increased from 10 to 22.

In 1916 Henry conducted: 11 on-farm corn production demonstrations, documenting an average yield increase from 46.5 bushels/acre to 66.5 bushels/acre; 21 on-farm tobacco production demonstrations, documenting an average yield 1200 lbs./acre, an average 400lb/acre increase; 6 on-farm wheat production demonstrations, with an average yield increase of 21 bushels/acre, documenting a 6 bushel/acre increase. Henry also conducted 13 on-farm forage and cover cropping demonstrations for Rye, Rye/Vetch, Soy/Sudangrass, Soybeans, Cowpeas, Alfalfa and Crimson Clover. He conducted 62 orchard inspections, mainly peach production. Champion, the best peach variety, yielded an average of $15/tree of peaches – Growing, harvesting and selling the peaches from 30 Champion peach trees, a farmer could purchase a Ford Model T truck.

Henry worked diligently to advance soil fertility science, offering direct consultation and recommendations for fertilizing and liming of agricultural crops. In 1916 Henry wrote 25 fertilizer and 36 liming recommendations for farmers. By 1918 this dramatically increased to 250 fertilizer and 340 liming recommendations.

Henry C. Whiteford the first Anne Arundel County Agent - Big shoes to fill!

Remember to be gentle and humble as a County Agent; every generation has to learn the same basic principles of agricultural science through self-discovery before they will seek and fully appreciate council. One might consider this as a generational knowledge recovery period that is experiential and necessary before exploring new boundaries. When a County Agent smiles and nods, that often carries a multitude of meaning; Be sure to smile and nod before instructing. Take to heart and walk according to this noble vocation; Strive to adopt in full measure the County Agriculture Agent Code of Ethics:
COUNTY AGRICULTURE AGENT CODE OF ETHICS

My professional standards shall have in them a note of understanding for our common humanity. My work, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society.

In every position of business life, in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that position and discharge that responsibility to lift the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found it. I shall:

FIRST: Consider my vocation worthy and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.
SECOND: Improve myself, increase my efficiency, and enlarge my service.
THIRD: Remember that I am a professional person and want to succeed, but that I am first an ethical person and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.
FOURTH: Respect and hold in high esteem science in all its phases and to recognize that Experiment Station and USDA findings constitute professional authority in agriculture and to respect the opinion of those men who have established themselves as authorities in this branch of science.
FIFTH: Be loyal to our State Universities, the USDA, and our local, state, and national government.
SIXTH: Hold in high esteem the callings of both rural and urban activities including farming, urban and youth development programs and homemaking.
SEVENTH: Recognize that the development of leadership and the building of communities is the highest service I can render as County Extension Agent/Educator.
EIGHTH: Maintain an open mind, seeking always to understand the viewpoints of others.
NINTH: Not engage in any activity which will interfere with the proper fulfillment of my professional duties and bring discredit to my office.
TENTH: Support and contribute to strengthening my State or Regional and National Association of County Agricultural Agents in their efforts to improve and advance the Extension Service Program for the betterment of our nation. Source: National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Myers, MACAA President 2013/2014
MINUTES

Wednesday June 26, 2013

The 2013 MACAA meeting started with the professional improvement tour starting at 8 am from clear spring, MD. During the tour, members visited Clear Spring Creamery, LHN Enterprises, Harding’s Wild Mountain Herbs, Firefly Farms Creamery and market.

Thursday June 27, 2013

8. 15 am President Willie Lantz welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order. Presentations followed.
8:20 a.m. Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation, Steve McHenry, Executive Director MARBIDCO
8:40 a.m. Grant Opportunities through Northeast SARE, Judy Gifford and Nola Wilson, WV/Western Maryland Outreach Leader for Northeast SARE
9:40 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. Award Winner Presentations
AA - Achievement Award - David Gordon
Mid-Career Award - Chuck Schuster
DSA - Distinguished Service Award - Jim Lewis
Honorary AG Agent Award - James D. Schillinger
Service to Agriculture Award - John Zawitoski

10:30 a.m. Update and Opportunities – Plant Science & Landscape Architecture, Angus Murphy, Department Chair and Professor, PSLA
11:30 a.m. Crop Insurance Update, Lori Lynch, Professor, Agriculture and Resource Economics
12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
1:15 p.m. UME Shared Governance Discussion, Dr. Daniel Kugler, Acting Associate Dean and Acting Associate Director UME. President Elect Dave Myers moderated the discussion
2:15 p.m. Beginning Farmer Program, Shannon Dill & Ben Beale
3:00 p.m. Faculty Presentations
4:30 p.m. Adjourn
5:30 – MACAA Family Picnic and Softball Game
Unexpected Garrett County rain prevented the fiercely battled softball game this year. Agents used the time to burn some fire in the picnic shelter as it was getting chilly for everyone from the east.

Friday June 28, 2013

7.30 a.m. Meeting of the Northeast Association of County Agriculture Agents (NEACAA)
Willie Lantz called the meeting to order. Stephen E. Hadcock, NACAA NE Director delivered directors report. He reported there is a gain in membership in the northeast region. He mentioned about National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Program. Encouraged members to nominate deserving farmers for the honor and recognition. NACAA will be celebrating centennial in 2015. A book will be published called the Stories of County Agents. Pete Niche, current vice director NEACAA from NJ will become the northeast director. Maryland and West Virginia will have the opportunity to nominate the regional vice director starting 2014. Encouraged northeast member associations to help out with donations for Galaxy conference. Ginny Rosenkranz moved the motion to adjourn; Sudeep Mathew seconded and passed.
8.15 a.m. The Annual meeting of the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) was held by the general body of the members on the twenty eight day of June, two thousand thirteen. The meeting was called to order by President Willie Lantz. Members introduced themselves.
8:20 a.m. Minutes of the 2012 MACAA Summer Meeting Sudeep Mathew, MACAA Secretary
Printed minutes were distributed to the members for their review. Noted corrections from the floor about excluding a life member comment. Dave Myers made the motion to approve Secretary's report for 2012 MACAA meeting. Stanley Fultz seconded and passed.
8:35 a.m. MACAA Financial Report Dale Johnson, MACAA Treasurer
Dale mentioned about the need for more cost efficient estimate about meeting registration. It was discussed to increase the picnic registration fee to $24 which is the allowed per Diem for dinner. Dale commented he will be cautious how much financial support MACAA would provide towards Galaxy conference. Alternatively, members were encouraged to provide any assistance from their EAC funds if they can.
Ben Beale moved the motion to approve the financial report. Jenny Rhodes seconded and passed.
8:45 a.m. President's Annual Report
8:50: Old Business
Asked members for the list of people who are attending Galaxy conference. Discussions followed for planning States Night Out – President Elect Dave Myers shared cell phone numbers and encouraged members to contact him.  
Discussed about fundraising efforts for Galaxy professional improvement tour which is organized by NEACAA. It was suggested at least $200 per member as a commitment from their local EAC. The fundraising goal was $15000 from northeast.

2012 Report of MACAA activities
Discussions about MACAA officer and executive committee conference call and plans for MACAA newsletter. Officers discussed about MACAA historical records and archives. It was determined that currently all documents are in custody of Jeff Semler.
Motion to store the MACAA archival box with treasurer and the current president. Dave Myers moved, Stanley Fultz seconded. Motion passed.
9:25 a.m. New Business
Committee Chairs Appointments were made for vacant slots.
Ginny Rosenkranz for Horticulture and Turf Grass
Becky Yost for Animal Science
Jessie Renshaw for Professional Excellence
Chuck Schuster moved the motion to appoint new committee chairs seconded by Jenny Rhodes. 
Discussed about JCEP Public Issues Leadership Development Conference. Derick Bender and Jackie Takacs participated representing MACAA.
Ginny Rosenkranz discussed about 2014 meeting planning. Potential dates were last week in June. She discussed about the quotes received from potential meeting venues in Ocean City, MD. Grand Hotel room $219 + meeting room $300. Dunes Manor room $139 + no cost meeting room, Clarion Resort Hotel $210, Carousel Resort Hotel room 149 + meeting room 300. Members discussed about their past experience at Dunes Manor Hotel.
Derik Bender moved motion to select Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, MD for 2014 meeting on June 25-27th. Ginny Rosenkranz seconded. Motion passed.
Shannon Dill mentioned about UME Strategic planning committee on line survey that will be available for any constituents who could not attend the open meetings. MACAA members suggested that UME plan of organization and strategic planning document needs to be aligned to make it work.
MACAA Members were concerned if UME is evaluating AED performance correctly. It was suggested that UME administration to seek faculty input in that process.
Debbie Ross form ESP contacted Willie Lantz and explored option for a JCEP style meeting in Maryland. The officers of MACAA thought we should go to the meeting without any commitment.
Chuck Schuster moved a motion to allow executive committee to attend meeting with other extension organizations. Ginny Rosenkranz seconded. Motion passed.
Members discussed to provide a token of appreciation $150 to Willie Lantz and family who organized the picnic for the 2013 annual meeting. Motion was moved by Dale Johnson. Stanley Fultz seconded.

Approval of committee reports for 2012.
Chuck Schuster moved the motion to approve and Derick Bender seconded. Motion passed.
Chuck Schuster moved a motion to nominate Ginny Rosenkranz for northeast vice director, NACAA. Dave Myers Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion for MACAA Officer Election 2013 moved by Chuck Schuster. Derick Bender seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

MACAA business meeting was closed to conduct MACAA foundation meeting. Ben Beale moved the motion. Ginny Rosenkranz seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Lewis presided over the meeting. Process to request the funds from foundation has been discussed for members.

Ben Beale made a motion that MACAA foundation provide up to 1000 dollars to the galaxy conference for NACAA tour. Ginny Rosenkranz seconded. Motion passed.

Members discussed to check if past AA and DSA have received the stipend for their awards. Chuck Schuster made a motion for committee to evaluate the appropriate stipend amount for future. Jenny Rhodes seconded.

Re-convened MACAA meeting. Motioned moved by Dale Johnson. Seconded by Stanley Fultz. Motion passed.

11:15 a.m. Installation of Officers, Shannon Dill
President Elect: R. David Myers
Vice President: Jennifer Rhodes
Secretary: Sudeep Mathew
Treasurer: Dale Johnson

11:45 a.m. Message from the Incoming President Dave Myers

Dave mentioned about the opportunity to strengthen our organization and UME. He asked participation from members in all matters of the functioning of MACAA. He said he will work to build the morale of our members and UME. He thanked Willie and Arlene Lantz for organizing a great picnic. For all the member frustration about UME, he suggested not to be influenced. Forgetting is most creative. Finally he thanked everyone for being in Garrett County or God’s Country. Wished everyone for a safe trip back.

12.00 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Ben Beale. Sudeep Mathew seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sudeep Matthews on behalf of Ginger Myers, Secretary, MACAA
MACAA Financial Statement 6/01/2013 - 5/31/2014

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### 2013 Annual Meeting Itemized Report

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MACAA FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2014

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.

Activity during the past year is shown on the attached Balance Sheet and Income and Expense statements. During the 2013 fiscal year, the corpus was invested in three Certificates of Deposit (CD) with staggered maturity terms. The interest earned on the CD-30 and CD-65 is deposited directly into the Foundation’s interest bearing checking account. The interest earned on the CD-Increasing is added to the CD principal. All accounts are held with PNC Bank.

At the maturity of the CD-65 in May of 2014, the principle amount of $6,506.48 was combined into the checking account to benefit from a higher interest rate for fund balances over $10,000.

The interest rates on the CDs are very low averaging about 0.4% with maturities between 8 and 13 months. This is expected to continue through 2014 into 2015. However, let it be noted that the balance in the checking account reflects a reserve of interest income from past years. As of May 15, 2014, the Foundation had a cash balance of $6,695.71 in the checking account.

David Martin, Co-Chair
Jim Lewis, Co-Chair
MACAA Foundation Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2013


ASSETS

| CD-Increasing | 20,195.00 | 20,266.03 | 71.03 * |
| CD-30         | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 0.00   |
| CD-65         | 6,506.48  | 6,506.48  | 0.00   |
| Foundation Check | 7,009.53  | 6,636.12  | (373.41) |

TOTAL ASSETS $63,711.01 $63,408.63 (302.38)

LIABILITIES 0.00 0.00 0.00

NET WORTH TOTAL $63,711.01 $63,408.63 (302.38)

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MACAA Foundation Income and Expense Report  
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

INCOME

| Interest-check | 2.09 |
| Int Inc-CD-30  | 54.90 |
| Int Inc-CD-Increasing | 71.03 * |
| Int Inc-CD-65 | 19.60 |

TOTAL INCOME $147.62

EXPENSES

| Educ-AA     | 200.00 |
| EDuc-DSA    | 250.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES ($450.00)

INCOME-EXPENSE BALANCE ($302.38)

Note:

* Accrued interest as reported on 1099 for the year; interest on this CD is added to the principle.
RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Awards and Recognition Committee Report for 2014

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

Achievement Award, Ginger Myers

Mid-Career Award, Shannon Dill

Distinguished Service Award, Jon Traunfeld

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 ten years, the Mid Career Award for noteworthy service between 10 and 20 years, and the Distinguished Service Award for an outstanding Extension Educator who has served more than 10 years in Extension.

Ginger and Jon will be recognized at the NACAA AMPIC in Mobile AL in July and, Shannon will receive his award at the MACAA Summer Meeting. Thanks to Dale and Susan for helping keep the records correct as we determine who is eligible.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Schuster, Chair

MACAA Service to Ag Award

Lee Richardson comes from a farming family that has always been involved with promoting the story of agriculture, especially with the poultry industry. Lee’s mother, Kay Richardson, has served as a past Delmarva Poultry Industry President in the early 90’s. Lee (along with his mom and dad) operates Richardson Farms, Inc., a 2000 acre grain and poultry farm in Willard’s, MD. Lee has served many years as Wicomico Farm Bureau president and was one of the original members for Wicomico Young Farmers. He is always a key player in telling the true story of how agriculture impacts the daily life of the community for Maryland’s Eastern Shore as well as the entire state. Graduate of University of Delaware, Lee was a crucial advocate in organizing and fundraising for Save Farm Families, an organization to aids in protecting struggling farm families from bankruptcy triggered by environmental groups and their lawsuits (developed as a result of the Waterkeepers Lawsuit). Lee became involved in the Save Farm Families effort through his membership in Wicomico Young Farmers and has served as an outstanding spokesman and director for the SFF efforts since its inception. Lee is always willing to tell the “farmers side of the story” so those who are unfamiliar to the farming world can learn that farmers are people who are part of their same community – sports, kids schools, community groups – who happen to have farming as their career.
PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

There is no report for Professional Excellence.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Flores, Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

There were no pride entries submitted to the committee chair. There were no nominations for Honorary County Ag Agent but a few for the Service to Ag Award. Those were forwarded to the President, for the Executive Committee to make a final selection.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lewis, Chair

4-H & YOUTH COMMITTEE

There is no report for 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Dill, Chair
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Communications Committee of the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents is to encourage members to develop and utilize new and innovative communications techniques and assist the National Association in the recognition of these efforts.

MACAA members submitted seven entries in six of the fourteen categories in NACAA’s Communication Awards Program. This was one more entry than last year. The most entries (n=2) were received in the team newsletter category.

State winners were sent forward for regional judging. Regional winners were sent forward for national judging. Maryland had no national winners or finalists, but three regional finalists and one state winner were named.

Regional finalist
Individual newsletter
Jessica Flores

Regional finalist
Team newsletter
Jennifer Rhodes

Regional finalist
Publication
Jeff Semler

State winner
Personal column
Jeff Semler

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Schoenian, Chair
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

There is no report for Scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Reed, Chair

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

There is no report for Search for Excellence.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Beale, Chair

Professional Improvement Council

AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There is no report for Agronomy & Pest Management.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald David Myers, Chair

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

There is no report for Sustainable Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,
Sudeep Mathew, Chair
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is no report for the Agricultural Economics and Community Development Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rhodes, Chair

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE

There is no report for Animal Science.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Semler

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

There is no report for Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Jarod Miller, Chair

HORTICULTURE & TURFGRASS COMMITTEE

2011-2013 Maryland Department of Agriculture and University of Maryland collaborated to create a working manual for Urban Nutriment Management. In 2013 and 2014 Chuck Schuster, Ginny Rosenkranz and Andrew Ristvey created teaching power points and taught over 1000 lawn care contractors, golf course superintends and who were then able to take the MDA state test and pass, becoming Professional Fertilizer Applicators.

Respectfully Submitted, Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair
EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is no report for Early Career Development.

Respectfully submitted,
Willie Lantz, Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There is no report for Administrative Skills Development.

Respectfully submitted
Herb Reed, Chair

TECHNICAL & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

There is no report for Teaching & Educational Technologies.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Schoenian, Chair

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES AND PUBLIC POLICY

There is no report for Agricultural Issues and Public Policy.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lewis, Chair
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

As of June 1, 2014 we had 29 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 2014 national meeting.

Dale Johnson, Treasurer

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy/Nominating Committee Report

Committee:
Willie Lantz, Chair
Chuck Schuster
Shannon Dill
Jeff Semler
Ben Beale

The purpose of the Policy committee is to help develop, interpret and define MACAA policies and ensure they are consistent with the policies of University of Maryland Extension.

The Policy/Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2014-2015:

President.................................................. Jennifer Rhodes
President Elect ................................. Sudeep Mathew
Vice President................................. Ginger Myers
Secretary ......................................... Doris Behnke
Treasurer ........................................... Dale Johnson
AUDIT COMMITTEE

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.

I reviewed the financial records on May 21, 2014, and found everything 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

LIFE MEMBER COMMITTEE

MACAA Life Membership Committee Report

MACAA Life Membership presently consists of 42 retired agents, specialists, and other faculty. The membership also includes 14 widows of deceased members, who are kept informed of news and events concerning life members.

On September 24-25, MACAA Life Members held their annual fall tour in Howard County, beginning in Elkridge, MD; the tour was hosted by Allan and Marilyn Bandel, Ray and Joan Bosmans, Martin and Joanne Hamilton, and David and Debbie Ross. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Allan Bandel was an Extension Agronomy Specialist, Ray Bosmans was a Regional Horticultural Specialist, Martin Hamilton was a 4-H Agent and County Director in Howard County, and Dr. David Ross was an Extension Ag Engineer. The annual dinner and tour was attended by 36 life members and spouses. The tour included visits to Clark’s Elioak Farm, Merry Acres Farm, Therapeutic and Recreational Riding Center, Walnut Springs Nursery, Maple Dell Dairy Farm, and Larriland Farm.

MACAA life members were saddened earlier this year to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Milt Nelson. Milt spent many years working in the Information and Publications Department of the University.

The 2014 MACAA Life Members tour is scheduled to be held on October 7-8 in Wicomico County. The hosts for this event will be life members Wayne Shaff and Jarvis Cain.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry E. Poole, Chair
Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents
2014-2015
Committee Assignments

2014-2015 Executive
- Jennifer Rhodes, President
- Sudeep Mathew, President Elect
- Ginger Myers, Vice President
- Doris Behnke, Secretary
- Dale Johnson, Treasurer
- Dave Myers, Past President

Membership
Dale Johnson – Treasurer
Ginger Myers – Vice President

Annual Meeting
Ginny Rosenkranz

Policy & Nominating
Dave Myers, Chair
Willie Lantz
Shannon Dill
Jeff Semler
Chuck Schuster

Program Recognition Council
Recognition and Awards – Chuck Schuster
Communications - Susan Schoenian
Scholarship – Herb Reed
Professional Excellence – Jessie Flores
Public Relations – Jim Lewis
4-H & Youth – Shannon Dill
Search for Excellence - Ben Beale

Professional Improvement Council
Agronomy and Pest Management – Dave Myers
Agricultural Economics and Community Development – Jennifer Rhodes
Animal Science – Jeff Semler
Natural Resources/Aquaculture – Jarod Miller
Horticulture and Turfgrass – Ginny Rosenkrantz
Sustainable Agriculture - Sudeep Mathew

Extension Development Committee
Early Career Development – Willie Lantz
Administrative Skills Development – Herb Reed
Technical & Educational Technologies – Susan Schoenian
Agricultural Issues & Public Relations - Jim Lewis

Foundation Fund
David Martin, Chair
Jim Lewis, Vice Chair

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Susan Schoenian

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Dear MACAA Members & Colleagues.

Tribute and Memorial Service
T. Milton Nelson, long time “Ag Reporter” for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources passed on February 19, 2014.

Milt joined the AGNR family in 1970 and retired after a thirty year career. His first story published in the Diamondback was during the Vietnam riots on campus. Two AGNR students who are also members of the agriculture fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, raised the flag in front of the Main Administration after it had been taken down by the protesters. They then protected the flag pole until the crowd dispersed. The Washington Post picked up Milt’s story and the young college students were invited to meet the president at the White House. Charlie Blocher and David Simpson continued to cross paths with Milt throughout their careers, as did so many AGNR students, faculty and staff.

The faculty and staff biographical files and other subject matter materials, conference proceedings, etc. that Milt accumulated throughout his career are housed at the campus archives in Hornbake Library under the watchful eye of campus archivist, Anne Turkos. Milt was indebted to Anne for her attention to accuracy in cataloging these treasures of AGNR history.

A private funeral was held on February 24, in Columbia, MD. A memorial service was held on March 22 in Bel Air, MD.

Written by
Gail P. Yeiser

Dave Myers
MACAA President 2013/2014