

# MAEP News

## The Newsletter of the Missouri Agricultural Extension Professionals

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### News for December 20, 2007

#### Last call for membership

I sent out a message today to the CAFNR Extension list as a "last call" for membership. Kevin Hansen, our Treasurer, has done a great job of sending out several reminders for folks to get dues turned in. He has to send a portion of those dues to NACAA next week. Our membership list on the website is current as of 12/19/07 if you want to see who's a member for 2008. Now's our last chance to encourage those coworkers to get their dues sent in!

Our membership numbers affect our budget, of course, but also influence the number of Achievement and Distinguished Service awards we can have.

Check with your tax advisor--if you pay for your membership dues yourself, those dues could be deductible on your income taxes.

#### Reviewers needed for 2008 NACAA paper competition

You should have received a message from me today with a request from Mickey Cummings, NACAA Electronic Journal committee chairperson, for reviewers for the papers that will be submitted for competition in 2008. Please consider this opportunity. If you're interested, let me know by January 18.

#### Watch for January "The County Agent" magazine

The January issue of The County Agent magazine from NACAA is an especially important one. In it you'll find award applications and deadlines. You all do good work--try submitting something this year! That issue should also have information on the livestock and horticulture tours that occur right before the Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference. From personal experience, the livestock tour is worth the time.

### 2008 NACAA AM/PIC--Greensboro, North Carolina

Anyone you talk to who has attended the NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) will tell you that it's a great experience. Families who go along have a great time, too. Consider attending this year in North Carolina. We had one of the largest groups at the meeting in Michigan last summer...let's do it again!

Here's the website: <http://www.ncacaa.org/2008ampic/>. It has the dates for future AM/PICs, too.

### Galaxy

If you haven't visited our website lately, check out the "2007 Annual Meeting" link. It has pictures from our association meeting at the Galaxy Conference at Windermere in October. In one case, we had a funny way of honoring one of our members for their hard work! We had a successful silent auction which raised \$354 for MAEP. Thanks to everyone who donated and bought items.

Minutes are posted under the "Minutes" link in case you want to catch up on what we discussed.

### Extension shirt order

Mary Sobba deserves a round of applause for organizing another shirt order to raise funds for our association. We raised about \$100.

### And finally...

I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. As we enjoy this holiday season, please remember our servicemen and women who are making the sacrifice for our country. Please also be thinking of Russell Ramsey, our fellow MAEP member, and his family.

Thanks,

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