

MAEP News

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What's In A Name?

After several months of discussion and a recommendation from a committee previously appointed, a motion was made and approved at our Annual Meeting to change the name of our state association. The name, Missouri Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA), has been changed to Missouri Agricultural Extension Professionals (MAEP). The reason for the change was centered on the need to drop the words “county” from the name since most of our members are regional and state specialists. Also the word “agent” has not officially been used in the Missouri system for many years. The national association, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, continues to be the parent organization of MAEP.

(Tim Schnakenberg, MAEP President)

Top Ten Reasons to Be a Member

In case you were wondering why you should be a member of MAEP, here are the top ten reasons:

10. The University of Missouri provides financial support for Regional Specialists to participate in professional activities (\$600 per year or \$1000 for two years). Many states do not offer this level of support.

9. You may receive recognition from colleagues for your educational programs and activities. Staff with 10 years or less service are eligible for the Achievement Award. Staff with over 10 years service are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award.

8. Participation in professional development opportunities makes you a better Specialist. State opportunities are being planned that will increase your skills. On the national level opportunities include around thirty tours and a dozen workshops at the AM/PIC (Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference). The Early Career Development conferences are especially helpful to newer staff. Each year

the AM/PIC is hosted by a different state which allows you to see a wide variety of agriculture and Extension programming in action.

7. The AM/PIC is a family-oriented activity. Not only are activities tailored for your professional improvement, but additional activities are included in the week-long event that are of interest to spouses, sons and daughters, and guests.

6. Pre-AM/PIC workshops and tours are available that extend educational activities beyond the normal AM/PIC timeframe. These activities provide a focused learning environment in livestock and horticulture and funds are often provided to cover expenses.

5. Participating in the national individual or group scholarship program provides financial assistance for self-determined professional improvement experiences. Members may contribute a minimum of \$40 through donations or the scholarship auction and receive hundreds of dollars in return for professional development.

4. You have opportunity to develop your skills by becoming involved in state, regional and national leadership positions and rewarding positions on committees. Serving as a National Committee Chair provides an expense-paid trip to the AM/PIC. Serving as a National Vice-Chair pays for your registration fee to the AM/PIC.

3. You may participate in state and national contests that showcase your programmatic efforts and provide you with program ideas from other contest participants nationwide. Winners may receive cash prizes anywhere from \$50 to \$1000. These contests include a poster session. The Pinnacle Award may have a cash prize of up to \$5000.

2. Membership allows you to have direct impact in Extension policy in Missouri and nationally that can define the future of your profession.

1. You will develop a strong working network of professionals in your career field state- and nation-wide. Members have a sense of belonging to an organization that enhances their abilities professionally.

Last Chance to be a Member

Please do not forget to send in your membership dues of \$70. February is the last chance to become a member for the 2004-05 year. This pays for both your state and national membership. The funds from dues are split where \$20 stays in the state and \$50 goes to the national organization. This past year, we have offered to waive the \$20 fee for first time new members. Below is a list of current members. Make sure your name is there. Our association depends on your dues to stay active and continue participation with the national organization. Membership is open to any University of Missouri staff member who has Extension programming responsibilities. Send your dues made out to "MAEP" to Kevin Hansen, MAEP Treasurer, 609 Locust St., Chillicothe MO 64601. **Kevin will need to finalize membership with NACAA on March 1.**

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(Todd Lorenz – MAEP President Elect)

NACAA Committee Leadership Positions – Apply by March 1

Let me encourage the Missouri association members to participate in NACAA committees. These committees provide some outstanding professional development at the Annual Meeting. Involvement allows you to get to know colleagues from other states and when committee members work together the time commitment is often not significant.

A major incentive for participation is the expenses that can be paid for attending the Annual Meeting. Committee Vice-Chairs may receive a reimbursement for their registration fees each year and Committee Chairs receive all expenses paid for attending the Annual Meeting. This certainly saves on expenses in your state Professional Improvement allowance.

The following is a list of openings for Council Chair, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs that North Central region members are eligible to apply for in 2005. You can see there are plenty to choose from. If you are interested in participating please let me know ASAP and please make application through the NACAA website at <http://www.nacaa.com/Committees.htm>. **You will need to submit your applications by the end of this month.** More information about these committees is on the website.

Professional Improvement Council Committee Openings:

Animal Sciences – Vice Chair (2 year term)
 Horticulture & Turfgrass – Vice Chair (2 year term)
 Aquaculture / Sea Grant – Vice Chair (2 year term)

Extension Development Council Committee Openings:

Extension Development Council – Chair (3 year term)
 Early Career Development – Vice Chair (2 year term)
 Administrative Skills Development – Vice Chair (2 year term)

Program Recognition Council Committee Openings:

Communications – Chair (2 year term)
 Communications – Vice Chair (2 year term)
 4-H & Youth – Chair (2 year term)
 4-H & Youth - Vice Chair (2 year term)
 Professional Excellence - Vice Chair (2 year term)
 Scholarship – Chair (2 year term)

(Tim Schnakenberg, MAEP President)

90th NACAA AM/PIC – Buffalo New York, July 17-21

This year's professional improvement conference will be held in Buffalo (near Niagara Falls) with the Adams Mark Hotel as the headquarter hotel. www.adamsmark.com

After reviewing conference surveys, the members program has been narrowed to 3 hours down from 8 hours in order to provide more professional improvement programs. The son/daughters program is packed with excitement, entertainment, and education. Fee structure and accommodations are more acceptable this year: Member/Life Member \$215, Spouse \$170, sons/daughters \$120. No shuttle fees, no parking fees.

(Todd Lorenz – MAEP President Elect)

PreAM/PIC Horticulture Tour

There are two Pre-tours this year planned the weekend before the AM/PIC this year, contingent on financial support by sponsors. Details are in your January issue of the “County Agent”. The Animal Science tour will focus on the New York livestock industry. The Horticulture Workshop and Tour will focus on urban horticulture in western New York and will be held July 16-17. Recipients of the award to attend will receive a stipend of one night free lodging plus meals provided during the tour. Only seven from the NC region will be selected to attend. **The deadline to apply for the Horticulture tour is March 15.**

(Tim Schnakenberg, MAEP President)

Communications Awards

If you are considering submitting entries for the communications awards for NACAA, send your entry to me before March 15th to 609 Locust, Chillicothe, MO 64601. I will then compile our state winners and forward them on. Instructions and criteria for the awards are listed on page 15 and 16 of the last County Agent or you can read them at http://www.nacaa.com/prof_imp.htm Good luck and I will be anticipating your entry. *(Kevin Hansen, MAEP Communications Chair)* *(FOOTNOTE: You may receive up to \$1500 during your career from the Extension Fellowship program to offset some of the costs of participating in these activities. Details are available at <http://outreach.missouri.edu/staff/awards/fellowship.html>>*

Early Career Development Presentations

I would like to encourage you to submit a presentation proposal to the NACAA Early Career Development Committee for the Early Career Development sessions in Buffalo. The committee would like to have three speakers for this improvement session. Each presentation should be 40 minutes in length with 10 minutes additional for questions.

The Early Career Development (ECD) Committee is responsible for developing educational programs directed at NACAA members with five years or less tenure. Efforts are to develop programs, materials and partnerships to orient and assist Extension personnel early in their career. Many times these programs are relevant to all agents regardless of their tenure. If you would like to make a presentation for the Early Career Development professional improvement session see page 10 of the January issue of The County Agent Magazine for the presentation application form. **Applications are due on March 15, 2005.** I would strongly encourage you to apply to make a professional presentation at this conference (regardless if it is for this committee or for one of the many others).

(David Marrison, Early Career Development National Chair (OH) c/o Mick Gilliam, State Chair)