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While attending the JCEP meetings in Milwaukee, Tim and I had the opportunity to hear testimony from each of our NACAA partners from the North Central Region. To summarize those comments, it is very revealing to see the similarities of extension across the region as they are continually working on morale, redefining their look, name changes, staff, appointments, and budget woes to satisfy the needs of their clientele while satisfying administrative aspects simultaneously. We certainly are a very uniquely adaptable and creative group in extension.

(Todd Lorenz – MAEP President Elect)

Mary Sobba selected to the NACAA Futuring Committee

Mary Sobba has been hand selected to represent the North Central region in the NACAA Futuring Committee to address: Increasing younger membership, attendance at AM/PIC, building relationships w/JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) and other professional associations, different staffing patterns effect on clientele, helping members understand issues better, Is NACAA mission changing, Increasing relations with USDA-CSREES, increasing YOUR support for promotion and tenure back home. So, if you have input on any of these topics, be sure to bend Mary's ear.

(Todd Lorenz – MAEP President Elect)

Dan Downing Represents NACAA at the World Ag Expo

If you see Dan Downing, give him a pat on the back for his involvement at the World Ag Expo in California. The NACAA National President, Glenn Rogers, was slated to present an award at the event but was unable to attend. Dan serves at the North Central Vice-Chair for the Public

Relations and Ag Issues Committee. In Glenn's place, Dan was willing to make the trip. Thanks Dan for representing NACAA.

(Tim Schnakenberg - MAEP President)

Showing Posters and Giving Presentations at the National Meeting in Buffalo

Share your professionalism at the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Buffalo, July 17-21.

Posters on (a) applied research or (b) new and different educational methods and technologies are being sought for the national meeting. Cash rewards for posters may be available, depending on funding from national donors and sponsors. Instructions are on pages 11 and 12 of the January issue of "The County Agent" magazine. The application form is on page 1. Instructions for writing abstracts are on page 13 and online at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/pw/p_abstract.html and <http://www.albany.edu/writing/home.htm>.

Application forms for presentations should be received by Bruce Beck, Professional Improvement / Extension Development Committee Chair for Missouri, **by March 15**. Bruce will check the entries then forward them to the regional chair. If you have questions, contact Bruce by phone at (573) 686-8064 or by e-mail at beckb@missouri.edu.

Oral presentations on successful extension educational programs are invited in the following categories:

Agronomy & Pest Management
Agriculture Economics & Community Development
Animal Science
Natural Resources
Aquaculture; Horticulture
Public Relations & Ag Issues
Early Career Development
Administrative Skills Development
Teaching & Educational Technologies

The application form is on page 10 of the January, 2005 issue of the "The County Agent" magazine. Instructions for writing abstracts are on page 13 and online at http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/pw/p_abstract.html and <http://www.albany.edu/writing/home.htm>.

Applications to give presentations should be sent directly to the national chair in each category. See pages 24-28. Oral presentations are to be given on Tuesday, July 19. If you have questions, contact Bruce by phone at (573) 686-8064 or by e-mail at beckb@missouri.edu.
(Bruce Beck - MAEP Professional Excellence Chair)

PreAM/PIC Horticulture Tour

There are two Pre-tours planned the weekend before the AM/PIC (Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference) in Buffalo, NY 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)

Oscar Ingram Passing

All of us with University of Missouri Extension were saddened on February 15 when we learned of the passing of Oscar Ingram. Oscar was a long-time Agronomy Specialist based in Webster County and an active member of MACAA over the years. Oscar was a respected and knowledgeable mentor to many Specialists over the years and was known for his lively discussions in meetings. MAEP made a small donation to the Marshfield Christian Church Heifer International Program recently in memory of Oscar. Cards may be sent to his wife, Joyce Ingram, at 629 E. Burford, Marshfield, MO 65706.