

MU Extension Summit Annual Meeting, Missouri Agriculture Extension Professionals
Missouri Cattleman's Association, Columbia, MO
October 25, 2017

Present: Heather Conrow, Anita Ellis, Amie Schleicher, Valarie Tate, Wyatt Miller, Andy Luke, Wayne Flanary, David Baker, Rob Kallenbach, Kelly McGowan, Joe Horner, Robert Balek, David Hoffman, Jim Spencer Jr., Andy McCorkill, Eldon Cole, Jennifer Lutes, Joe Koenen, Mary Sobba, Reagan Bluel, Jamie Gundel, Patrick Byers, Jennifer Schutter, Darla Campbell, Patricia Barrett, Katie Kammler, Todd Lorenz, Donna Aufdenberg, Kent Shannon, Jim Humphrey, Charles Ellis, Gene Schmitz, Terry Hallaran, Kaitlyn Bissonnette, Bob Broz, Bob Schultheis, Brent Carpenter, Jim Crawford, Travis Harper, Tom Fowler, Patrick Davis, Karisha Devlin, Zac Erwin, Pat Miller, Tim Baker, Sarah Denkler, Kendra Graham, Tim Schnakenberg, Katie Neuner, Randa Doty, Matt Herring.

Meeting was called to order by president Joni Harper at 4:55 pm.

Guests were welcomed by President Joni Harper—Introduction of Jewel Coffman from MU Conference Office and Dr. Kaitlyn Bissonnette, the new field crops pathologist.

Minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting were available on the website and paper copies. Darla Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Todd Lorenz. The motion was approved unanimously. Minutes from the May 25, 2017 meeting were available on the website and paper copies. Jim Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Schultheis. The motion was approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented by MAEP treasurer Tricia Barrett. The report is attached. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Heather Conrow, and seconded by Darla Campbell. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Explore Missouri Hosting NACAA: The last time Missouri hosted an AM/PIC was in 1959. Todd Lorenz, Matt Herring, and Jewel Coffman gave a report on what they are exploring for putting in a bid for the 2023 conference. The bid would be placed in 2019, four years before hosting the conference. Todd and Jewel discussed the possibility of hosting it on campus, giving the option of cheaper housing in the dorms or shuttles from local hotels. The conference office can handle up to 5000 people. The conference office is working on some cost estimates for several different scenarios. Administration is supportive of us putting in a bid and showcasing MU Extension. Jim Crawford made a motion to explore the option and Jim Humphrey seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report from nominating committee: Brent Carpenter reported that Valarie Tate and Gene Schmitz were the candidates for secretary. The floor was open for additional nominations. Mary Sobba made a motion to close nominations, Joe Koenen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted. Valarie Tate is the new 2018 secretary.

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD): Patrick Byers reported that PILD had been held April 1-6, 2017 in Washington DC. 13 from MU Extension participated. The first 2 days of the conference were sessions followed by Congressional and Agency visits on the Hill in 2 groups.

AM/PIC Report: Joni Harper reported that we had 38 members and guests attend the conference in Salt Lake City, UT. Todd Lorenz was the Distinguished Service Award winner and Travis Harper was the Achievement Award winner. Posters were presented by Patrick Byers (Studying Sales and Pricing Strategies at Missouri Farmers' Markets), Tim Baker (A Comparison of Photographic Methods for Close-up Diagnostic Work in Horticulture), Ted Probert (Focus on Bovine Reproduction), Jennifer Schutter (Mushroom Production Gives Gardeners and Producers an Alternative Crop Choice), and Mary Sobba (Statewide Partnering to Determine Farm Finance Needs). Presentation were giving by Tim Baker (A Comparison of Photographic Methods for Close-up Diagnostic Work in Horticulture) and James Quinn (One-year Follow Up to a Statewide Master Gardener Training in Missouri). Eldon Cole was a regional winner for Hall of Fame, David Burton was a national finalist for bound book, Patrick Byers was a state winner in Learning Module, David Burton was a state winner in individual newsletter and team newsletter, Kelly McGowan was the state winner for SARE/NACAA Fellows Program.

Committee Reports and (Re)organization:

Professional Improvement

- Natural Resources/Aquaculture: *Todd Lorenz*
- Agronomy and Pest Management: *Max Glover*
- Ag. Economics and CD: *Brent Carpenter*
- Animal Science: *Amie Schleicher*
- Sustainable Agriculture: *Patrick Byers*
- Horticulture and Turfgrass: *Sarah Denkler*

Extension development

- Public Relations and Agriculture Issues: *Wayne Flannery*
- Early Career Development: *Filled by Anita Ellis*
- Administrative Skills Development: *Eldon Cole*
- Teaching and Educational Technologies *Kent Shannon*

Program Recognition

- Communications *Darla Campbell*
- Search for Excellence *Jennifer Schutter*
- 4-H and Youth *Ted Probert*
- Professional Excellence *Joe Koenen*
- Public Relations *Karisha Devlin*
- Recognition and Awards *Tim Schnakenberg and Gene Schmitz*
- Scholarship *Travis Harper Reported that Missouri Extension employees are good about being vested in the scholarship program but not good about applying for scholarships so Travis encouraged them to apply.*

Regional Representatives (2 year term)

- Lincoln University vacant
- East Central *Charles Ellis, 2016*
- Northeast *Joe Koenen, 2017*
- Northwest *Tom Fowler, 2016*
- Urban *need replaced*
- Southeast *Donna Aufdenberg, 2018*
- Southwest *Tim Schnakenberg, 2017*
- West Central *Travis Harper, 2017*
- MU Campus *Marcia Shannon, 2017*

Life members *Don Utlaut, Melvin Brees, Regional vice-chair*

New Business:

Report from NACAA: Report from Connie Strunk, North Central Region Director from South Dakota. Connie reported that she was excited about Missouri's enthusiasm and willingness to look into host an AM/PIC in 2023. She said North Dakota was also looking into the possibility of hosting. There were 147 attendees from the North Central Region that attended AM/PIC in Salt Lake. Deadlines for posters/presentations/awards are due March 15 for the AM/PIC in Chattanooga.

Report from ANR Program Director: Rob Kallenbach reported that the budget cut was the largest one-time reduction that we have seen but we have a strong ANR presence in the state's 2.2-billion-dollar ag industry. Dr. Kaitlyn Bissonnette is our new field crops pathologist, Dr. Eric Bailey, our new state beef extension specialist, and Dr. Kevin Rice will start in January as our new field crop entomologist. There will be an all Ag ISE February 20-22. Soil testing lab costs will be going up in January to \$12. Rob will be using the info from the Summit planning session and is working on building an ag producers committee and a legislative committee to build support. Dicamba is still an issue: there will be online training for commercial applicators by December and it is restricted use. Private Pesticide Applicator Training: can still only charge for the cost of training because of state statute, will eventually be online.

By-laws revisions: A motion was made by Joe Koenen that dues be turned in by December 1, seconded by Tim Schnakenberg. The motion was approved unanimously. Joni will change the by-laws to reflect this and post them on our website. A motion was made by Jennifer Schutter and seconded by Patrick Byers that the executive team will work on a set of operating guidelines to be ready by Explore Missouri.

The gavel was passed from outgoing President Joni Harper to incoming president Patrick Byers. MAEP recognized Joni Harper for his service as 2016-7 president. Patrick also expressed MAEPs appreciation of Rob Kallenbach's support. The executive board will hold a new member orientation again in the winter and we want to invite everyone to the AM/PIC in Chattanooga July 29-August 2, 2018.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6 pm was made by Todd Lorenz, with a second by Sarah Denkler. The motion was approved.

Minutes submitted by Katie Kammler, MAEP secretary