

Missouri Agriculture Extension Professionals association Summer Meeting
7/6/16
Sikeston, MO

Present: Brent Carpenter, Joni Harper, Patricia Barrett, Patrick Byers, Darla Campbell, Mark Jenner, Tom Fowler, Eldon Cole, Will Nuckles, Kathi Mecham, Kelly McGowan, Bob Broz, Sarah Denkler, Todd Lorenz, Kendra Graham, Kate Kammler, Donna Aufdenberg, David Middleton, Hwei-Yiing Johnson, Dhruva Dhakal, Amie Schleicher, Bob Schultheis, Bob Kelley, Tim Schnakenberg

The meeting called to order by President Brent Carpenter at 8:52pm.

Sarah Denkler was thanked for organizing the Explore Missouri ag tour.

Approval of minutes of October 28, 2015, membership meeting.
A motion was made by Todd Lorenz, with second by Sarah Denkler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of treasurer's report

A report was delivered by treasurer Tricia Barrett (see financial report). MAEP presently has 67 active members.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bob Broz, with second by Darla Campbell. The motion was approved unanimously.

An update of MAEP activity since the annual meeting was presented by Brent Carpenter. The executive committee meetings were held in January, March, and May. Joni Harper reported on the National Awards and Recognition committee; the NACAA Hall of Fame award needs a new sponsor. Tim Schnakenberg reported on the state awards and recognition committee. Sarah Denkler is Missouri's 2016 Achievement Award recipient, and Jim Crawford is Missouri's 2016 Distinguished Service Award recipient. Congratulations were offered to both recipients.

Brent Carpenter led a discussion of the upcoming 2016 NACAA AM/PIC, to be held in Little Rock, AR. Dr. Kallenbach is planning to attend.

Brent Carpenter discussed the need to increase membership, with a goal of reaching 70 members in 2016.

New Business

Dr. Kallenbach has requested the formation of an advisory group from the field faculty. Brent Carpenter led the discussion to determine a selection process to name 6-8 MAEP members to meet with the ANR program director and the Division Extension Program Directors, with likely two face-to-face meetings per year. The following items were presented for discussion: regional MAEP representatives could serve on the advisory group; the MAEP executive board and selected MAEP members (to round out specialties) could serve on the group; group members could have 2 year terms; and make sure that urban region has representation. The executive board will take these proposals under consideration.

Brent Carpenter led a discussion of ways to grow MAEP. A draft of ideas was distributed, which included the following. Input from association members was requested.

Some Fiscal Guidelines

MAEP has spending traditions. MAEP currently has few, if any, written statements of spending priorities or limits. MAEP has an increasing account balance.

1. MAEP will set a target reserve balance of \$7500 to \$10,000. Reserve funds are not to be accessed by elected officers. They are to be held for special projects and contingencies as approved by a quorum of the membership.
2. MAEP will fund travel expenses for the President, or designee, to attend the annual JCEP conference up to \$1000. MAEP will fund travel expense for the Vice-president, or designee, to attend the annual PILD conference up to \$1000.
 - 2.1. An individual is eligible for MAEP support to attend above conferences only once unless authorized by the executive committee.
 - 2.2. Conferees are asked to provide a brief, but informative report to the membership at the next annual meeting. Suggestion: A one-page report of benefits. Photos as appropriate.
 - 2.3. Travel expenses include registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals.
3. MAEP will pay the AMPIC registration fee for the Missouri Distinguished Service Award honoree, up to \$400, in the year awarded.
4. MAEP will pay the AMPIC registration fee for the Missouri Achievement Award honoree, up to \$400, in the year awarded.
5. MAEP will fund a designated member up to \$500 to represent MAEP at the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture or other major industry gathering/trade show in Missouri.
6. MAEP will develop a professional travelling display to promote the identify of MAEP and the mission of Ag Extension.

Team Building/Fundraising activities were discussed

1. Fall Shooting Sports tournament in conjunction with annual Summit
2. Summer Golf Tourney in conjunction with Explore MO.

Brent Carpenter led a discussion of ways to elevate the status of ag extension programming. Dr. Kallenbach has suggested that the Missouri Governors Conference on Ag become an ISE for Ag extension specialists.

Todd Lorenz's candidacy for NACAA vice president was discussed. Todd has a campaign committee in place, and plans to solicit monetary support from Rob and Callie, as well as local support, for the campaign. A hospitality room at the NACAA conference is planned, including donations from the MO Grape and Wine program. Todd requested product donations from MAEP members for voting delegate bags.

Matt Herring is running uncontested for NACAA secretary.

Darla Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Byers, MAEP Secretary