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If there is something that we need to address as an organization, please feel free to contact someone on the executive team at any time.

Membership is a little down this year and with reduced staffing, that is understandable. However, if you can continue to recruit, that is always helpful.

Our membership numbers affect our budget, but also influence the number of Achievement and Distinguished Service awards we can have each year. One way to help encourage people to join is to have them check with a tax advisor - if you pay for your membership dues yourself, those dues could be deductible on your income taxes. In the future, we need to explore new ways to recruit members and ensure current members reap maximum benefits from their participation.

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2014 NACAA AM/PIC - Mobile, AL

If you have not had an opportunity to attend an NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) consider it this year. If you talk to anyone who has attended in the past, they will tell you that it's a great experience. Families who go along have a great time, too. Consider attending this year in Mobile, AL from July 20-24.

Headquarters will be the restored Battle House hotel in downtown Mobile, right across the street from the convention center and within walking distance of many attractions.

There are many opportunities to give a presentation or present a poster; both great experiences and a benefit if you are looking to participate in the NTT process.

Visit the NACAA website at http://www.nacaa.com/index.php for more details on the event.
At our fall meeting, MAEP recognized two recipients for their many years of outstanding contributions to Missouri agriculture and University of Missouri Extension programs. The award winners for 2013 were Dr. Joe Powell of Maryville, Missouri and Robert and Kathleen Cessac of Higbee, Missouri. Their contributions have been a great benefit to Missouri agriculture and MU Extension programs.

New MAEP Webpage

If you have not had a chance to look at the new association webpage, I encourage you to check it out at http://extension.missouri.edu/maep/. You will find information on membership, the Constitution and By-laws, scholarship opportunities, committees, minutes from previous meetings and much more. There is also a link to the NACAA website. Many thanks go to Joni Ross-Harper for taking the time to update the webpage.

DSA/AA Award Recipients

During our fall meeting, our state Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and Achievement Award (AA) were presented to this year’s recipients. Even though they were recognized at the AM/PIC in September, we also wanted to recognize them at the state level.

Mary Sobba, natural resource engineer. Randa Doty, ag business specialist received the AA. Congratulations!

This year’s recipient of the DSA was Kent Shannon, receiving his 2013 NACAA Distinguished Service Award from Mary Sobba.

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