

## Mission

MAEP and NACAA (www.nacaa.com) strive to advance the professional status of Extension agents and specialists with agriculture-related Extension appointments.

- Encourage, promote, and provide professional improvement for all members. Provide for the exchange of ideas, methods, and techniques.
- Represent professional interests of members in matters of public policy and affairs.
- Promote public confidence, esteem, and respect for Cooperative Extension.
- Recognize professional excellence in Cooperative Extension nationwide.

## *Come Join Us!*

Together we are able to reach a larger section of Missouri to help producers accomplish more than each of us could apart.

## To become a member:

Complete a membership application during annual conference each October.

- ♦ The \$100.00 fee pays for state and national dues.
- ♦ Attend and take advantage of the National Association annual professional development conference.

## For more information

[www.extension.missouri.edu/maep](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/maep)



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## Promoting and advancing Agriculture Extension Professionals...



## Explore Missouri

Explore Missouri is an annual development tour that the past MAEP president hosts in their county area. In the past this has been an ISE making it a no cost professional development opportunity for members. This is a great time for members and their families to come together and learn what Missouri has to offer.



## Top Ten Reasons to Become a MAEP Member

10. The University of Missouri provides financial support for Regional Specialists to participate in professional activities (\$750 per year or \$1000 for two years).

9. Recognition from colleagues for your educational programs and activities. Faculty with 10 years or less of service are eligible for the Achievement Award. Faculty with over 10 years of service are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award.

8. Participation in professional development opportunities that benefit work toward the NTT process. This includes opportunities to give presentations or posters at the national level as well as attend tours and workshops at the AM/PIC (Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference). 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 for spouses, sons and daughters.

6. Pre-AM/PIC workshops and tours are available that provide a focused learning environment in livestock and horticulture, often funded 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 an 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.

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

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