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2019 Annual Summer Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

4:00-7:00 pm **Evening social event:** Lamb & goat twilight tour, featuring prepared meats, wine and cheese tasting, exhibits, and wagon tours. Washington County Agricultural Education Center (5 minute drive from WMREC). 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Breakfast on your own at hotel or restaurants

8:00 a.m. Registration at Western Maryland Research & Education Center
8:30-11:10 Photography tips for your work – Edwin Remsburg
11:15 Remarks by Jim Hanson, Associate Dean/Associate Director, UME
12:00 p.m. Lunch provided at Antietam Battlefield, Mumma Barn
1:00 Tour stop 1 Antietam Battlefield Semler & Price beef herd
2:30 Tour stop 2 Long Delite Dairy Farm and Deliteful Dairy on-farm processing and store
4:00 Tour stop 3 Stiles Farm Automatic Milking System (Robotic) Dairy
5:30 MACAA Picnic - Barbeque Pork and Pit Beef

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Breakfast on your own at hotel or restaurants. Be sure to check out of your hotel before heading to WMREC!

8:00a.m. **Meeting of the Northeast Association of County Agriculture Agents (NEACAA)** - Ginny Rosenkranz, Principal Agent Associate
University of Maryland Extension, AGNR
8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests**
Jon Moyle, MACAA President
8:20 a.m. **Award Winner Presentations** (10 minutes each)
Achievement Award, Andrew Kness
Mid-Career Award, Willie Lantz
Distinguished Service Award, Chuck Schuster
8:50 a.m. **Minutes of the 2018 MACAA Summer Meeting**
Paul Goeringer, MACAA Secretary
9:00 a.m. **MACAA Financial Report**
Dale Johnson, MACAA Treasurer
9:10 a.m. **President's Annual Report** - Jon Moyle
9:15 a.m. **Old Business**

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- 9:40 a.m. **New Business**
- Committee Chairs
 - Member Recognition
 - Other New Business
 - 2020 Annual Summer Meeting
- 10:20 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **MACAA Nomination Committee Report**
- 10:35 a.m. **Election of 2019-2020 MACAA Officers**
- 10:45 a.m. **2019-2020 Committee Assignments**
- 11:00 a.m. **MACAA Foundation Report**
Jim Lewis & Matt Morris
- 11:15 a.m. **MACAA Awards**
Jim Lewis/ Jon Moyle
Honorary Ag Agent—Deanna Baldwin
Service to Ag Award—Mike Embrey
- 11:30 a.m. **Installation of Officers**
Shannon Dill
- 11:45 a.m. **Message from the Incoming President**
Luke Gustafson
- 11:55 a.m. **NACAA Northeast Regional Director's Report**
Dwane Miller, NACAA NE Director
- 12:00 p.m. **Discussion of Hosting 2021 NACAA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA**
- 12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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2019 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year has been nice and stable for our organization as we continue to grow. However, we are looking for an assistant treasurer to work with Dale Johnson, over the next year to learn the role and takeover as treasurer when Dale steps down.

I am excited to have the annual meeting in Western Maryland this year and really appreciate all the work that Jeff Semlar, Susan Schoenian and Dale Johnson did to make it a great learning opportunity (if I am forgetting anyone I am sorry). It will be nice to see some examples of agriculture from this side of the state, while working on improving our skills as photographers.

Please join me in congratulating the 2019 MACAA and NACAA award winners:

Achievement Award - Andrew Kness

Mid-Career Award - Willie Lantz

Distinguished Service Award - Chuck Schuster

The 2019 NACAA AMPIC is later in the year than normal but I still encourage everyone to attend, so make your plans now. The NACAA National Meeting is an excellent venue for agents to learn how to be better agents, network with others and provides scholarship opportunities.

Thank You for all of your help and support over the last year.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Moy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and stylized.

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June 23, 2018

7:04am - Ginny gave North East Association of County Agricultural Agents report.

7:21am - Jon Moyle pointed out Paul was right.

7:27am - Meeting called to order by Doris.

7:28am - New members and guest introduced

- Maegan Purdue
- CiCi Dadds
- Manish Poudel
- Erika Crowl
- Kelly Nichols

7:30am - Achievement Award - Jon Moyle

Jon gave a short presentation over his research and extension outreach focused on poultry. Jon is sad he spends more time working with people than chickens #sad. Jon discussed time spent on international programs.

7:38am - MidCareer Award - David Gordon

“I am weird, I have a split appointment with 4-H and agriculture” direct quote from David. David gave a presentation on his extension program focused on small ruminants and AGsploration.

7:50am - Benjamin Beale - Distinguished Service Award

Ben gave a presentation over his career with UME focused on small fruit, tobacco, and vegetable production. Ben also discussed Beginning Farmer Success.

8:05am - Secretary’s report - Luke Gustafson

Ginny made motion to accept and Paul seconded. Motion carried.

8:07am - Treasurer’s report - given by Jim Lewis in spot of Dale.

Dale is moving up fiscal year. Discussion was had on what to do if crop insurance grant goes away ability to get sponsorship. Followed by discussion on how to cut costs or raising registration.

Jon discussed moving the meeting to a central location or western location for 2019. Joe pointed out Susan would help plan.

Jenny moved to accept treasurer’s report. Jon seconded. Motion passed

8:20am Ben moved to close the foundation meeting. Ginny seconded.

8:30am motion made to open foundation report by Ginger and seconded by Ginny.

Jim Lewis gave foundation report. Jim pointed out that foundation had to catch up on DSA, AA, and voting delegate travel to national meeting. Jim discussed that account is not collecting that much inter-

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est and interest not covering expenses for travel on the foundation account. Discussion should we bring in rep from PNC to discuss ability to invest money to create it to grow. Jim pointed out we need roughly \$600 each year to cover travel.

Ben pointed out we may have made a motion 3 years ago to invest this money this did not happen with the Executive committee. Discussion on do want to rethink amount to invest. Darren discussed staggering investments to allow us to get the higher interest rate.

Motion made to have Executive committee talk to PNC about investments options and limited to \$30k by Ben Beale and seconded by Ginny R. Motion passed.

Dave Myers moves that the checks for the award winners and voting delegate be made annually seconded by Jenny. Motion passed.

Dave Myers moved that all expenses for campaigns for national office be covered with receipts, seconded by Charles. Motion failed.

Emily moved that all national office candidates make a budget seconded by Peter. Motion passed.

Dave moved to give Ginny \$1,500 for campaign this year. Emily seconded.

Jenny moved to close and Peter seconded. Foundation meeting closed.

8:46am Ginny moved to reopened and Jackie seconded. Meeting reopened.

8:47 am Doris gave president's report, very inspiring.

8:47am - Old Business

8:48am - New Business reports.

Ben pointed out Audit Committee needs to include a date when audit was completed before finalized. Jon said Susan had stated she would complete at some point before the meeting. Jackie volunteered to assist if needed.

8:52am - Membership report.

Discussion on we need 2 more members to gain 2 votes at National meeting. Dave mentioned we might need 70 members to gain that 2 votes. Discussion on dues and better ways to pay. Emily and Peter put in charge of setting up PayPal.

8:58am - Policy and Nomination

2018-19 Executive Committee is

- Jon Moyle, President
- Luke Gustafon, President-Elect
- Paul Goeringer, Vice President
- Andy Kness, Secretary
- Dale Johnson, Treasurer
- Doris Behnke, Past President

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9:00am - covered other committee reports in booklet.

9:50 Discussion held on nutrient management.

10:00am Discussion held on AEDs

10:03 - Discussion held on the location for 2019 meeting. Executive Committee will discuss location. Jackie will get ENR program faculty at the meeting if in the west. Jon will work with Susan to find location in Western MD. Executive committee will decide.

10:21 - Ginger brought up how to handle MACAA records. Should we scan in old records to put on MACAA website. Erika volunteered her two interns to scan in the files.

10:30 - Dave moved that we buy George and Ginny \$200 for putting on the picnic and motion was seconded by Jonathan. Money comes from the treasury.

10:31am Members Elected

10:38am - no changes to committee assignments for 2018-19.

10:40am - no awardees attended. Honorary ag agent is Mike Newell and Service to Ag is Andy Cashman.

10:41am - Jon's incoming president message, it wasn't that good or inspiring.

10:45am - NACAA 2021 Philly video shown. No reference to the Rocky statue was made in the video.

10:52am - Video shown to help us understand what is needed to host this meeting in 2021.

10:56am - Ginny discussed the role we need to play and that the annual meeting handbook has been updated.

11:04am - Ginny gave a report for Craig Williams NE Director.

NACAA first-timers will now get a \$250 registration credit but have to pay due to first timers not always coming back. The policy will be revisited this year.

NACAA is looking for a journal editor, sounds like a lot of work according to Ginny.

Opportunity to serve on outstanding young farmer position with NACAA.

11:10 Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Doris and seconded by Peter. Motion approved.

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2017-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MACAA Financial Statement 6/9/2017 - 5/8/2018 (1)

Account balances 6/9/2017		
Savings	\$ 5,882.19	
Checking	<u>5,692.42</u>	
Total		11,574.61
Income		
MACAA membership dues	2,475.00	
Annual meeting income	4,607.00	
Pass through income (2)	450.00	
Interest Income	<u>5.44</u>	
Total income		7,537.44
Expenses		
NACAA membership fees	2,000.00	
Annual meeting expense	4,886.52	
Pass through expense (2)	\$450 check not cleared	
Bank charge	55.00	
Total expense		<u>6,941.52</u>
Net income (2)		595.92
Account balances 5/08/2018		
Savings	6,862.63	
Checking	<u>5,307.90</u>	
Total		\$ 12,170.53

(1) To make it easier to get the financial report into the annual meeting book, I am moving the fiscal year up one month from 6/9-6/8 to 5/9-5/8. Consequently, this adjusted fiscal year only covers 11 months, 6/9-5/8.

(2) Money passed through from NACAA to reimburse Doris Behnke's expenses at JCEP. The MACAA check to the University to cover the expenses has not cleared, consequently, the net income of \$595.92 is overstated by \$450.

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2017-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MACAA Financial Statement 5/9/2018 - 5/8/2019

Account balances 5/9/2018		
Savings	\$ 6,862.63	
Checking	<u>5,307.90</u>	
Total		12,170.53
Income		
MACAA membership dues	2,250.00	
Annual meeting income	3,262.00	
Interest Income	<u>7.44</u>	
Total income		5,519.44
Expenses		
NACAA membership fees	2,100.00	
Annual meeting expense	2,528.49	
Pass through expense (1)	450.00	
Bank charge	40.00	
Recognition	70.00	
Miscellaneous	12.45	
Total expense		<u>5,200.94</u>
Net income (2)		318.50
Account balances 5/08/2019		
Savings	8,370.07	
Checking	<u>4,118.96</u>	
Total		\$ 12,489.03

(1) Money passed through from NACAA to reimburse Doris Behnke's expenses at 2017 JCEP. The MACAA check to the University to cover the expenses cleared this year, consequently, the net income of \$318.50 is understated by \$450.

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2017-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2017 Annual Meeting Report

Income	
Meeting sponsorship by Law Center	\$ 2,000.00
Registration & picnic income	\$ 2,607.00
Total annual meeting income	\$ 4,607.00
Expenses	
Expenses	4,886.52
Net income (loss)	\$ (279.52)

2018 Annual Meeting Report

Income	
Meeting sponsorship by Law Center	\$ 1,500.00
Registration & picnic income	\$ 1,762.00
Total annual meeting income	\$ 3,262.00
Expenses	
Expenses	2,528.49
Net income (loss)	\$ 733.51

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MACAA FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT June 2019

The purpose of the MACAA Foundation Fund Committee is to consider and recommend expenditures to the Foundation Fund Governing Board. The Foundation supports the professional improvement of its members and the improvement of the MACAA organization. In addition, the Foundation helps to create awareness by individuals and organization of the purpose of the NACAA Foundation Fund.

The Foundation is an account under the MACAA Federal Tax Identification number and is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c), (6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the account are not tax deductible.

Activity during the past year is shown on the following Balance Sheet and Income and Expense statements. AA and DSA awards were issued and cashed following the '18 meeting in OC, MD. Ginny Rosencranz's previous years and current years expenses for running for secretary were reimbursed (\$1100 and \$650.55). At the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year, the corpus was invested in one Certificate of Deposit (CD) and the checking account. The interest earned on the CD is deposited directly into the Foundation's interest bearing checking account. All accounts are held with PNC Bank. At the direction of the Executive committee, the CD was rolled over at 0.15%, which earns \$45/year. **For the 4th year in a row, I would suggest the executive committee investigate investment options with higher returns.** There are safe guaranteed options for 2% that would earn \$600/year.

The interest rates on the CD and checking account are very low, and this is expected to continue through 2019. Please note that the present balance in the checking account reflects a reserve of interest income from past years as well as restricted corpus assets (equal to \$26,772.51) from the mature CDs, which were to be reinvested by the executive committee in 2016.

As of May 15, 2019, the Foundation had a total cash balance in the checking account of \$29,532.02 less the \$26,772.51 of restricted funds leaving an available balance of \$2,759.51 in the money market checking account.

Jim Lewis, Chair

Matt Morris, Vice Chair

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MACAA FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT June 2019

MACAA Foundation Balance Sheet

Comparison December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017

	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2018	Difference
ASSETS			
CD-30	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Foundation Check	31,667.73	29,518.34	2149.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$61,667.73	\$59,518.34	2149.39
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET WORTH TOTAL	\$61,667.73	\$59,518.34	2149.39

MACAA Foundation Income and Expense Report

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

INCOME		
Interest-check	\$ 6.16	
Interest-CD-30	\$45.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$51.16
EXPENSE		
Educ – AA '18		\$200
Educ – DSA '18		\$250
Ginny Rosencranz '17 secretary bid		\$1100
Ginny Rosencranz '18 secretary bid		\$650.55
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>\$2,200.55</u>
INCOME-EXPENSE BALANCE		(2149.39)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to examine and verify the financial records of MACAA. As treasurer of MACAA, Dale Johnson, maintains the association's checking and savings accounts. These records were reviewed on June 13, 2019. Everything was found to be in order.

Thank you to Dale for managing MACAA's finances for over 15 years.

Submitted by Susan Schoenian

MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to try to encourage all eligible Maryland Extension professionals to become active members in the MACAA. The association treasurer chairs this committee.

As of June 1, 2019 we had 39 active members.

MACAA membership also includes 42 life members.

NACAA rules for the annual meeting voting delegates is one delegate for the first 40 members and one voting delegate for the next 30 members (or fraction of 30). Therefore, MACAA is entitled to one voting delegate at the 2019 national meeting.

Dale Johnson, Treasurer

POLICY AND NOMINATION

Nominates the following for the 2019-2020 Executive Committee;

Luke Gustafson, President
Paul Goeringer, President-Elect
Andy Kness, Vice President
Neith Little, Secretary
Dale Johnson, Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer, TBD
Jon Moyle, Past President.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rhodes, Chair

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PROGRAM RECOGNITION COUNCIL

4-H & YOUTH

There were no award entries this year in the 4-H Category. Agriculture agents work very closely with 4-H in a number of subject areas that would make excellent submissions to NACAA.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Dill, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

I was the Communications chair for the Program Recognition Council of MACAA for 2019. I reviewed and selected state winners for submissions in the following categories; Computer Generated Graphics Presentation, Website, and Program Promotional Piece. I then sent the winners submissions up to the NACAA Communications Chair to be considered for regional and national consideration. In scoring for completeness and quality against other submissions, I used the NACAA guidelines found here: http://www.nacaa.com/awards/communications_scoresheet.php . I also employed the help of a colleague who had not made any submissions to independently score the submissions as well. Our selections were unanimous so the decisions were made final. Our State Winners are as follows: Computer Generated Graphics Presentation - "What is Extension" Kelly Nichols, Website - "Maryland Grows Blog" Jon Traunfeld, and Program Promotional Piece - "GOAT 911" Meagan A. Perdue.

Sincerely,

Nate Richards

PROFESSIONAL EXCELENCE

Congratulations to the following individuals for being the State winners for their NACAA posters.

Applied Research: "Deep soil cores reveal substantial residual mineral nitrogen remains following cash crops." By Sarah Hirsh and Ray Weil

Extension Education Program: "4-H Small Ruminant Research Academy" By Ashley Travis and Chris Anderson

Thank you to everyone who entered.

Emily Zobel, Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS

There were no pride entries submitted to the committee chair.

There were two nominations for Honorary County Ag Agent and two for the Service to Ag Award. Nominations for Honorary County Ag Agent and the Service to Ag Award were forwarded to the President, for the Executive Committee to make a final selection. The 2019 awards will go to: Honorary County Agent: Deanna Baldwin, Service to Ag Award: Mike Embrey.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lewis, Chair

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RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The Awards and Recognition Committee submitted the following names for awards this year:

Achievement Award: Andrew Kness

Mid-Career Award: Willie Lantz

Distinguished Service Award: Chuck Schuster

Each year the membership of MACAA has the opportunity to select one member to be awarded one of the following awards. The Achievement Award is given to a noteworthy Extension Educator who has served less than 10 years, the Mid Career Award for noteworthy Service between 10-20 years, and the Distinguished Service Award for an outstanding Extension Educator who has served more than 10 years in Extension.

Andy Kness and Chuck Schuster will be recognized at the National Association of County Agriculture Agents in September at the NACAA Annual Meeting, professional Improvement Conference in Fort Wayne, IN. Thanks to Dale and Susan for helping keep the records correct as we determine who is eligible.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

No report.

Peter Coffey, Chair

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

The purpose of the Extension Program Committee is to encourage and recognize effective Extension programs throughout Maryland and the United States. The Extension Program Committee is responsible for administering eight contests at the state level.

The categories for consideration are:

1. Search for Excellence in Commercial and Consumer Horticulture
2. Search for Excellence in Crop Production
3. Search for Excellence in Livestock Production
4. Search for Excellence in Farm and Ranch Financial Management
5. Search for Excellence in Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources
6. Search for Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture
7. Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning or Small Farmers/Ranchers
8. Search for Excellence in Farm Health and Safety

For the second year in a row, no Search for Excellence programs were submitted from Maryland. In past years, MACAA members have been very successful in gaining recognition for their programs at both the regional and national level. I fully encourage each MACAA member to consider applying in one the above categories.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Beale, Chair

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PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

No report.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rhodes Chair

AGRONOMY & PEST MANAGEMENT

The Maryland Agronomy News newsletter was continued in 2018-2019 with volumes 9 and 10. A total of 8 issues are published annually and distributed across the state via e-mail and hard copy mailings. Articles continue to be posted to the Agronomy News Blog year-round and the website has had over 7,000 page views from over 5,000 visitors this past year.

UME conducted a successful winter meeting season with ten agronomy meetings, four forage meetings, and six herbicide-resistant weed meetings around the state. UME educators published **three new** fact sheets on pest management: Palmer Amaranth in Maryland, General Recommendations for Managing Nematodes in Field Crops, and Spotted Lanternfly.

Lastly, Nicole Fiorellino joined UMD as our new agronomist and Amanda Grev joined as our new pasture management specialist.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Kness, Chair

ANIMAL SCIENCE

We are pleased to announce that the Animal Science faculty numbers have increased after having been decimated in recent years. Amanda Grev started January 21, 2019 as the Pasture Management Specialist. Originally from Rochester, MN, Amanda completed her undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University with a double major in Equine and Animal Science. After graduation, she completed a research internship at Kentucky Equine Research in Versailles, KY. Amanda received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Animal Science at the University of Minnesota, where her research focused on the interaction between animal nutrition, forages, and pasture management.

Additionally, Sarah Potts joined University of Maryland Extension in April 29, 2019 and serves as the Dairy and Beef Extension Specialist at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center. She obtained her B.S. degrees in Animal and Poultry Sciences and Dairy Science from Virginia Tech in 2011. Sarah completed her M.S. at Michigan State University in 2014 and her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in 2019, where her research focus was dairy cattle feed efficiency and transition dairy cow nutrition, respectively.

Both are housed at the University of Maryland's Western Maryland Research & Education Center and have statewide responsibilities.

We have happy to welcome them to our ranks.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Semler, Chair

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HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS

2015-2019 Maryland Department of Agriculture and University of Maryland collaborated to create teaching points and power point programs for Professional Fertilizer Applicators certification and Re-Certification. There are now over 1,500 certified Professional Fertilizer Applicators in Maryland who receive re-certification credits each year, often in conjunction with Commercial Pesticide Recertification through the University of Maryland Extension.

The Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association and University of Maryland Extension continue to collaborate to bring more horticultural conferences available to the Maryland Green Industry. The very successful educational conference created by Maryland Extension Educators and Specialists include Chesapeake Green, A Horticulture Symposium, The Cut Flower Short Course and Summer Tour, the Greenhouse Short Course, the Alternative Crops Course, Storm Water Management Conference, and the MNLGA Field Day. The TPM/IPM Weekly Newsletter reaches out to over 3,000 Green Industry professionals in Maryland and many of the surrounding states.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair

NATURAL RESOURCES/AQUACULTURE

There is no report.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Takacs, Chair

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

An online soil health self-evaluation tool is also underway. Instead of evaluating field conditions, this tool shows a farmer where they are on the continuum of soil health management, and points out areas for improvement. A pilot version of the tool is available at <http://ter.ps/SHeval> and is open to all. Final development of the tool is underway, targeting a full release in Fall 2018.

Nevin continues to lead the Building Soil Health project with a target audience of Ag Service Providers, funded by USDA Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (NESARE). Upcoming activities include a series of field days that will include a section on best practices for effective adult learning, and a field trip to Rodale Institute in 2019. In related work, an instructional video on how to use the Maryland Soil Health Card (a tool for quick and simple evaluation of a field's soil health condition) was produced in partnership with Future Harvest CASA: <https://ter.ps/SHcardVid>.

On November 1, 2018 a Delmarva Soil Summit was held at University of Maryland Eastern Shore with several MACAA members in attendance as participants and speakers. The program included sessions on soil health tools and best practices for ag service providers to use in adult education programs. As part of the June 19, 2019 AGNR In-Service, Nevin will present a brief explanation of grant opportunities from Northeast SARE. These include three programs for large grants (\$30,000 - ~\$250,000) open to proposals in research, education, and train-the-trainer projects, with brief preproposals due on June 25, 2019: <https://www.northeast sare.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,
Nevin Dawson, Chair

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

No report.
Neith Little, Chair

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES & PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report.
Paul Goeringer, Chair

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT

No report.
Willie Lantz, Chair

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

There is no report for Teaching & Educational Technologies.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Schoenian, Chair

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MACAA Life Membership presently consists of 42 retired agents, specialists, and other faculty. The membership also includes 16 widows of deceased members, who are kept informed of news and events concerning life members and are encouraged to participate in the annual dinner and tour.

On September 25, 26 MACAA Life Members held their annual fall tour in Montgomery County, hosted by retired County Ag Agent, Douglas Tregoning and County Extension Ag Agent, Chuck Schuster. Tuesday evening, the group enjoyed a wonderful dinner at a local restaurant and heard about the current state of and the future of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources from University of Maryland Administration. The following day an excellent tour of the diversity of agriculture in Montgomery County was conducted by Chuck and Doug. Many among the group commented about how great the tour and hospitality was this year. The annual dinner and tour was attended by 29 life members and spouses.

On a sad note, the Life Members of MACAA family suffered a tremendous loss by the passing of three of our members. Retired County Ag Agents and Life Members, Don Osborn, Richard (Dick) Schukraft, and Robert (Bob) Raver all passed away this year. They will be missed.

The 2019 MACAA Life Members tour is scheduled to be held on October 1 and 2 in Dorchester County. The hosts for this event will be County Extension Agents, Emily Zobel and Ginny Rosenkranz.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Poole, Chair

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