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&  
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Conference**

**June 21-22, 2018**

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## 2018 Annual Summer Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 p.m.                    **Pre-Conference Reception**, Jackie Takacs' beach house, 9 Island Edge Drive, Ocean City, MD. (Just off 67th St. on the Bayside of Ocean City.)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 a.m.                    **Breakfast**    ( Use your meal ticket for the restaurant buffet)

8:15 a.m.                    **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions—Doris Behnke**

8:25 a.m.                    **Building Effective Outreach and Support for Limited Resource  
and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers**

*Berran Rogers*, Coordinator

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

9:05 a.m.                    **UME TT and PTK Process Update**

*Jackie Takacs*, Watershed Restoration Specialist

University of Maryland Sea Grant

9:35 a.m.                    **Top Three Social Media Platforms to Use in Extension**

*Laura Wormuth*, Coordinator

AGNR-Communication Office

10:05 a.m.                    **First Timer's Feedback of 2017 NACAA, Salt Lake City, Utah**

*Andrew Kness*, Harford County Extension

*Doris Behnke*, Cecil County Extension

*Matt Morris*, Frederick County Extension

10:20 a.m.                    **Break** - networking, check email, return phone calls, etc.

10:45 a.m.                    ***Hometown Habitat*** - Documentary Film—Doris Behnke

*Dr. Douglas Tallamy*, Entomologist

University of Delaware

The film, featuring Dr. Tallamy, flips the landscaping paradigm by raising awareness about the critical role native plants play in the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. Excerpts include:

*The Basics* (approx. 6 minutes)

*Be a Habitat Hero* (approx. 11 minutes)

*Sustainable Practices* (approx. 7 minutes)

11:25 a.m.                    **Poster Presentations - NACAA State Winners**

Applied Research: Willie Lantz ( 10 minutes)

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- “Grafting High Tunnel Hybrid Tomatoes to Reduce Yellow Shoulders and Increase Yield”  
Extension Education: Jenny Rhodes/ Jon Moyle / Dr. Nat Tablante (10 Minutes)
- “Impacts of Commercial Flock Biosecurity Educational Programs”
- 11: 45 p.m. **Climate Impacts on Agriculture: Recent Developments.”**  
Dr. Sara Via—Professor, Entomology  
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch ( Use your meal ticket for the restaurant)**
- 12:55 pm **Targeted States Grant Update**  
Paul Goeringer, Extension Legal Specialist
- 1:00 p.m. **Conflict and You: Deal With It!**  
*Jamie Morris*, 4-H Extension Agent  
University of Maryland Extension
- 3:00 p.m. **College Update**  
*Dr. Craig Beyroudy*, Dean & Director  
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 3:30 p.m. **UME Update**  
*Dr. Jim Hanson*, Associate Dean & Professor  
University of Maryland Extension, AGNR
- 4:00 p.m. **My Vision for Ag in UME**  
*Darren Jarboe*, Principal Agent, Assistant Director  
University of Maryland Extension, AGNR
- 4:45 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 5:30 p.m. **MACAA Family Picnic and Softball Game**  
Directions to the Stephen Decatur Park  
Leave the hotel; turn left on Philadelphia Ave.  
Stay to the right and cross the Route 50 bridge.  
Stay on Route 50 towards Berlin.  
Turn south on Route 113, go through 2 lights, turn on right on Tripoli Street and  
Stephan Decatur Park is on the left.

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast** – Provided in the meeting room ( Use your meal ticket )
- 7:05 a.m. **Meeting of the Northeast Association of County Agriculture Agents**

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- (NEACAA) - Ginny Rosenkranz, Principal Agent Associate  
University of Maryland Extension, AGNR
- 7:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction of New Members and Guests**  
*Doris Behnke, MACAA President*
- 7:30 a.m. **Award Winner Presentations (10 minutes each)**  
Achievement Award, Jon Moyle  
Mid-Career Award, David Gordon  
Distinguished Service Award, Ben Beale
- 8:00 a.m. **Minutes of the 2017 MACAA Summer Meeting**  
*Luke Gustafson, MACAA Secretary*
- 8:15 a.m. **MACAA Financial Report**  
*Dale Johnson, MACAA Treasurer (Jim Lewis will fill in for Dale)*
- 8:25 a.m. **President's Annual Report - Doris Behnke**
- 8:30 a.m. **Old Business**
- 9:00 a.m. **New Business**
  - Committee Chairs
  - Member Recognition
  - Other New Business
  - 2019 Annual Summer Meeting
- 9:40 a.m. **Break**
- 9:55 a.m. **MACAA Nomination Committee Report**
- 10:00 a.m. **Election of 2018-2019 MACAA Officers**
- 10:10 a.m. **2018-2019 Committee Assignments**
- 10:25 a.m. **MACAA Foundation Report**  
*Jim Lewis & Matt Morris*
- 10:45 a.m. **MACAA Awards**  
*Jim Lewis/ Doris Behnke*  
Honorary Ag Agent - Mike Newell  
Service to Ag Award - Andy Cashman
- 11:00 a.m. **Installation of Officers**  
*Shannon Dill*

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- 11:15 a.m.            **Message from the Incoming President**  
                              *Jon Moyle*
- 11:25 a.m.            **NACAA Northeast Regional Director's Report**  
                              *Craig Williams, NACAA NE Director*
- 11:30 a.m.            **Discussion of Hosting 2021 NACAA Meeting in Philadelphia, PA**
- 12:30 p.m.            **Adjourn**

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## 2018 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the past year we have embraced many changes in our organization. So at this time, we would like to officially welcome our new Principal Agent and Assistant Director of Agriculture, Darren Jarboe, as well as our new Associate Dean and Professor, Dr. Jim Hanson. Both are strong leaders and advocates for UME and we welcome them to our team.

We would also like to officially welcome Laura Wormuth, Coordinator, AGNR-Communications Office. Our organization looks forward to working with Laura to help build the image of UME. With Laura's help we can share our amazing programs with the WORLD!

Speaking of our amazing programs, please join me in congratulating the 2018 MACAA and NACAA award winners:

**Achievement Award - Jon Moyle**

**Mid-Career Award - David Gordon**

**Distinguished Service Award - Ben Beale**

The 2018 NACAA AMPIC is quickly approaching, so make your plans to attend this National Meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee now; this is a meeting you don't want to miss. If you have never been to a NACAA National Meeting, make sure you ask some of the agents that have gone to a National meeting before, what it is all about.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your President! Respectfully,



Doris Behnke  
2017 - 2018

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MACAA Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2017

Submitted by Luke Gustafson, MACAA Secretary

7:26 Meeting called to order – Ginger Myers

7:27 North East Region report – Ginny Rozenkranz

Ben asked for clarification on MACAA's role in the 2021 NACAA meeting in Philadelphia.

MACAA will assist for the 2021 conference along with the other states in the North East Region. Ginny discussed how they came to select Philadelphia for the 2021 bid. Some were concerned about the amount of time needed to host a national conference. After discussing with previous host sites, much of the work is in setting up events ahead of time, spreading out the workload. Nevin asked if everyone will need to be involved. As many people as can help would be great.

7:32 Achievement Award – awarded to Doris Behnke

Doris gave a presentation summarizing her work in Cecil County focusing on home horticulture. She shared highlights of working with MGs, 4-Hers, Watershed Stewards Academy, area schools, and others.

7:48 Mid-Career Award – awarded to Joe Fiola.

Joe gave a brief overview of his Small Fruit program in Maryland. He covered his work with viticulture, the growth of the MD wine industry, enology work and wine appreciation along with his international work. His parting advise was to work hard but also to take time to spend with family.

8:07 Distinguished Service Award – awarded to Shannon Dill

Talked about the highlights of her 16 years with Extension including some of the programs she has worked on such as Winning the Game, Annie's Project and others. She wants her kids to be able to enjoy the things she did as a child. That is why she does what she does.

8:10 Secretary's Report – Jessie Flores – gave members a chance to review the 2016 meeting minutes

Ben Beale made a correction at bottom of page 8 on Herb Reeds term as MACAA President. Dave Myers moved to approve minutes with Ben's revision. Dale Johnson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8:14 Financial report – Dale Johnson reviewed the printed Financial Report.

Talked about the MACAA annual meeting budget. Dale recognized the contribution of the Law Center to the MACAA annual meeting budget. In 2016 MACAA made \$923 from the meeting. Several people clarified that MACAA is not trying to make money off the meeting, but in 2015 when the University was not allowing travel, people had to pay their own way. Dale mentioned that the Executive Committee sets the registration fee. Occasionally we take the money for special purposes. Ben & Dave Martin talked about perhaps wanting to keep a balance. David Martin motioned that the person who organized the meeting and the picnic be awarded \$200. Herb seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Herb supported the idea using MACAA meeting funds for enhancing professional development opportunities at the annual meeting since it is important that the MACAA meeting is clearly (to both mem-

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bers and administration) focused on professional development. Herb encouraged everyone to think of appropriate sponsors for the MACAA meeting.

The MACAA Foundation subsidizes travel expenses to the NACAA meeting for the two award winners, voting delegate and MACAA President.

Jenny Rhodes moved to accept financial report and Ginny seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### 8:32 MACAA Momentum - Ginger Myers

Members talked about the momentum of MACAA coming back. People are encouraged by the new hires, changes in administration, national leadership and awards. "Mojo is back." Thanks to the Executive Committee. Ginger encouraged the Ag Agents to Apply for Signature Program status in 2017.

#### 8:39 Old Business – Ginger Myers

Most of old business had previously been about the National Meeting (discussed at beginning of meeting). In previous years, members had discussed ways to support 4-H silent auction.

#### 8:41 – New business – committee Reports

##### Communication – Nate Richards

Had submissions for the various categories. He send to NACAA Communications Chair. Selected state winners. SEE THE 2017 PRINTED AWARD INFO. Ginger thanked Nate for his work.

##### Posters – Emily Zobel

Emily not present, but Jessie gave an overview of the poster work. Submitters sent image file of poster since (many hadn't yet printed theirs). The two categories: Extension Education, and Applied Research. Tips for success: keep text to a minimum, use photos & concise captions to tell your story, have poster reviewed by someone outside your area, put it up on office wall when you get back to share with people in your county! NACAA website has the judging rubric.

##### Scholarship Committee – Herb Reed – looking for a new state chairperson

Scholarship is for money for training for which you think you could benefit (group or individual). Awards are announced at the NACAA meeting.

Herb discussed the scholarship auction at the NACAA meeting and how to be eligible for scholarship (up to \$1000) for professional development. See details & past winners at <https://www.nacaa.com/scholarship/>

##### Search for Excellence – Ben Beale

Two applications in 2017: Pencil to Plow (Jessie); Pasture Based Meats (Susan Schoenian, et al). Both were national finalists. See list of award winners at NACAA.com.

##### Horticulture & Turfgrass – Ginny Rosenkranz

Chuck and Ginny have worked with MDA to get a lot of the professional fertilizer applicators certified. Also with MD Nursery & Greenhouse Growers Association. Certified and in the loop.

##### Natural Resources – Nevin Dawson

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Woods in Your Backyards is a Signature Program. Jonathan Kays & Bob Tjaden are on sabbatical

Early Career – Ginger asked what the committee’s function is supposed to be.

Life Membership – Terry Poole

Terry not present but group has been very active with tours. He headed up the tour in Talbot County Oct. 4, 2017. PA and MD life members have done joint tours together in the past, says Ginger. Ginny sends out MACAA meeting reminder postcards to the life members as well.

9:23 New Business - Ginger called for New Business.

There was discussion of the funding source (foundation vs. general funding) for Ginny’s run for secretary. Dave Martin noted that there is about \$6000 available for award recipients, president, etc in 2017. Dale reported that Dave Myers spent \$2400 when he ran for national office. Dale motioned that \$1500 from the MACAA account be allocated for Ginny’s campaign for NACAA secretary. Herb seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9:39 Break

9:55 Call to Order – Ginger Myers

9:56 Nominating Committee – Jenny Rhodes

People moving up to the various positions and Jarrod Miller coming on as MACAA Secretary. (Ginger Myers, Past President; Doris Behnke, President; Jessie Flores, President Elect; Luke Gustafson, Vice-President; Jarrod Miller, Secretary; Dale Johnson, Treasurer) Jenny made motion to approve nominations. Shannon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9:58 Motion to close MACAA meeting & open MACAA Foundation meeting

Jenny moved, and Shannon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9:59 Call MACAA Foundation meeting to order – Dave Martin

Dave directed attention to the report in the meeting brochure. Dave Martin recommended that Jim Lewis and Dale Johnson become committee chairs. Dale discussed that changes to the account would require a lot of additional paperwork. Dave Martin mentioned that there would need to be a motion in order to add Jim Lewis to have check writing privileges. The main things covered were award recipients travel to NACAA and in the past some support of JCEP.

Herb Reed made motion to add Jim Lewis to checking out for MACAA Foundation. Seconded by Ginger Myers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Lewis said in 1976, \$7000 was moved in the foundation fund, and 1993 was last time money went into Foundation fund. Jackie Takacs has been treasurer of another organization managing larger sum of money and has navigated paperwork of that. Dave Myers made a motion for the MACAA Foundation to cover up to \$500 of Ginny’s 2017 NACCA secretary campaign. Dale Johnson seconded. Majority in favor. Motion carried. Dave Martin motioned to adjourn MACAA Foundation meeting

10:17 Reopened MACAA meeting – Ginger Myers

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Herb is looking for someone to take over for the Scholarship Committee and Administrative Skills Committee. Neith Little will take over for Administrative Skills and has a colleague trained in conflict resolution as a possible presenter at 2018 MACAA meeting.

10:22 Thoughts on Visiting Other States – Craig Williams from PA.

Shared thoughts on visiting other states. In smaller states the unfilled committee positions responsibilities fall back on the state President. He encouraged everyone to be involved in the input for the Foundation. On behalf of the PA group, he thanked MACAA for inviting to meeting.

10:24 State of Extension remarks – Dr. Tom Porter

UME is in great shape. UME survived 1/3 budget cut in 2008/2009. Weathered the storm better than many states. More than 90% of budget goes to operating costs, salaries, etc. Less than 10% toward administration – that is impressive. Hiring at a phenomenal pace. Filled more than 30 faculty position in past 2 years. He thanked State Hiring Committee.

Formalized professional track faculty promotion process.

Extension Plan of Organization – Important step to shared governance. Jackie asked about the portion of the Extension Plan of Organization (EPO) that did not pass vote. Dr. Porter mentioned that it needs to be addressed by the faculty and staff committee.

Online teaching effectiveness system – Tailored to reflect campus standards. Jenny R. mentioned that she has used business cards printed with QR codes (from Jon Moyle).

Signature Programs – direct result of Strategic Plan Implementation Team – next call coming up in August. Great way to recognize program.

UME Program Summit – Dr. Porter thought it was a great way to share the work of Extension with colleagues and to network

Integrated grant program - 18 applications and 4 proposals approved for funding. Stated that it would be good to have another seed grant program just for Extension.

Facilities – Repair and upgrades in county offices – average of \$15,000 per office. Wants to help improve facilities to improve effectiveness of offices. Computers – all machines 5 years or older to be replaced. Flat screen monitors – one for each office.

Professional Development – Funds to all tenure and professional track and also to administrative staff. Intended to support travel to PD opportunity including national conference, national meeting within 18 month period. Most of the above funds are coming from salary savings. The total is about \$500,000.

Administration – All the programs are doing well, but turn over in leadership has been a challenge. He would like to see leaders be in their position for at least 5 years for stability. We need to improve succession planning. Need more leadership raised up within organization (LEAD Maryland, etc).

Extension Internships – Committee established for undergrad Extension internship program. There is a need for employment opportunities and undergrads to understand what Extension is/does. Hopes to have this available in 2018. He would like to fund 10 interns.

State Extension Advisory Board – hopes to have first meeting this November

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Communications - Hiring a UME Communications Coordinator. ID important stories, provide materials for newsletters and for Graham Bender. Shannon mentioned idea of an Extension photo repository (Flickr, etc).

Open discussion/ Q&A – MACAA members asked questions on topics from professional development, onboarding, mentoring, titles for Extension faculty (Educator, Agent, Professor of Extension, etc) and more.

Ginger thanked Dr. Porter for coming to the meeting.

11:45 Honorary Agricultural Agent Award – presented by Jim Lewis

Awarded to Dr. Bob Kratochvil. He shared some of the highlights of his career.

11:49 Service to Agriculture Award – presented by Ginger Myers

Awarded to Grove Miller. He shared some of the highlights of his career.

11:55 Discussion of details for the 2018 MACAA meeting

Most were in favor of holding June 21-22 again at Dunes Manor. Dale Johnson made a motion and Paul Goeringer seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12:04 Installation of MACAA Officers

Ginger Myers – Past President; Doris Behnke – President; Jessie Flores – President Elect;  
Luke Gustafson – Vice-President; Jarrod Miller – Secretary; Dale Johnson – Treasurer

12:11 Comments from MACAA President, Doris Behnke

Doris shared her appreciation for being elected president and her thoughts on the year to come.

12:12 Meeting adjourned

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## 2017-2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

<b>Account balances</b>		
Savings	\$ 5,882.19	
Checking	<u>5,692.42</u>	
Total		11,574.61
<b>Income</b>		
MACAA membership	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
<b>Expenses</b>		
NACAA membership	2,000.00	
Annual meeting expense	4,886.52	
Pass through expense	\$450 check not cleared	
Bank charge	55.00	
Total expense		<u>6,941.52</u>
Net income (2)		595.92
<b>Account balances</b>		
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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## 2017-2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### 2017 Annual Meeting Report

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

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## MACAA FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT June 2018

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 not issued in '15, '16, or '17; so they were paid in '17. 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-30" is deposited directly into the Foundation's interest bearing checking account. As directed by a motion at the 2013 Annual Meeting, both the "CD-65" and "CD-increasing" investments were allowed to mature with the principal and interest transferred to the checking account to accrue a higher interest rate than was available with certificates of deposit. All accounts are held with PNC Bank.

The interest rates on the CD and checking account are very low and this is expected to continue through 2018. 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 March 15, 2017, the Foundation had a total cash balance in the checking account of \$31,668.30 less the \$26,772.51 of restricted funds leaving an available balance of \$4895.79 in the checking account.

Jim Lewis, Chair

Matt Morris, Vice Chair

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## MACAA FOUNDATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT June 2018

### MACAA Foundation Balance Sheet

Comparison December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017

	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2017	Difference
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CD-30	30,000.00	<b>30,000.00</b>	0.00
Foundation Check	33,113.10	<b>31,664.58</b>	1448.52
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$63,113.10	<b>\$61,664.58</b>	<b>1448.52</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>NET WORTH TOTAL</b>	\$63,113.10	<b>\$61,664.58</b>	<b>1448.52</b>

### MACAA Foundation Income and Expense Report

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest-check	\$ 6.49	
Interest-CD-30	\$44.99	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$51.48
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Educ – AA '15		\$200
Educ – DSA '15		\$250
Educ – AA '16		\$200
Educ – DSA '16		\$250
Educ – AA '17		\$200
Educ – DSA '18		\$250
Educ – Voting Delegate		\$150
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<u>\$1500.00</u>
<b>INCOME-EXPENSE BALANCE</b>		<b>(1448.52)</b>

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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.

As chair of the MACAA Foundation, Dave Martin maintains the Foundation's checking account and several certificate of deposits.

The association's financial records were last reviewed on ?? 2018, and everything was found to be in order.

Thanks to both Dave and Dale for doing a good job with MACAA's finances and doing it responsibly for so many 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, 2018 we had 39 active members.

MACAA membership also includes 43 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 2017 national meeting.

Dale Johnson, Treasurer

Jon Moyle, President-Elect

### **POLICY AND NOMINATION**

Nominates the following for the 2018-2019 Executive Committee;

Jon Moyle, President

Luke Gustafson, President-Elect

Paul Goeringer, Vice President

Andy Kness, Secretary

Dale Johnson, Treasurer

Doris Behnke, Past President.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Rhodes, Chair

### **PROGRAM RECOGNITION COUNCIL**

### **4-H & YOUTH**

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# MACAA

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

It has been a number of years since there was an award submission in this category. Congratulations to Peter Coffey and team for their submission and award this year for the AgVenture program. It has been awarded as a state and regional winner and a national finalist in which they will receive at the 2018 NACAA.

Coffey, P.\*1, Ridgeway, B.2, Brown, V.3, Butler, B.4, Serio, T.5, Coddington, C.6

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STEM education is an integral part of primary school curriculum. AgVenture allows Extension to teach 4th graders about the connection between STEM and agriculture through experiential learning practices. Extension Educators developed hands-on activities around animals, plant/environmental sciences, and nutrition, while linking station-specific activities back to STEM standards. Community partnerships with local agricultural businesses and producers were created to support agriculture awareness to 4th grade students throughout the county. Pretests and posttests show a statistically significant change in STEM-related knowledge by students, while feedback from teachers demonstrates the educational value of the program. Through the evaluation students have shown an increase in basic agricultural knowledge gained taught through STEM practices. Because of these results, AgVenture has grown and now has a waiting list of interested schools. The success of the AgVenture program can be replicated in other Extension programs throughout Maryland and nationwide.

Many agents work with 4-H programs and are highly encouraged to submit those activities in this category.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Dill, Chair

### COMMUNICATIONS

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I was the Communications chair for the Program Recognition Council of MACAA for 2017. I reviewed and selected state winners for submissions in the following categories; Personal Column, Feature Story, Newsletter (individual), Video Presentation, Publication, Web Site, Program Promotional Piece, and Bound Book. 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](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: Personal Column - Jeff Semler, Feature Story - "Hydrangeas to Color the Garden from Spring to Fall" Virginia Rosenkranz, Newsletter (individual) - "Mastering Marketing Newsletters" Ginger Myers, Video Presentation - "Getting Started on Spring Planting" Virginia Rosenkranz, Publication - "Current Legal Rules Benefit Spray Applicators When it Comes to Pesticide Drift" Paul Goeringer, Website - "Maryland Small Ruminant Page" Susan Schoenian, Program Promotional Piece - "Soils and Fertility Course (soils for Farmers)" Jarrod O Miller, and Bound Book - "A Sustainable Practices Workbook for Wine Grape Growing in Maryland" Joseph A Fiola.

Respectfully Submitted by Nate Richards

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### PROFESSIONAL EXCELENCE

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Congratulations to Willie Lantz and Jenny Rhodes for being the State winners for their NACAA posters.

You can see both posters at MACAA in June.

Applied Research: Willie Lantz with "GRAFTING HIGH TUNNEL HYBRID TOMATOES TO REDUCE YELLOW SHOULDERS AND INCREASE YIELD"

Extension Education: Jenny Rhodes with "IMPACTS OF COMMERCIAL FLOCK BIOSECURITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS"

Thank you to everyone who entered. All the posters were really great this year and it was a hard choice for myself and the rest of the judges.

Emily Zobel, Chair

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

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There was 1 Agriculture Awareness and Appreciation Award entry submitted to the committee chair, by Jennifer Rhodes. It was submitted to national as the state winner.

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 '17 awards will go to: Honorary County Agent – Mike Newell, Service to Ag Award – Andy Cashman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Lewis, Chair

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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

**Achievement Award: Jon Moyle**

**Mid-Career Award: David Gordon**

**Distinguished Service Award: Ben Beale**

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

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years in Extension.

Jon Moyle and Ben Beale will be recognized at the National Association of County Agriculture Agents in July at the NACAA Annual Meeting, professional Improvement Conference Chattanooga, Tennessee. Thanks to Dale and Susan for helping keep the records correct as we determine who is eligible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair

### SCHOLARSHIP

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Peter Coffey, Chair

### SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

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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 first time in several years, 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

### PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Rhodes, J. L., Johnston, C. M., Moyle, J. R., Richards, N., & Dill, S. P. (2018). National Finalist. Agricultural Awareness & Appreciation Award. NACAA AMPIC, Chattanooga, TN

### AGRICULTURE AWARENESS DAY

Agriculture Organizations Come Together to Educate 7th Graders

Agriculture is an industry that is misunderstood by many residents. In 2016 a coalition of educators, researchers, agencies, and grassroots organizations was formed to educate students in Queen Anne's County. The importance of agriculture and its 235 career options was introduced to all students.

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The partners created an “Agriculture Awareness Day” for all 7th graders across the county. The Board of Education and school principals were informed and were interested in education for their students about the importance of agriculture and the many career opportunities.

In a day-long structured program, the following agricultural topics were covered: technology, equipment, crops, aquaculture, nursery, produce, greenhouses, forestry, farm animals, bees, and numerous agriculture myths. There are four middle schools in Queen Anne’s County with 700 students, making this a two day event.

The partners believe that 7th graders are the perfect age to learn about Maryland’s number one industry and numerous career options. The 7th graders were excited to be out of the classroom and complete hands-on structured lessons. This allows the students to understand agriculture’s importance in feeding the world and the truths of the industry. Lastly, the students were educated about the 235 careers related to agriculture, which opened their eyes to the agriculture career pathway before high school. The awareness day may open the door for the students to join 4-H and FFA, which will encourage them to join other agriculture organizations after graduation.

As our county is transforming to a more urban population, our goal is to provide a venue to develop agriculture literate citizens. Each of our partners has their own diverse expertise and by joining together we can accomplish this goal. With this accomplishment, Agriculture Awareness Day will become an annual event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Rhodes Chair

### AGRONOMY & PEST MANAGEMENT

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There is no report for Agronomy & Pest Management.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Kness, Chair

### ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Susan Schoenian and Jeff Semler participated in the NACAA pre-conference Animal Science Tour. There were 36 participants from 18 states. The tour kicked off on the evening of July 6th with an introduction to agriculture in the West by Jay Olsen of Snow College.

The first day we visited Monroe Mountain Aspen Restoration Project in the Fishlake National Forest. The discussion centered on public land ranching, grazing infrastructure, ecosystem management. The day ended at Johnson Mountain Ranch in Salina Canyon. It provided beautiful vistas for our dinner. The Johnson family shared their ranch history and how public and private lands dovetail into the management of their cattle operation and alternative enterprises.

Day two began at Fullmer Dairy and Registered Angus Operation. It is a 2,500 head dairy, milking 3X daily in a rotary milking parlor and Registered Angus Seedstock program. The family also discussed how important irrigation is to their crop production.

The next stop was Producers Livestock Market. They sell an average of 2,000 head of cattle weekly. They sell sheep twice monthly and they still sort on horseback. The final stop was the African Refugee Goat Project Farm. The project began with 25 does and now has grown to over 325 head of Boer goats with a few Nubians. The project provides a food source to Eastern African refugees, a few 4-H projects and is maintained by volunteers.

Susan and I would highly recommend participating in a pre-conference tour.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Semler, Chair

### **HORTICULTURE AND TURFGRASS**

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2017-2018 Maryland Department of Agriculture and University of Maryland collaborated to continue create teaching points and power point programs for Professional Fertilizer Applicators certification and Re-Certification. There are now over 1,400 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. UME offers 5 Commercial Pesticide Applicator Pesticide Re-Certification Conferences that provide credits for Forestry, Ornamental Plants (exterior and interior), Turf, Aquatics, Right of Way & Demonstration and Research for the state of Maryland.

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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Rosenkranz, Chair

### **NATURAL RESOURCES/AQUACULTURE**

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There is no report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Takacs, Chair

### **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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At the MACAA meeting on June 22, 2017, Jim Brewer (NRCS) demonstrated the use of the MD Soil Health Card, a tool for quick in-field evaluation of a field's soil health. The tool serves as an excellent touch point for conversations about soil health between ag service providers and farmers, and, once trained, farmers can continue to use the tool for regular monitoring of changes resulting from management practice improvements. Development of a video demonstration of this tool is currently underway in partnership with Future Harvest CASA.

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.

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On March 9, 2018, Jenny Rhodes and Nate Richards hosted an Organic Production meeting at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills with several additional MACAA members in attendance as participants and speakers.

As part of the June 21, 2018 AGNR In-Service, Nevin will present an update on the state and regional work of NESARE while also demonstrating and explaining story telling techniques that can be used in many teaching situations.

Nevin is a member of the steering committee for the Future Harvest Soil Health Summit planned for Nov. 1, 2018 at UMES in Princess Anne. In addition to several high-profile guest speakers, the program will likely include a special segment for Ag Service Providers on best practices for adult learning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nevin Dawson, Chair

### **EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

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No report.

Neith Little, Chair

#### **AGRICULTURAL ISSUES & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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No report

Paul Goeringer, Chair

#### **EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

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No report.

Willie Lantz, Chair

#### **TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES**

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There is no report for Teaching & Educational Technologies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Schoenian, Chair

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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MACAA Life Membership presently consists of 45 retired agents, specialists, and other faculty. The membership also includes 13 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 October 3-4, 2017, MACAA Life Members held their annual fall tour in Talbot County, hosted by Shannon Potter Dill, County Extension Agent/Director. Tuesday evening, the group enjoyed a wonderful dinner at a local seafood restaurant and heard about the agriculture of the county present by a local producer. The following day an excellent tour of the diversity of agriculture in the Talbot County was conducted by Shannon. Many among the group commented that it was one of the best retiree's events ever. The annual dinner and tour was attended by 38 life members and spouses. The 2018 MACAA Life Members tour is scheduled to be held on September 25-26 in Montgomery County. The hosts for this event will be County Extension Agent, Chuck Schuster and retired County Agent, Doug Tregoning.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry E. Poole, Chair

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