

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

71st ANNUAL MEETING

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

Bost Extension Center

Monday, November 5, 2007

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71st ANNUAL MEETING
Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents
MSU Bost Extension Center Theater & Auditorium
Monday, November 5, 2007
BUSINESS MEETING & AWARDS PROGRAM

a.m.

- 8:30: Pick up Lunch Tickets (\$10) and Drop off Door Prizes in the Lobby Area
Pay 2008 Dues (\$50 new member, associate member, life member/\$80 regular member)
- 9:30 Call-to-Order (Bost Theater)..... Ed Williams, President
Invocation Lamar Adams, President-Elect
- 9:35 Financial Report.....John Anderson, Bookkeeper
Investment Report.....John Anderson/Elmo Collum, Subcommittee Chair
- 10:00 Southern Region Director's Report..... Dirk Webb
- 10:15 Communications Awards..... Mike Steede, Chair
- 10:30 Professional Excellence ReportAngus Catchot, Chair
- 10:35 Mississippi Cattlemen's AssociationSammy Blossom, MCA
- 10:40 Mississippi Crop & Livestock Reporting Award.....Thomas Gregory, USDA-NASS
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Recognition of Retirees for 2007 Ed Williams
- 11:05 Recognition of Past Retirees Ed Williams
- 11:10 Presidential Citation Awards Ed Williams
- 11:25 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition Chip Blalock
- 11:30 Adjourn to Lunch in Bost Auditorium
Sponsored byLancaster Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition

p.m.

- 12:30 Memorial Service.....Eric Larson, Chair
- 12:50 History Committee Report..... Ernie Flint, Chair
- 1:00 Agricultural Economics Committee Report.....Steve Martin, Chair
- 1:05 Greetings..... MAE4H-A, MEAFCS, ESP

1:15	Special Reports:	
	JCEP Conference Report	Ed Williams
	NACAAAM/PIC	Lamar Adams
	PIC Committee Report.....	Ed Williams
	PILD Conference Report	Judd Gentry
	Galaxy Report	Andy Londo
1:45	MACAA Awards Presentations	Lamar Adams
	Distinguished Service Awards	
	Achievement Awards	
2:00	Break	
2:15	MACAA Outstanding Programs Awards	Lamar Adams
	Sponsors: <i>Mississippi Pork Producers Association, BASF Corporation,</i>	
	<i>Bayer Crop Science, Agrilance, Terral Seed, Pioneer, Monsanto, Mississippi</i>	
	<i>Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Turfgrass Association, Mississippi Farm</i>	
	<i>Bureau Federation, Delta Farm Press (former Primedia), Federal Land Bank</i>	
	<i>Association of South Mississippi, FLCA</i>	
	Outstanding Area Agents (2)	
	Outstanding County Director (2)	
	Outstanding Specialists (2)	
2:45	Old Business	
2:50	New Business	
	By-Laws Change for Committee Structure	
	Other	
3:00	Installation of Officers	Al Myles, Past President
3:10	President's Report.....	Ed Williams
3:15	Incoming President's Report.....	Lamar Adams, President
3:25	Adjourn	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BREAKFAST MEETING

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

a.m.

- 6:30 - Hunter Henry Alumni Center – Parker Ballroom North (located just west of Bost Center)
- 7:45 - Sponsored by the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association – (Attendees include Officers, Jr. and Sr. Directors, Membership Chairs, Past Presidents, NACAA Southern Director, and Invited Guests)

**Mississippi Association of
County Agricultural Agents**

2008 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
2008**

STATE ASSOCIATION

President..... Lamar Adams
President –Elect Judd Gentry
1st Vice-President Glenn Hughes
2nd Vice-President Marty Brunson
Secretary/Treasurer (Pending Approval) Bill Burdine
Past President Ed Williams

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Senior Director Charlie Stokes
Junior Director Pat Poindexter
Membership Chairman..... Lisa Stewart

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Senior Director Ruby Rankin
Junior Director Don Bales
Membership Chairman..... Chuck Grantham

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Senior Director Jimbo Burkhalter
Junior Director Dan Poston
Membership Chairman..... Ernie Flint

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Senior Director Shelby Bearden
Junior Director John Coccaro
Membership Chairman..... Donna Beliech

STATE OFFICE GROUP

Senior Director Andy Londo
Junior Director Larry Oldham
Membership Chairman..... Erick Larson

**Mississippi Association of
County Agricultural Agents**

2007 ACTIVE AND LIFE MEMBERS



**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURE AGENTS
ACTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSECUTIVE YEARS MEMBERSHIP
for 2007**

Adams, Lamar	17	Harris, Eddie B.	22	Singleton, Jerry	6
Anderson, John	6	Hatcher, Britton	5	Smith, Art	24
Andrews, Gordon	18	Henn, Alan	1	Starks, Nelda	18
Atkins, Brian	5	Herndon, Jr., Bill	4	Steeby, Jim	10
Baird, Tommy	17	Hogue, Jr., Charlie	4	Steede, Mike	7
Bales, Don	14	Holder, Terry	4	Stewart, Lisa	9
Barefield, Alan	4	Howell, Michael	1	Stokes, Charles	9
Bates, Drew	4	Hudson, Harvin	18	Therrel, Houston	10
Bearden, Shelby	12	Hughes, Glenn	12	Thomas, Jim*	25
Beliech, Donna	12	Jacobs, Kathy	3	Traugott, Tim	24
Bishop, Tommy	24	Johnson, Kerry	11	Tullos, Adam	1
Blaine, Alan	20	Jousan, Dean	1	Walker, Amanda	1
Bland, Anthony	6	Kelly, Lelia	7	Webb, Anita	1
Braswell, Andy	9	Kushla, John D.	2	Wells, Wayne	7
Brewer, Thomas	7	Larson, Erick	12	Wheeler, Dwayne	27
Brown, Kipp	11	Lee, Billie Joe	9	White, Ronnie	1
Brunson, Marty	17	Lee, Victor***	17	Willcutt, Herb	24
Buehring, Nathan	3	Londo, Andy	8	Williams, Ed	27
Burdine, Jr. William	11	Maily, Bill	17	Wilson, Jeffrey C.	4
Burkhalter, James	10	Maness, Jeremy	1	Winter, Norman	8
Byrd, John	18	Martin, Robert	7	Winters, Steve	22
Catchot, Jr., Angus	3	Martin, Steve	7	Wise, Jr., Stanley	20
Coccaro, John	22	McCarty, Will	27	Wise, Shelaine	5
Collins, Mike	3	Mikell, Benjy	1	Young, Mack	11
Collum, Elmo	10	Mowdy, Mark	18		
Covington, Cliff	19	Myles, Al	23		
Crenshaw, Mark	22	Needham, Tim	12		
Crouse, Keith	11	Newman, Michael	12		
Culver, Virgil	16	Oatis, Melvin	24		
Cummings, Steve	28	Oldham, Larry	11		
Davis, Otis	24	Owen, Danny	16		
DeLoach, Trey	5	Parish, Jane	4		
Dicke, Steve	19	Poindexter, Patrick	7		
Fitts, Charlie	22	Porter, Wayne C.	3		
Flint, Jr., Ernest	16	Poston, Dan	7		
Gaddis, Deborah	8	Rankin, Ruby	10		
Gentry, Judd	13	Rankins, Al	6		
Giesemann, John	23	Reginelli, Dennis	16		
Gillie, Mark	22	Reid Rhoades, Pamela	3		
Gordon, Harvey	1	Respass, Don	14		
Grantham, Charles S.	18	Rhonke, Adam	1		
Gu, Mengmeng	1	Robertson, Tracy	1		
Hampton, Clifford J.*	26	Rouse, Clayton	16		

*Retiring in 2007
** Associate
*** Deceased

**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
AGENTS
2007 LIFE MEMBERS**

Alexander, Luther*	Harris, Joseph P.	Sharpe, Margie
Alford, Walter	Hartness, Ronnie	Sims, Bobby G.
Alley, George	Henry, William	Singleton, Paul
Baker, Joe	Hollis, James B.	Skelton, Donald
Berry, Belton E.	Hoskin, Rueben	Smith, Don
Blasingame, Donald	Houston, Wayne	Smith, John W.
Bost, W. M.	Jones, Audrey W.	Smith, W.T.
Bridges, Terry L.	Jones, Ronnie	Swoope, Thomas K.
Brodnax, Doss	Killebrew, John	Swoope, William
Broome, Malcolm	Kimbrough, Perry	Swords, Luther
Bryant, W. Daniel	Lathan, W. B.	Tanner, Barney
Buckley, R. O.	Locke, E. L.*	Taylor, Gerald
Carpenter, L. Miles	Loftin, Tom	Taylor, Lee
Carter, Frank	Love, Thomas H. (Joe)	Taylor, Tommy
Caves, James H.*	Luther, Jimmy K.	Thompson, Lee
Cheatham, Danny	Martin, Robert	Tolar, James
Clarke, James F.	McKie, John	Twitty, Richard C.
Cochran, Dexter	McLain, Jimmy C.	Waldrup, Charles
Coleman, Leslie F.*	McMillen, Jack C.	Wallace, Barry
Collins, James C.	McWhirter, Jr., Ed	Walton, Billy
Corban, Frank	Moman, Jr., Thomas M.	Walton, Billy S.
Courson, Jackie	Montgomery, Fred R.	Watkins, Chester
Cox, Aubrey A.	Moore, William F.	Weaver, George
Craft, William D.	Mullendore, George P.	Wells, W. V.
Crawford, Louis L.	Murray, Steve	Wilbourn, Carl G.
Dale, John	Nichols, Thomas P.	Williams, Robert L.
Daniels, Bob	Parker, John L.	Young, David
DeMuth, Larry	Parker, O. F.	
Doss, Roy	Paulette, Leon	
Duke, C. B.	Pepper, Tim	
Dyar, Sam W.	Preuss, Ted	
Estess, Jr., Charles	Pullin, Ted	
Fleming, Dolan	Raby, Elton	
Fleming, W. M.	Raspberry, Freddie	
Fulcher, Bobby	Rector, Terry	
Fulcher, John R.	Reynolds, Ray	
Fulton, Joe C.	Rhea, Dickie	
Garrison, Jr., George	Richardson, Steve	
Garrison, Lewis N.	Richmond, James	
Gilliam G. W.	Robison, R.C.	
Goforth Joe	Rone, George	
Goodwin, William O.	Sartor, Martha Ray	
Graves, Larry H.	Sartor, Ray M.	
Grubbs, Truitt	Schmidt, Joe	
Harness, Creevy	Shannon, Charles W.	

* Deceased 2007

**Mississippi Association of
County Agricultural Agents
2008 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**



2008 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

OVERALL CHAIRMAN

President Elect: Judd Gentry

4-H AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Chair: Terry Holder

Co-Chair: Nelda Starks

Members: Chuck Grantham, Anthony Bland,
Mark Crenshaw, Mark Gillie,
Harvin Hudson, and John Kushla

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS COMMITTEE

Chair: Shelaine Wise

Co-Chair: Art Smith

Members: Tommy Bishop, Alan Blaine, Will
McCarty, Don Respass, Mike
Collins, Andy Londo, and
Dwayne Wheeler

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Chair: Bill Herndon

Co-Chair: Robert Martin

Members: Brian Atkins, Andy Braswell,
Tommy Brewer, Judd Gentry, Bill
Maily, Al Myles, and Jim Steeby

AGRONOMY AND PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Otis Davis

Co-Chair: John Byrd

Members: Jerry Singleton, John Cocco,
Erick Larson, Will McCarty,
Keith Crouse, Mark Gillie, Al
Rankins, Dennis Reginelli, and
Charles Stokes

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Patrick Poindexter

Co-Chair: Houston Therrell

Members: Tommy Bishop, Kipp Brown,
Jane Parish, Cliff Covington and
Tommy Baird

COMMUNICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Mike Steede

Co-Chair: Stanley Wise

Members: Steve Cummings, Charlie Fitts,
Deborah Gaddis, and John
Cocco

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Charlie Stokes

Co-Chair: Nathan Buehring

Members: Shelaine Wise, Lisa Stewart,
Thomas Brewer, Jimbo
Burkhalter, and Shelby Bearden

EXTENSION PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Ruby Rankin

Co-Chair: Charlie Fitts

Members: Alan Blaine, Steve Dicke, Angus
Catchot, Eddie Harris, and
Houston Therrell

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair: Bill Burdine

Co-Chair – Financial Records: John
Anderson

Co-Chair – Investments: Elmo Collum

Members: Judd Gentry, Glenn Hughes,
Marty Brunson, Steve Martin, Al
Myles, Dan Poston, Doss
Brodnax, Charlie Forrest and Ed
Williams

Fund Raising: 2nd Vice President, Senior &
Junior Directors

FORESTRY, AQUACULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Chair: Trey DeLoach

Co-Chair: Britton Hatcher

Members: Cliff Covington, Steve Dicke,
Britton Hatcher, Glenn Hughes,
Bill Maily, Kathy Jacobs, Clayton
Rouse, Don Bales, Pamela Reid,
Tim Traugott, Eddie Harris,
Tommy Baird, Marty Brunson,
Robert Martin, and Mack Young

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Chair: John Cocco

Co-Chair: Chuck Grantham

Members: Steve Cummings, Otis Davis,
Chuck Grantham, Ernie Flint and
Donald Smith

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE

Chair: Kerry Johnson
 Co-Chair: Lelia Kelly
 Members: Arthur Bates, Donna Beliech,
 Tommy Bishop, Norman Winter,
 Mike Steede, Jeff Wilson, and
 Anthony Bland

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Chair: Marty Brunson, 2nd Vice President
 Members: Lamar Adams, Gordon Andrews,
 Tommy Baird, Alan Blaine, Andy
 Braswell, Terry Holder, Erick
 Larson, Donna Beliech, Nelda
 Starks, Will McCarty, Tim
 Needham, Dwayne Wheeler, Herb
 Willcutt, Steve Winters, Steve
 Cummings, and Judd Gentry

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Ed Williams, Past President
 Co-Chair-Policy
 Policy Members: All Active Past MACAA
 Presidents
 Co-Chair-Life Members
 Life Members Executive Committee: James
 Richmond, Dan Jones, Bobby
 Fulcher, Charlie Estess, Charles
 Twitty, Louis Crawford, Tim
 Pepper, Jim Thomas, Doss
 Brodnax, Charlie Forrest and
 Ronnie Jones
 Regular Members: John Coccaro, Al Myles,
 Melvin Oatis, and Dwayne
 Wheeler

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Chair: President –Lamar Adams
 Co-Chair: President Elect- Judd Gentry

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Andy Braswell
 Co-Chair: Wayne Wells
 Members: Marty Brunson, Keith Crouse,
 Judd Gentry, John Giesemann,
 Larry Oldham, Danny Owen, Tim
 Traugott, Ruby Rankin, and
 Dwayne Wheeler

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chair: Mark Mowdy
 Co-Chair: Pamela Reid

Members: Bill Burdine, Debbie Gaddis,
 Clayton Rouse, Jerry Singleton,
 and Shelby Bearden

PROGRAM AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lamar Adams

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND AGRICULTURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Chair: Brian Atkins
 Co-Chair: Jimbo Burkhalter
 Members: Alan Barfield, Kerry Johnson,
 Melvin Oatis, Jerry Singleton,
 Donald Smith, and Erick Larson

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: President – Lamar Adams
 Co-Chairs: Sr. Directors, Jr. Directors,
 Membership Chairs, and Past DSA Winners

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Don Respass
 Co-Chair: Harvin Hudson
 Members: Lelia Kelly, Mark Mowdy, Wayne
 Wells, John Byrd, and Steve
 Martin

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Andy Londo
 Co-Chair: Dennis Reginelli
 Members: Jimbo Burkhalter, Harvin Hudson,
 Elmo Collum, and Kipp Brown

TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chair: Michael Newman
 Co-Chair: Wayne Porter
 Members: Art Smith, Ed Williams, Cliff
 Covington, John Giesemann, Jane
 Parish, Patrick Poindexter, Alan
 Barefield, and Stanley Wise

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

2007 COMMITTEE REPORTS



**Agricultural Economics
Animal Science
Aquaculture/Sea Grant
Communications Awards
Forestry and Natural Resources
History
Horticulture**

**Policy
Presidential Citations
Professional Excellence
Professional Training
Program Awards
Public Relations and Agriculture Issues
Recognition and Awards
Teaching and Education Technology**

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

2007 was a unique year for Mississippi Agriculture. Inputs and costs were higher for all sectors of Mississippi agriculture as higher petroleum prices were incorporated into all sectors of the economy. Supported by strong pre-plant price forecasts, Mississippi row crop producers planted more corn acres than cotton acres for the first time in almost 50 years. The livestock industry in Mississippi enjoyed excellent prices for beef cattle and swine, record highs for milk and improved prices for poultry, however; escalating costs for feed, fuel, electricity, fertilizer and other inputs tempered the optimism of farmers in these sectors.

Catfish

As the year began the pond bank price for catfish was strong at 80-85 cents per pound with feed prices being around \$260 per ton. However, frozen fish inventories going into late spring were much above the previous year and sales were down. By the mid-point of the production season feed prices had risen to \$275-280 per ton and live fish prices were down to 75 cents per pound. Below normal rainfall for the year increased pumping costs in the Delta and put east Mississippi growers under pressure to restrict feed and stocking due to low water levels. With daytime temperatures in August exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit on many days, nightly aeration costs increased well above average. Feed prices for the coming year are expected to be near \$300 per ton causing grower's great concern with sagging fish prices. Competition with cheaper imported fish and seafood in general will cause growers to re-examine their costs and management options. Fingerling inventories at the start of the year were large, and combined with the lack of rainfall in east Mississippi, resulted in a large carry-over of 4-5 inch fish. Spawning this year started early and combined with the carry-over of last year's crop resulted in an earlier than normal finish to the hatchery season.

Livestock

Beef cattle producers have enjoyed another year of excellent prices for feeder and fed cattle during 2007. For example, feeder cattle prices have been able to maintain levels in excess of \$100 per cwt. classes weighing 600-700 pounds or less while fed cattle prices have increased 5-8% to above \$90 per cwt. Pork prices have declined 8-10% below last year's levels but have sustained prices in excess of \$65 per cwt. Poultry prices improved 10-15% in 2007 with prices reported above \$80/cwt. at the Georgia dock as broiler output continues to grow in Mississippi with the value of poultry projected to be in excess of \$2 Billion in 2007. Dairy farmers continue to be plagued with wide fluctuations in milk prices, where 2007 witnessed sharp increases in milk prices. Strong domestic and international demand for U.S. dairy products pushed milk prices to new, all-time record highs during 2007 that were 70-80% higher than those seen the previous year. Milk prices are expected to average more than \$19.50 per cwt. in 2007 compared to less than \$14.00 per cwt. last year. Of course, all livestock producers have incurred increased feed, fuel, fertilizer, and other costs which made these higher livestock prices very welcome.

Row Crops

An Easter freeze caused damage to the increased wheat acres in 2007. While statewide yields were still excellent, some producers had little to harvest. The freeze was followed by dry conditions early in the growing season and those who had the ability to irrigate incurred earlier than normal expenditures for pumping costs across all crops. Rains finally came in July and were very beneficial to all crops, especially soybeans and corn. As of this report soybean and corn yields may possibly be new state records. Producers in 2007 had the ability to book soybeans, corn and wheat at extremely high prices for the current year as well as through 2009. Indications are that 2007 wheat plantings may be the highest since the early 1980s. Corn planted acres in 2007 were the largest in MS since 1960 while cotton acres were the lowest on record.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Steve Martin

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Purpose of the Animal Science Committee is to actively pursue educational opportunities for its members. These educational opportunities are offered for the professional growth and professional improvement of MACAA Members.

The second Annual MACAA PIC was held May 14-16. Members were offered hands on Equine Workshop and Forage Tour at MAU South Farm. The Animal Science Tour and Forestry Tour were combined during the PIC. Tour stops included Prairie Livestock, Inc. at West Point and Southern Shine Pastures near Okolona, Mississippi. These were outstanding educational stops on the tour.

The Animal Science Committee is working toward more educational events for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Shelby Bearden
Co-Chair: Clint Young

AQUACULTURE/SEA GRANT COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

There were seven presentations given by five different speakers in the NACAA Aquaculture/Sea Grant breakout sessions. Two members of the MACAA attended the annual meeting and gave presentations in the sessions. James (Jim) Steeby (Session Chair) gave a presentation on *U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish Industry and Imports*. Charlie Hogue gave two presentations; *Common Aquatic Weed Identification* and *Treatments for Common Aquatic Weeds*, which were very popular. Session participants took away all fifty free wall posters identifying aquatic plants and algae.

Jim and Charlie also attended a professional improvement tour, Great Lakes Fisheries. The tour started in Ludington where they visited Consumers Energy's Pump Storage Facility on 400-foot bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan. Then they boarded the Steelhead, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) research vessel located at the Ludington Municipal Marina. Biologists discussed research underway to sustain this valuable sport fishery. Members of the Ludington Charter boat Association treated participants to a Great Lakes fish boil and discuss their industry and long-term work with Sea Grant Extension. The last stop included a visit to Jensen's Fishery and Bluffton Bay Marina in Muskegon. Jensen's is one of two remaining state licensed trap net fisheries on lower Lake Michigan. They learned about the commercial fishery and the transition this business is making to develop business in eco-tourism.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Charlie Hogue
Co-Chair: Eddie Harris

COMMUNICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Fourteen members submitted thirty entries in the Communications Awards Program. We would like to thank Dr. Ned Browning for coordinating the judging. Professionals in the Department of Agricultural Communications served as judges. Eleven state winners were forwarded to regional and national competition. Winners are listed below.

The Mississippi 2007 Communications Awards winners were as follows:

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS CATEGORIES

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1. Radio

1 st Andy Londo
2 nd John Coccaro
3 rd Andy Tullos | 2. Published Photo Caption

1 st Cliff Covington
2 nd James (Jim) Steeby | 3. Slides, Transparencies, Graphics, Computer Generated Presentation
1 st Andy Londo |
| 4. Direct Mail
1 st Donna Beliech
2 nd Cliff Covington | 5. Personal Column
1 st John Coccaro
2 nd Kerry Johnson
3 rd Wayne Porter | 6. Feature Story
1 st Donna Beliech
2 nd Cliff Covington
3 rd Ernie Flint |
| 7. Newsletter, Individual
1 st Cliff Covington
2 nd Ernie Flint | 8. Newsletter, Team
1 st Katherine Jacobs
2 nd Cliff Covington
3 rd Steve Martin | 9. Video Tape/TV
1 st Glenn Hughes |
| 10. Fact Sheet
1 st Donna Beliech
2 nd Cliff Covington | 11. Publication
1 st Adam Tullos
2 nd Steve Dicke
3 rd Andy Londo | |

Regional Finalist: Class 3: Slide Set, Transparencies, Computer Generated Presentation	Andy Londo
Class 8: Newsletter Team	Katherine Jacobs
Class 9: Video Tape/Television	Glenn Hughes
National Finalist: Video Tape/Television	Glenn Hughes
State Communicator of the Year:	Cliff Covington
Specialist/District Communicators of the Year:	Northeast: Adam Tullos Northwest: Ernie Flint Southeast: Kerry Johnson Southwest: Donna Beliech Specialist: Andy Londo

The committee recommends moving the deadline for submission of entries to February 15th in order to have time to judge and forward applications to regional in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Mike Steede
Co-Chair: Norman Winter

FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Forestry and Natural Resources Committee of the MACAA and related professionals prepared several educational programs for the 2nd Annual Professional Improvement Conference held May 14-16, 2007 on the main Mississippi State University campus. These included the following:

Basic Wildlife Management Principles: Mr. Adam Tullos, Wildlife Extension Associate, MSUES. Adam conducted an hour-long program discussing basic wildlife principles through forest habitat management and food plot installation.

GPS Class & Workshop: Mr. Butch Bailey, Extension Forestry Associate, MSUES. Butch conducted an hour-long program on the background and principles of how the global positioning system (GPS) works. This system began as a Department of Defense project to provide real-time targeting coordinates and tracking capabilities. A system of earth-orbiting satellites constantly broadcast the date and time. Receivers, using built in almanacs and satellite ranging, calculate locations from 3 or more signals. Commercial applications have employed this technology into highly accurate mapping and navigation capabilities.

Developing Successful CFAs: A Panel Discussion:

Dr. Glenn Hughes	10 Components of a Good CFA
Dr. Tom Monaghan	Importance of County Directors to the CFA
Mr. John Coccaro	CFA Legislative Luncheon
Ms. Janet Jolley	Interagency Cooperation
Dr. Andy Londo	Extension Forestry
Dr. John Kushla	Summary and Moderator

Six panelists briefly discussed important components to having a successful County Forestry Association. We then opened discussion to the floor to answer questions from participants.

Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour:

Mr. Tim Traugott, Extension Professor, MSUES
Mr. Scott Edwards, Private Lands Biologist, MDWF&P
Dr. John Kushla, Extension Forestry Specialist, MSUES

This portion of the Animal Science/Forestry field tour was conducted on Coontail Farm in Aberdeen. Three educational stops examined a variety of forestry and wildlife management practices:

Pine Thinning Demonstration: We emphasized that thinning improves stand quality, protects against bark beetle attack, and enhances wildlife habitat. The demonstration area provided an opportunity to examine differences in timber production and wildlife habitat on several residual stocking levels.

Pine Release with Herbicides: Hardwood encroachment is common in pine plantations, but this competition is not good for pine growth or wildlife habitat. Use of herbicides to control hardwoods, followed with prescribed burning encourages a lush understory that supports a tremendous diversity of plants, which enhance wildlife food and cover.

Hardwood Injection: Here individual stem treatment by tree injection of herbicides can be used to remove undesirable hardwoods, thereby improving stand quality, reproduction, and wildlife habitat.

Award Recipients in 2006-2007

Debbie Gaddis, 2006 National Extension Forester of the Year, National Forest Landowners Association

Glenn Hughes, 2006 Tree Farm Field Leadership Award, Mississippi Forestry Association

Glenn Hughes, 1st Place—Video, Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA)

Glenn Hughes, Regional Finalist—Video, National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA)

Andy Londo, Gold Award—Radio, Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP)

Andy Londo, Bronze Award—PowerPoint, ANREP

Andy Londo and Steve Dicke, Bronze Award—Publication, ANREP

Andy Londo, 1st Place—Computerized Graphics, MACAA

Andy Londo, Regional Finalist—Computerized Graphics, NACAA

Tim Traugott, 2007 National Extension Forester of the Year, National Forest Landowners Association

Tim Traugott and John Kushla, William M. White Special Project Award, Mississippi State University

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: John Kushla

Co-Chair: Trey DeLoach

HISTORY COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

A report detailing much of the history of MACAA was compiled in 2002, covering the years 1936 to 2002. A number of individuals contributed to that effort, including Mr. George A. Mullendore, Dr. George P. Mullendore, Dr. Bob Williams, Dr. Ronnie White, Mr. Graham L. Hales, Mr. Duane Rosenkrans, Jr., Mr. D.C. Fleming, and others. That document contained information compiled at the time with other information deemed significant by these and other members of MACAA. No further updates have been made to our knowledge since that time.

This year, a tentative effort has been made to bring the History of MACAA up to date. We realize that other items may need to be included in this document, and request that members of MACAA review the document and suggest items to the History Committee for inclusion. This document should be considered a “living” history of MACAA, allowing it to grow, to be updated, and corrected as deemed appropriate by the History Committee and the membership of MACAA.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Ernest H. Flint

HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Horticulture Committee organized 3 in-service training sessions for the MACAA professional improvement conference, May 14-16, 2007. Approximately 97 agents received 6 hours credit for attending the following sessions: “Lawn and Garden Disease Diagnosis,” “Common Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants,” and “Identification of Common Landscape Plants.”

Dr. Lelia Kelly was a national finalist in the learning module category of the NACAA communications awards. The title of the learning module was “Revision of Master Gardener Training Curriculum into a More User Friendly Format.”

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Tim Needham
Co-Chair: Kerry Johnson

POLICY COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Your MACAA Policy Committee addressed several issues during 2007. President Ed Williams called upon the committee to provide guidance and establish policy on three important issues relative to efficient and effective operation of the Organization.

Due to dwindling sources of funding to support various MACAA programs (such as awards and recognition for members), President Williams felt it necessary to implement a *Funding Committee* to focus upon generating operating funds to support important programs of our Organization. Because significant decreases in funding began several years ago and very few new sources of operating funds have materialized in recent years, the MACAA Board recognized that some form of intervention is necessary to correct this trend. In an attempt to address this problem, President Williams suggested formation of a *Funding Committee*; the Policy Committee and the Board concurred and established such a committee. Composition of the committee is as follows: Chair, Second Vice President; Committee Members, Senior and Junior Directors.

The second issue presented to the Policy Committee addressed determination of the number of credible years of MACAA membership. This is an important issue because of MACAA policy of giving a gift to retiring members with 10 years of consecutive membership in and service to the Association. The question presented to the Committee was: "Under what conditions interruptions in yearly membership may be forgiven?" The Policy Committee recommended and the Board concurred that only two conditions exist in which members may seek redemption of disputed years of membership: 1) a member is unable to render his/her membership dues because of being called to active military duty; or 2) a member renders his/her dues on time but they fail to be properly recorded as paid by the NACAA deadline due to bookkeeping errors.

The final issue brought before the Policy Committee concerned realignment of our MACAA Standing Committees. The Policy Committee recommended and the Board approved aligning our MACAA committees with the NACAA committee structure. Hence, the Aquaculture and Sea Grant Committee and the Forestry and Natural Resources Committee of MACAA were merged to reflect this change approved in NACAA committee structure at the 2007 NACAA AM-PIC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Subsequently, there will only be a Forestry and Natural Resources Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Al Myles
Co-Chair: Lamar Adams

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS GIVEN BY MACAA 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The President may give one or more citations to individuals or companies for outstanding support to the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) during his term. This is solely a decision of the MACAA President. Thus, this award is not lightly given nor should it be lightly taken. It is the highest honor the association may give to an individual or organization that supports its mission.

Past and Present Presidential Citation Award Winners are as follows:

- 1995 Tom Williams, Union Carbide Agriculture Division
- 1996 Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Christine Blackmon, Metro-Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau
- 1997 Donny Whitten, Valent Chemical Company
Wade Stewart, BASF Chemical Company
- 1998 Booker Mims, Interim County Agent-Coordinator, Monroe County
David Waide, President, Mississippi Farm Bureau
- 1999 Clayton P. Henderson, House of Representative, 9th District
- 2000 Tommy Strickland, Director of Mississippi State Fairgrounds
Nancy Strickland, Mississippi State University Extension Service/MAFES
- 2001 Robert McCarty, Bureau of Plant Industry
Wade Stewart, BASF
- 2002 NO PRESENTATION
- 2003 Lancaster Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition (Moultrie, Georgia)
- 2004 Soybean Promotion Association Board (Mississippi)
- 2005 Federal Land Bank Association of South Mississippi, FLCA
- 2006 Mississippi Pork Producers Association
- 2007 Wesley Farmer, Extension Dairy Specialist
Victor Lee, County Director, Simpson County

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williams
President, MACAA

and

Lamar Adams
President-Elect, MACAA

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The primary objective of the Professional Excellence Committee is to encourage and showcase excellence in program efforts and to assist and recognize member's with/for career promotion and performance evaluations.

PROMOTIONS

Faculty Promotions (non-tenure track)

Animal and Dairy Sciences: Jane Parish, Assistant Extension/Research Professor to Associate Extension/Research Professor

Plant and Soil Sciences: Karl Crouse, Assistant Extension Professor to Associate Extension Professor; Lelia Kelly, Assistant Extension Professor to Associate Extension Professor

Professional Non-Faculty Promotions

Entomology and Plant Pathology: Elmo Collum, Extension Associate II to Extension Associate III

Professional Non-Faculty County Promotions

Jeremy Maness, Extension Agent I to Extension Agent II

Shelby Bearden, Extension Agent II to Extension Agent III

Victor Lee, Extension Agent II to Extension Agent III

Don Respass, Extension Agent II to Extension Agent III

LEADERSHIP

Bill Herndon: President Elect 07/08 and Elected President 08/09 Southern Economics Association

Bill Herndon: President of the Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society Chapter at Mississippi State University 07/08.

James (Jim) A. Steeby: National Chair for Aquaculture and Sea Grant Professional Improvement Committee, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

James (Jim) A. Steeby: USDA-NOAA Aquaculture and Sea Grant Extension Steering Committee

AWARDS

Andy Londo and Steve Dicke, Bronze Award—Publication, ANREP

Andy Londo, 1st Place—Computerized Graphics, MACAA

Andy Londo, Bronze Award—PowerPoint, ANREP

Andy Londo, Gold Award—Radio, Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP)

Andy Londo, Regional Finalist—Computerized Graphics, NACAA

Bill Burdine: Received the Achievement (11/6) Award from Mississippi Association County Agricultural Agents

Chuck Grantham: Recognized by the International Society of Arboriculture as a Certified Arborist

Cliff Covington, State winner, NACAA Achievement Award for Excellence in Livestock Production

Debbie Gaddis, 2006 National Extension Forester of the Year, National Forest Landowners Association
 Glenn Hughes, 1st Place—Video, Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA)
 Glenn Hughes, 2006 Tree Farm Field Leadership Award, Mississippi Forestry Association
 Glenn Hughes, Regional Finalist—Video, National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA)
 Tim Traugott and John Kushla, William M. White Special Project Award, Mississippi State University
 Tim Traugott, 2007 National Extension Forester of the Year, National Forest Landowners Association

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Abramo, L., J. Steeby, T. Hanson and P. Gerard. 2007. Evaluation of a Fingerling to Stocker Phase as Part of a New Production Strategy for the Commercial Farming of Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*). North American Journal of Aquaculture 69:22-35.

PRESENTATIONS

Charles D. Hogue, Jr., Aquatic Weeds: Plant Identification; presented at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting in Grand Rapids, MI (07/07)
 Charles D. Hogue, Jr., Aquatic Weeds: Plant Control Methods; presented at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting in Grand Rapids, MI (07/07)
 James (Jim) A. Steeby, Improving Dissolved Oxygen in Catfish Hatcheries Hatchery Workshop for Catfish Farmers, MSUES, Stoneville, MS 02/21/07
 James (Jim) A. Steeby, Advising Clients on Pond Soils and Their Usage for Other Crops World Aquaculture Society Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX 02/28/07
 James (Jim) A. Steeby, Catfish Hatchery Water Treatments to Improve Dissolved Oxygen Concentration World Aquaculture Society Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX 03/02/07
 James (Jim) A. Steeby, Using New and Old Tools for Aquaculture Extension in the New Millennium National Aquaculture Extension Meeting, Cincinnati, OH 05/02/07
 James (Jim) A. Steeby, U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish Industry and Imports National Meeting of the Association of County Agricultural Agents, Grand Rapids, MI 07/17/07

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- Walker, T.W., Kingery, W.L., Street, J.E., Cox, M.S., Gerard, P.D., and Oldham, J.L. Soil chemical properties and rice yield response to nitrogen rate and timing after precision leveling. Online. Crop Management doi:10.1094/CM-2007-0119-02-RS

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- Oldham, J.L., Status of southeastern United States nutrient management. Customer Day Key Note Address. USDA-ARS Animal Waste Research Unit and Western Kentucky University. Bowling Green, KY. April, 2007

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Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Angus Catchot

Co-Chair: Andy Braswell

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Professional training within the MACAA saw significant advances in 2007 in comparison to recent years. This committee cannot claim the credit for these efforts however, as it was not the lead committee developing our in-service opportunities. The 2nd Annual MACAA Professional Improvement Conference (PIC) highlighted training efforts and was planned by a special committee appointed by President Ed Williams.

Professional Improvement Training was conducted May 14-16 as follows:

May 14, 2007

Dr. Mark Keenum, USDA under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services – “The Next Farm Bill” & “Outlook for Extension within USDA”
Dr. Lynn Reinschmidt, Associate Dean, School of Ag and Life Sciences – “Update on the School of Ag and Life Sciences”
Dr. Reuben Moore, Associate Director, MAFES – “Update on MAFES”
Representative Dannie Reed (District 35) – Committee Member for Agriculture, Conservation & Water Resources; Forestry; Juvenile Justice; Labor and Oil, Gas & Other Minerals committees- Mississippi Legislative Update
Camille Young, Government Affairs Representative – Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, “Working with the Mississippi Legislature”
Derrick Surrence, MS Farm Bureau, “Working with the Mississippi Legislature”
Elmo Collum, Pesticide Education Coordinator “Emergency Relief & Response”
Dr. Dan Brook, Head, Extension CAS Department “Emerging Technologies for Extension”

May 15, 2007

“Basic Wildlife Management Principles” – Adam Tullos
“Selecting Woody Landscape Plants,” Dr. Mengmeng Gu
“GPS Class & Workshop,” Butch Bailey
“Handling/Breaking Foals,” Dr. Preston Buff
“Equine Research Update,” Dr. Peter Ryan
“Turf Mgt. Basics for a Healthy Lawn,” Dr. Wayne Wells
“Farm Pond Management,” Dr. Hal Schramm
“Campus Greenhouse Tours,” Dr. Richard Harkess
“Developing Successful CFAs: A Panel Discussion,” Dr. Andy Londo, John Coccaro, Dr. Glenn Hughes, Janet Jolley, Dr. John Kushla, and Dr. Tom Monaghan
“Research on Improved Forages,” Jimmy Ray Parish
Tour A -Agronomy and Horticulture Tour: MSU Rose Garden & MSU Turf Trials; Jimmy Summers – Turf Production, Sunflower for Biodiesel Production; Peanut Production Alan and William Dean Atkins Farm; Hussey Sod Farms/Row Crop Operation; Philips Garden Center; NMREC, Verona

Tour B- Animal Science & Forestry/Wildlife Tour: Prairie Livestock Incorporated; Coontail Farm (Pine Thinning, Herbicide Release, Injecting Hardwoods); Southern Shine Pastures (Registered Angus Farm, Bull Selection, Commodity Sheds, Forage Varieties, Handling Facilities).

NMREC Overview, Dr. Alan Blaine, Regional R&E Center Head
Mississippi in Motion Promotional, Dr. Jane Clary

May 16, 2007

“Podcasting,” Jason Musselwhite

“Practical Applications of GPS for Extension Agents,” Dr. John Giesemann, Stanley Wise

“I.D. of 30 Plant Families in Horticulture,” Dr. Victor Maddox

“Sprayer Calibration Clinic,” Herb Willcutt,

Update on NACAA and the AM/PIC, Chuck Otte, NACAA President

NACAA Southern Region Update Henry Dorough (AL), NACAA Southern Region Director

Donna Beliech, NACAA Scholarship Opportunities

Steve Cummings, Young Farmer Contest

Kathy Jacobs, Lelia Kelly, Debbie Gaddis, Cliff Covington, NACAA Award Winning
Entries

Our committee did submit ideas and topics for the PIC meeting to the PIC committee. We envision the Professional Training Committee assuming the lead role in future PIC trainings.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Jane Parish

Co-Chair: Mark Mowdy

PROGRAM AWARDS COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The MACAA recognizes members who plan and implement outstanding educational programs according to their duty assignment with the Mississippi State University Extension Service. The awards are presented at the annual MACAA Recognition and Awards Program.

Awardees are nominated by their peers. Written entries are submitted to the Chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee and those entries are judged by MACAA members nominated by the Association's five Senior Directors. Each Senior Director appoints one County Director, one Area Agent and one State Specialist as judges. Award winners may not be nominated again for the following two years, but may be re-nominated after that two-year period.

2007 AWARD CATEGORIES, WINNERS AND SPONSORS

OUTSTANDING MACAA COUNTY DIRECTORS

John Coccaro – Victor Lee Outstanding County Director Award

Harvin Hudson – Outstanding County Director Award

OUTSTANDING MACAA AREA AGENTS

Dennis Reginelli – Booker Mims Outstanding Area Agent Award

Kerry Johnson – Outstanding Area Agent Award

OUTSTANDING MACAA SPECIALISTS

Angus Catchot – Wesley Farmer Outstanding Specialist Award

Bill Herndon – Outstanding Specialist Award

2006 Area Agents

No Nominations

County Directors

Steve Cummings

Lamar Adams

Specialists

Erick Larson

Lelia Kelly

PAST WINNERS

2005 Area Agents

Bill Burdine

Wayne Porter

County Directors

Tim Needham

Judd Gentry

Specialists

Wayne Wells

Jane Parish

2004 Area Agents

Donna Beliech

Charlie Stokes

County Directors

Chuck Grantham

Specialists

John Giesemann

Nelda Starks

Sponsors: Mississippi Pork Producers Association
BASF Corporation
Bayer Crop Science
Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Mississippi Turfgrass Association
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Delta Farm Press (formerly Primedia)
Federal Land Bank Association of Mississippi, FLCA

Respectfully submitted,

State Chair: Lamar Adams

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND AGRICULTURE ISSUES COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

One of the primary functions of the Public Relations and Agricultural Issues Committee is the selection of state winners for the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) program.

The OYF program is sponsored by Deere & Company, supported by the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA) Fraternity and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) and administered by The United States Junior Chamber.

Steve Cummings, Yalobusha County Extension Director, spearheaded the nominations and formed the selection committee for this year's state winners who have been forwarded to the National competition level. State winners selected were Stephen Baily from Calhoun County and Benjamin Good from Noxubee County.

The national OYG selection committee chose Stephen Baily of Calhoun County and Chris Bush of Leflore County to go on to the top 25 finalists. Chris Bush was an entry submitted in 2006 and the national committee chose to bring back his entry from last year for reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: John Coccaro

Co-Chair: Brian Atkins

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

MACAA is eligible for two (2) NACAA Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) and two (2) Achievement Awards (AA) based on our current membership under NACAA guidelines. DSA numbers are based on two (2) percent of the state association's total membership annually and can be awarded to any member who has at least ten (10) years membership in MACAA and at least ten (10) year's employment with MSUES. DSA winners are selected by their peers and must be approved by the MSU-ES Director. The winners are held in high esteem by their fellow members for their service in planning and delivering quality educational programs.

Achievement Award winners are selected by their peers for outstanding early career programming. AA winners have to be current MACAA members and have less than ten (10) years of MSU-ES employment. All DSA and AA winners must attend the NACAA Annual Meeting in the year they are honored.

The following DSA and AA winners were selected in August 2006 and recognized at the NACAA Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan in July 2007.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Southeast – Glenn Hughes
Southwest – Shelby Bearden

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Southwest–Walter M. (Trey) DeLoach, III
Northwest – Steven W. Martin

DSA and AA awards are presented to members in the various districts on a rotating schedule. The following table shows the rotation schedule through 2012. Selection takes place in August of the preceding year. **Example:** 2008 winners were selected in August 2007 and verified by the Extension Director by January 1, 2008.

DSA/AA AWARDS ROTATION SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DSA</u>	<u>AA</u>
2008	NW, SP	SE, SP
2009	NE, SE	NE, NW
2010	SW, NW	SW, SE
2011	SP, NE	SP, NE
2012	SE, SW	NW, SW

NW=Northwest, SE=Southeast SW=Southwest NE=Northeast SP=Specialist (Campus)

NOTE: These categories are based on location and not Extension titles. Example – a specialist located at Stoneville would be considered NW, and an Extension Associate on the MSU campus would be considered SP.

PREVIOUS MACAA DSA & AA WINNERS

DSA and AA award winners for the previous 19 years are listed below for your information.

1990	DSA	Truitt Grubbs James Clark Virgil Wells Jim Collins	Southwest Northeast Northwest Specialist
	AA	Mark Crenshaw	Northeast
1991	DSA	Jimmy Johnson Charles Estess Fred Rose Pat Harris	Southwest Northwest Northeast Southeast
	AA	Terry Rector	Southwest
1992	DSA	Bob Williams Larry DeMuth Jim Hollis Dwayne Wheeler	Specialist Southwest Southeast Northwest
	AA	John Giesemann	Specialist
1993	DSA	Joe Baker Gale Chrestman Dan Jones	Specialist Northeast Southeast
	AA	Blake Layton Ted Miller	Southwest Northwest
1994	DSA	Will McCarty Bill Goodwin Doyle Varner	Specialist Southwest Northwest
	AA	Tommy Bishop Booker Mims	Southeast Northeast
1995	DSA	Bill Denmark Ronnie Hartness Terry Rector	Southeast Northeast Southwest
	AA	Eddie Harris Allen McReynolds	Northwest Southeast

PREVIOUS MACAA DSA & AA WINNERS
(Continued)

1996	DSA	Doss Brodnax Ted Miller David Roberts	Specialist Northwest Northeast
	AA	Marty Brunson Dennis Reginelli	Specialist Northeast
1997	DSA	Lee Taylor Charles Waldrup Tim Traugott	Southeast Southwest Northwest
	AA	Chuck Grantham Don Respass	Southeast Northwest
1998	DSA	Ed McWhirter Tommy Bishop Blair McKinley	Northeast Southeast Specialist
	AA	Victor Lee Reuben Moore	Southwest Specialist
1999	DSA	Tom Monaghan John Cocco Don Smith	Specialist Northwest Southwest
	AA	Shelby Bearden Dalton Garner	Southwest Northeast
2000	DSA	Ed Williams Harvin Hudson Steve Dickie	Northeast Southeast Specialist
	AA	Roy Higdon Mack Young	Southeast Northwest
2001	DSA	Tommy Baird Charlie Fitts John Byrd	Northwest Northeast Specialist
	AA	Larry Oldham Tim Needham	Specialist Northeast

PREVIOUS MACAA DSA & AA WINNERS
(Continued)

2002	DSA	Lamar Adams Charles Grantham Steve Winters	Southwest Southeast Northwest
	AA	Houston Therrell Judd Gentry	Southwest Northwest
2003	DSA	Alan Blaine Stanley Wise Clayton Rouse	Specialist Northeast Southeast
	AA	Erick Larson Glen Hughes	Specialist Southeast
2004	DSA	Mark Mowdy Don Respass Jim Thomas	Southwest Northwest Specialist
	AA	Stacy Brown Jon Kilgore	Northeast Southwest
2005	DSA	Dennis Reginelli Victor Lee Bill Maily	Northeast Southeast Southwest
	AA	Jimbo Burkhalter Kerry Johnson	Northwest Southeast
2006	DSA	Eddie Harris Tim Needham Nelda Starks	Northwest Northeast Specialist
	AA	Bill Burdine Deborah Gaddis	Northeast Specialist
2007	DSA	Glenn Hughes Shelby W. Bearden	Southeast Southwest
	AA	Steven W. Martin Walter M. (Trey) DeLoach	Northwest Southwest

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Lamar Adams, President-Elect

TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Teaching and Educational Technology Committee once again was very involved in the implementation of the MACAA PIC. Members of the committee were involved in providing data for planning the conference, in providing training during the conference, and in compiling the evaluation data after the conference. At least four (4) sessions during the PIC were directly related to using technology and/or teaching using technology. These sessions offered May 14-16 at the MACAA PIC are listed below.

“Emerging Technologies for Extension” Dr. Dan Brook, Head, Extension CAS
Department
“GPS Class and Workshop,” Butch Bailey
“Podcasting,” Jason Musselwhite
“Practical Applications of GPS for Extension Agents,” Dr. John Giesemann and Stanley
Wise

Numerous agents were also involved in in-service trainings regarding the use of technology and teaching. Many of these were presented via the Interactive Video System in Extension. In 2007, all counties have on-line with interactive video.

The committee is looking forward to 2008 when we will be providing other training session for various technologies.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Glenn Hughes
Co-Chair: Michael Newman

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

2007 FINANCIAL REPORTS



Income/Expenses:
Audit:
Investments:

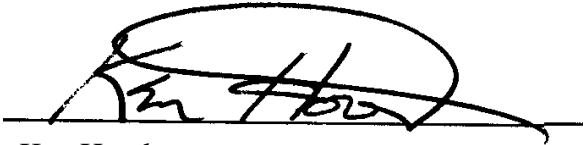
John Anderson
Ken Hood
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DATE: **October 8, 2007**

TO: **THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS**

The Association's Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the period 10/01/06 – 09/30/07, along with supporting financial documentation have been examined. These statements and supporting documents provide, without exception, an accurate accounting of the Association's funds.

The statements have been prepared on the cash basis method of accounting and, therefore, are not intended to indicate a financial position or operating results, as would be expected using the accrual method.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Hood', is written over a horizontal line.

Ken Hood
Agricultural Economics Department
Mississippi State University

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents
Statement of Net Worth
Fiscal Year End: 2005-2007

	Sept 30, 2005 (\$)	Sept. 30, 2006 (\$)	Sept 20, 2007 (\$)	2006 to 2007 Change (\$)
Assets				
Cash and Bank Accts.				
Pershing Money Market Acct.	1,785.63	1,857.58	1,945.81	88.23
Morgan-Keegan Cash Acct.	432.19	1,334.25	0.06	(1,334.19)
AmSouth Checking	17,917.29	7,116.49	4,273.42	(2,843.07)
Total Cash and Bank Accts.	20,135.11	10,308.32	6,219.29	(4,089.03)
Investments				
Morgan-Keegan Accts.	202,019.27	214,395.37	234,410.22	20,014.85
Total Assets	222,154.38	224,703.69	240,629.51	15,925.82
Liabilities				
Payables				
Total Liabilities				
Overall Total	222,154.38	224,703.69	240,629.51	15,925.82

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

Statement of Income & Expenses -- FY 2007

October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007

Income

Contributions		
Communication Awards	\$ 100.00	
Other Contributions	\$ 1,850.00	
Total Contributions		\$ 1,950.00
Dues		
Associate	\$ 50.00	
Life	\$ 350.00	
New Member	\$ 650.00	
Regular	\$ 7,680.00	
Total Dues		\$ 8,730.00
MACAA Luncheon		\$ 730.00
Raffle		\$ 750.00
Misc. Income		\$ 30.00
Other Income		
Jacket refund	\$ 131.59	
MK Investment Acct.	\$ 10,102.35	
MK Money Mkt. Acct.	\$ 88.23	
Total Other Income		\$ 10,322.17
Scholarship Fund		\$ 160.00
Total Income		<u>\$22,672.17</u>

Notes:

Miscellaneous expenses includes a \$30 refund of overpayment for new member dues and \$160 dues refund to two members whose dues were subsequently paid by their county.

Memorial expense was for flowers for V. Lee funeral.

Professional fees represent premium paid to Rural Agency (through Farm Bureau) for bonding.

Net Income + MK gain in asset value = \$15,925.82
(Cross reference with change in Net Worth.)

Morgan-Keegan (MK) investment account income reflects full FY performance (Oct. 1 to Sep. 30).

Expense

Annual Meeting Expense		
MACAA Luncheon	\$ 1,300.00	
Retiree Gifts	\$ 890.06	
Raffle-Prizes	\$ 214.50	
Support Services	\$ 122.30	
Hospitality	\$ 115.56	
Program Book Prep.	\$ 100.00	
Early Bird Refund	\$ 80.00	
Refreshments	\$ 73.02	
Total Annual Meeting		\$ 2,895.44
Awards		
County Director	\$ 1,000.00	
State Specialist	\$ 1,000.00	
Plaques	\$ 439.13	
Total Awards		\$ 2,439.13
Charity		
MS Farm Bureau	\$ 500.00	
MS Cattlemen's Assoc.	\$ 500.00	
MA4-HEA	\$ 500.00	
MAFCSEA	\$ 500.00	
4-H Dept. (curriculum)	\$ 800.00	
Total Charity		\$ 2,800.00
NACAA		
Life Dues	\$ 350.00	
Reg Dues	\$ 5,550.00	
Schol. Fund	\$ 200.00	
Total NACAA		\$ 6,100.00
PIC Expenses		
PIC Catering	\$ 3,255.30	
PIC Door Prizes	\$ 85.60	
PIC Hospitality	\$ 77.04	
PIC Refreshments	\$ 194.13	
Total PIC		\$ 3,612.07
Travel		\$ 782.04
Professional Fees		\$ 281.00
Bank Charge		\$ 222.05
Memorial		\$ 82.93
Miscellaneous*		\$ 190.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$19,404.66</u>
Net Income		<u>\$ 3,267.51</u>

MACAA INVESTMENT ACCOUNT 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

On November 15, 2006 the Association's advisory called with a recommendation on two of our stock mutual funds. The present stock mutual funds are not performing to the levels of their peer group's funds. We moved them to two other stock mutual funds that are performing at a better yield. We moved the Putnam International Equity (\$11,000) to Aston River Road Small Cap (\$12,000) and the Columbia Acorn Fund Class (\$4,000) to Thornburg International Value (\$3,000). Also on November 28, 2006, one of the Associations CD's came due. I had the advisory roll the CD over to another CD. The present CD is with Colonial Bank of Montgomery, AL. The CD comes due in March 1, 2007 and has a yield on 5.05%.

On March 01, 07 the Association had a \$5,000 CD mature. I had the advisory roll the CD and interest earned over to a \$6,000 CD. The new CD will mature on 12-07-07 and the yield to maturity is 5.15%.

April 23, 2007 one of the associations CD's matured, this \$8,000 Certificate of Deposit was first issued in May of 2005. We rolled the CD over to another CD, which will mature in November of 2007 and carries a yield of 5.05% at maturity.

On April 27, 2007 the advisory called and suggested that we move Direct Corporation Trust stock to another direct holding company. The reason the advisory gave for the move was that DCT Industrial Trust Inc. was going public and would be a public trade stock. To eliminate the risk to the association the advisory suggested we move the stock to Hines Real Estate Trust, which would make the association a non-risk asset of Hines Real Estate Trust. On May 02, 2007 we moved the \$25,000 investment to Hines Real Estate Trust.

On May 18, 2007 the associations \$10,000 CD came due, this was also rolled over to another CD, which will mature on November 26, 2007, and the yield for the CD is 5.05%.

On June 15, 2007 I received a call from our advisory that the Security Bond with SLM Corporation needs to be reinvested. I instructed the advisory to reinvest the corporate bond with SLM Corporation. I did inform MACAA President Williams on the need to sign a form requesting that the bond be reinvested. The new bond with SLM matures on June 15, 2018 and has a yield of 7.537%.

On July 11, 2007 we moved the \$14,000 stock mutual funds account to Hartford Floating Mutual. This was done because the prior mutual fund was not performing up to marker expectations. The Hartford Floating Mutual carries a 6.97% yield.

On August 24, 2007 another of the association's CD's came due. The \$11,000 CD was rolled over to another CD with INDYMAC Bank of Pasadena, CA. This CD will mature on February 25, 2008 and carries a yield of 5.20%.

As of August 31, 2007 the association's investment account is maintaining a 55% ratio of secured investments to a 45% unsecured. The total account is good position and depending on markets still continues to grow. This past year our growth was not as big as prior years because of the ups and downs of the stock market. The investment account from November 2006 to August 2007 gained \$7,768.25.

Respectfully submitted

Elmo Collum

**Mississippi Association of
County Agricultural Agents**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

James Devillier, NACAA Southern Region Director and I presented information about the Scholarship Program at the MACAA-PIC in May. The application, eligibility and deadline information were sent to members in consecutive e-mails. No one from Mississippi applied for a NACAA Scholarship in 2007.

Five members contributed \$40 to the fund this year and can apply for scholarships beginning in 2008. They are William Burdine, Jr., Wayne C. Porter, Pamela Reid Rhoades, Nelda Starks and Anita L. Webb.

Elmo Collum, past NACAA Southern Director, was recognized with a NACAA Scholarship Fund Certificate of Gratitude for donations of \$100 or more to the NACAA Scholarship Fund by June 30, 2007. This was presented at the NACAA AM/PIC in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 16, 2007.

MACAA members who contribute at least \$40 to the national scholarship fund by June of the previous year and have been a member for at least two years are eligible. The contribution can occur in one of two ways: as a direct monetary contribution to the MACAA treasurer or the purchase of items of equal value that are donated to the national scholarship auction.

The scholarship money can be used for professional improvement efforts and goes toward tuition, housing, travel, books and related educational costs. The maximum scholarship is \$1,000 per year and a total of \$2,000 during a member's Extension career. The scholarship recipient has 14 months to begin the study, training or activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair: Donna H. Beliech
Vice Chair: Andy Londo

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

2007 RESOLUTIONS



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents has determined that a resolution in recognition of the **Presidential Citation Award for 2007** is in order, and

WHEREAS, the recipient of this award has offered dedicated service, outstanding leadership, and unlimited encouragement over many years to the members and various enterprises of this association, and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents is honored to present its **Presidential Citation Award** to **Wesley Farmer**,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to **Wesley Farmer** for his faithful service and support to MACAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents has determined that a resolution in recognition of the **Presidential Citation Award for 2007** is in order, and

WHEREAS, the recipient of this award has offered dedicated service, outstanding leadership, and unlimited encouragement over many years to the members and various enterprises of this association, and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents is honored to present its **Presidential Citation Award** to **Victor Lee**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to **Victor Lee** for his faithful service and support to MACAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James Caves, Leslie Coleman, Wesley Farmer, Victor Lee, and E. L. Locke passed away during the past year and having served as agents with Mississippi State University Extension Service, and

WHEREAS, they devoted much of their lives to Mississippi State University Extension Services, and

WHEREAS, Mississippi State University Extension Services and the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents lost faithful colleagues and friends,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents does hereby acknowledge its loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be attached to the minutes of the association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Clifford Hampton and Jim Thomas have retired from the Extension Service, and

WHEREAS, Clifford Hampton and Jim Thomas have maintained current membership in the MACAA for ten consecutive years, and

WHEREAS, the Extension Service has had one of its greatest periods of influence from the standpoint of its importance to the clientele of this great state, and

WHEREAS, these Extension Agents devoted much of their life to Mississippi State University Extension Service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents express the loss of active service of these dedicated persons to Mississippi State University Extension Service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents recognize several of their members for **Distinguished Service**, and

WHEREAS, this special recognition is a signal of honor bestowed upon its recipients, and

WHEREAS, **Shelby W. Bearden** and **Glenn Hughes** have been so recognized,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents congratulates these members for the special recognition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents recognizes an Extension Agent with 10 years or less of service as a **Achievement Award** winner, and

WHEREAS, this special recognition is a signal of honor bestowed upon its recipients, and

WHEREAS, **Steven W. Martin** and **Walter M. (Trey) DeLoach** have been so recognized,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents congratulates these members for the special recognition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the **Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition and Lancaster Company** have expressed their faith and hope in the work of Mississippi State University Extension Professionals, and

WHEREAS, these companies give encouragement, support and leadership to members of this association to continue outstanding work, and

WHEREAS, these companies help sponsor the MACAA Annual Meeting and luncheon,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to **Chip Blalock** and the **Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition and Lancaster Company** for their support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the **Mississippi Cattlemen's Association** has expressed its faith and hope in the work of Mississippi State University Extension Professionals, and

WHEREAS, this association gives encouragement, support and leadership to members of this association to continue outstanding work, and

WHEREAS, this association helps to sponsor the MACAA Annual Meeting and Awards Program,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to **Sammy Blossom and the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association** for its support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the **Mississippi Farm Bureau** has expressed its faith and hope in the work of Mississippi State University Extension Professionals, and

WHEREAS, this association gives encouragement, support and leadership to members of this association to continue outstanding work, and

WHEREAS, this association helps to sponsor the MACAA Annual Meeting and Awards Program,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to the **Mississippi Farm Bureau** for its support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the **Mississippi Pork Producers' Association** has expressed its faith and hope in the work of Mississippi State University Extension Professionals, and

WHEREAS, this association gives encouragement, support and leadership to members of this association to continue outstanding work, and

WHEREAS, this association helps to sponsor the MACAA Annual Meeting and Awards Program,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to the **Mississippi Pork Producers' Association** for its support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the MACAA has reorganized its State Awards program in 2006 to better reflect the restructured Extension positions and duties of its members, and

WHEREAS, financial sponsorship of the six new awards are essential to make the award program competitive and reflective of outstanding Extension programming, and

WHEREAS, sponsorship of the awards is by the Agrilance, Terral Seed, Pioneer, Mississippi Pork Producers Association, BASF Corporation, Monsanto, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Delta Farm Press (formerly Primedia), Bayer Crop Science, Federal Land Bank Association of South Mississippi, FLCA, and the Mississippi Turfgrass Association,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to these sponsoring organizations and companies for their support and faith in MACAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.



2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents recognizes its members that excel in Extension programming, and

WHEREAS, this special recognition is a signal of honor bestowed upon its recipients, and

WHEREAS, **John Coccaro** has been recognized as **Victor Lee Outstanding County Director** and **Harvin Hudson** has been recognized as **Outstanding County Director**, and **Dennis Reginelli** has been recognized as **Booker Mims Outstanding Area Agent** and **Kerry Johnson** has been recognized as **Outstanding Area Agent**, and **Angus Catchot** has been recognized as **Wesley Farmer Outstanding Specialist** and **Bill Herndon** has been recognized as **Outstanding Specialists** for Extension programming in 2006,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents congratulates **John Coccaro, Harvin Hudson, Dennis Reginelli, Kerry Johnson, Angus Catchot, and Bill Herndon**, for this special recognition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.

2007 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the NACAA and MACAA Communications Awards Program promotes the effective use of communication skills in Extension program delivery, and

WHEREAS the **Delta Farm Press** (formerly Primedia) and the **Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation** financially sponsor the MACAA Communication Awards Program, and

WHEREAS these businesses and organizations provide support and encouragement to the members of the association,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents expresses its gratitude and thanks to these businesses and organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association.

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents

2007 MEMORIALS



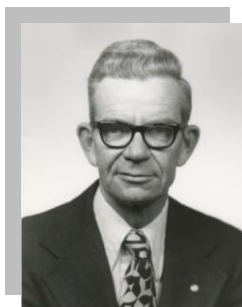
MR. JAMES CAVES – MAY 25, 2007

MR. LESLIE FARRELL COLEMAN - MAY 14, 2007

MR. WESLEY FARMER – NOVEMBER 13, 2006

MR. VICTOR LEE – JULY 1, 2007

MR. EARL L. LOCKE – AUGUST 6, 2006



MR. JAMES CAVES

James Haskel Caves, 78, died on May 25, 2007, at the South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS. James was born in Clara, Mississippi on December 19, 1928, to Berry and Maybelle Caves. He was a 1955 graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in agriculture. He began working with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service in 1961 as assistant county agent in George County. He later moved to Bay Springs as the Jasper County Extension agent where he served until retirement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service in 1985. He served on several community committees and clubs including the MSU Alumni Association, the Jasper County Farm Bureau, and the Jasper County Water Association. He was a proud supporter of the MSU Bulldogs.

He served as a storekeeper in the United States Navy during the Korean War on the USS Manchester. He was a member of Bay Springs Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents. James was a loving husband, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Eva Nix Caves; one son, Dale Caves of Bay Springs; three brothers, R.L. Caves and Leonard, both of Laurel, and Roy Caves of Madison; one sister, Sherry Kostka of Columbus; granddaughters, Angie Abbey of Stringer and Julie Seagraves of Ellisville; great-grandchildren, Samantha Abbey of Stringer and Brady Seagraves of Ellisville. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 27, at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home with burial at Bay Springs Cemetery. Pallbearers were Terry Caves, Glenn Caves, Kenny Caves, Paul Caves, Ricky Ruffin, and John Keenan. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Fellowship Sunday School class at Bay Springs Baptist Church. Colonial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



MR. LESLIE FARRELL COLEMAN

Funeral services for Leslie Farrell Coleman, 88, of Raleigh were held Friday, May 18, 2007 at Raleigh First Baptist Church. Interment was in the North Raleigh Cemetery.

Mr. Coleman died May 14, 2007, at University Medical Center. A member of First Baptist Church of Raleigh, he was a Sunday School teacher and an active deacon. Mr. Coleman had served as Smith County Farm Extension Agent where he served the farmers and 4-H of the county well. A member of the U.S. Army Air Corp he served his country in World War II and the Korean War. After his release from active duty, he remained in the Air Force Reserves until his retirement as Master Sergeant in 1978.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vollie and Mary Coleman. Survivors include his wife, Betty Coleman of Raleigh; daughters Peggy L. Coleman of Chantilly, VA and Brenda K. Berger and her husband, Chris, of Raleigh; brothers, Jack Coleman of McLain, Howard Coleman of Water Valley and Edward Coleman of Los Angeles, CA; sisters, Corinne Coleman, Helen Coleman and Lucille Blakeney, all of Los Angeles, CA and grandchildren Sienna Smith, Colton Smith and Joshua Smith, all of Raleigh.

Colonial Chapel Funeral Home of Raleigh was in charge of arrangements



MR. WESLEY FARMER

Funeral services for Wesley Scott Farmer, of Wesson, were held Monday, November 13, 2006 at First United Methodist Church in Brookhaven with Reverend Dr. H. Wayne Webster officiating. Pallbearers were Lamar Adams, Dusty Case, Tim Edwards, Greg Howell, Victor Lee, Lonny Ray, Allen Sparks, and David Strong. Interment was in Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery. Riverwood Family Funeral Service handled arrangements.

Mr. Farmer, 44, died November 9, 2006 at his home. He was born November 23, 1961 to Oliver Matthew Farmer and Lonnie Dee Harper Farmer, both of Dry Creek, Louisiana.

Farmer graduated from Louisiana State University with a Masters degree in Dairy Science. Wesley worked with the Louisiana Extension Service from 1985 through June of 1991. On July 1, 1991, he relocated to Brookhaven, Mississippi to accept a position with the Mississippi State University Extension Service. He remained in Brookhaven and served as an Extension Dairy Cattle Specialist with statewide responsibilities throughout his tenure with the Mississippi State University Extension Service. At the time of his retirement in August of 2006, he held the title of Associate Extension Professor. He was a very dedicated leader and supporter of Mississippi 4-H dairy cattle programs and was a very active member of the Brookhaven First United Methodist Church. He was also active in the community assuming many leadership roles.

Survivors are his parents; his wife, Jeannie Simpson Farmer, of Wesson; his sons, Scott Matthew Farmer and Seth Ashton Farmer, both of Wesson; his daughter Shelby Renee Farmer, of Wesson; and his brothers, Ken Farmer and his wife, Linda, of DeRidder, Louisiana, and Don Farmer and his wife, Wynnde, of Dry Creek, Louisiana.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

The Mississippi Dairy industry suffered a tremendous loss on November 9th, 2006 as Mr. Wesley Scott Farmer passed from this world of suffering brought about by his battle with cancer to enter into eternal rest with his Heavenly Father.

Wesley, a native of Dry Creek, Louisiana, unselfishly served Mississippi's dairy industry for over fifteen years in the capacity of Associate Extension Dairy Cattle Professor with the

Mississippi State University Extension Service. His wit and wisdom made him a valuable asset to the Mississippi State University Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences and a trusted source of infallible information for dairy producers and others affiliated with the dairy industry. His love of life and genuine concern for his fellow man made Wesley a treasured friend of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Wesley touched the lives of everyone he encountered...the dairy producer seeking his advice, the 4-H member in a dairy cattle judging workshop, the elected official seeking information about the dairy industry, the dairy farm employee seeking tips on proper milking procedures, the journalist asking questions about issues facing dairy farmers, the young people intrigued by his inspirational insights revealed as he conducted Children's Church, the housewife inquiring about nutritional benefits of dairy products, the County Agent needing information for an educational program at the very last minute, the frantically upset lady who had hit a deer with her car at three o'clock in the morning as he was on his way to a dairy farm to train a new Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) technician, the dairy farm wife seeking advice that her husband was too 'proud' to ask for, the anxiously nervous 4-H member about to lead his or her dairy heifer into the show ring for the very first time, the DHIA technician needing help with uploading herd information in the middle of the night, the young ladies wandering the cattle barns at the Mississippi State Fair desperately looking for the restroom facilities, the family who lost all of their household possessions as their home was completely destroyed by fire, his friends and clientele who suffered tremendous losses as Hurricane Katrina roared through South Mississippi, his coworkers with whom he tirelessly labored every day, his fellow patients and their family members he encountered during periods of hospitalization, hospital staff members who looked forward to his humorous and uplifting verbalizations, people he met while walking down the street who simply needed to see a cheerful face and hear an encouraging word, each of his family members whom he loved dearly...Wesley Farmer touched these and countless more lives in ways that simply cannot be adequately described with words.

Wesley Farmer was an exemplary leader for the Mississippi State University Extension Service, the Mississippi and Louisiana dairy industries, the Mississippi 4-H program, the Mississippi Holstein Association, the Mississippi Jersey Cattle Club, and many community and civic groups in the Brookhaven/Lincoln County area. His stellar dairy cattle educational programs conducted throughout his career will continue providing dividends to dairy producers and others affiliated with the dairy industry in Mississippi and Louisiana for many years to come. His delightful positive outlook upon life and the example he provided...even in the face of adversity...will forever be a vibrant inspiration for everyone who knew him.

An outstanding educator, a skillful leader, a compassionate friend...words that fall short of adequately describing Wesley Farmer. Over and above his true dedication to serving those involved in Mississippi's dairy industry, Wesley was devoted to providing a safe, sound, and nurturing family environment for his loved ones. Your prayerful support of Wesley's family (Jeannie and the children: Scott, Shelby, and Seth; his parents and brothers) is greatly appreciated as they celebrate the inspirational life that Wesley shared with us all.

Reverend Wayne Webster, Pastor of the Brookhaven First United Methodist Church, comforts us all through his gentle reminder that although Wesley walked through this world for just a couple of weeks shy of forty-five years...it is not the short duration of his life upon which we should focus, but rather we should celebrate the donations of joy and inspiration Wesley shared with us throughout his life that will live in us forever.

Many people firmly believe Wesley is smiling upon us as we continue celebrating the many donations he made to our lives. We know those of you who knew Wesley join us in rejoicing in the precious memories we have of the times we shared and in drawing strength from the testimony and inspiration Wesley leaves behind. Indeed, Wesley Farmer lived a life to be celebrated...and we all are the beneficiaries of it.



MR. VICTOR LEE

Victor D. Lee, 54, Simpson County Extension Agent, died July 1, 2007 at the family residence in Magee. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at First United Methodist Church in Magee with the Reverend Barry Male, Reverend Bob Jones, and Reverend Johnny Crosby officiating. Pallbearers were Lamar Adams, Charles Boggan, Casey Collins, Larry Harms, Blake Lee, Brooks Lee, Andy Milling, and Charles Waldrup. Interment was in Stonewall Cemetery in Mendenhall. Tutor Funeral Home of Magee handled arrangements.

Mr. Lee was a member of Magee First United Methodist Church where he loved singing in the choir. Victor's primary hobby was reading, and he loved to work on and operate his tractor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Wilma Cline Lee. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Lee of Magee; his son, Kevin Eric Lee and wife Shaunda of Mendenhall; his daughter, Kristen Lee Sanders and husband Shannon of Prentiss; two brothers, Bobby N. Lee and wife Alice of New Hebron, and Steve A. Lee and wife Wanda of Pinola; a sister, Patsy Lee Collins and husband Bryan of Sanford, North Carolina; and eight grandchildren.

Lee was a graduate of Mississippi State University. Prior to beginning employment with the Mississippi State University Extension Service as County Agriculture Agent in Newton County on January 22, 1991; Victor served the agricultural community in several venues, including serving as Manager of Gulf Coast Dairy Association (a dairy producer owned and operated cooperative to purchase and market milk) and working as a Dairy Commodity Advisor with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

As an outstanding Extension educator in Newton and Simpson Counties, Victor was well known for innovative educational programming to serve the needs of dairy, beef, vegetable, and timber producers. He also provided key leadership to 4-H livestock, dairy, and horse programs. His support of and leadership to the Newton State Fall Dairy Show throughout his tenure in Newton County is greatly appreciated by many dairy producers and junior dairy cattle exhibitors throughout the state. He also provided key leadership and support to the Cattlemen's Association and Forestry Association in both Newton and Simpson counties.

Lee was an integral part of many multi-county educational programs including: the Southeast Mississippi Beef Expo held in Meridian for several years in the mid-1990s, the Magnolia Beef and Poultry Expo, the Turfgrass Management Short Course held at the

Dancing Rabbit Golf Course in Choctaw, Mississippi over the past several years, and several multi-county agricultural tours through the years (primarily for beef cattle and vegetable producers) in Newton, Jasper, Smith, and Simpson counties.

Victor was also widely respected for his educational programs and assistance to dairy producers throughout the state. He was a key player in organizing and conducting numerous Statewide Dairy Field Day educational events conducted by Mississippi State University. He also was an integral part of planning and organizing the Mississippi-Louisiana Dairy Management Conference conducted by Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University. In addition to being Manager of the Newton State Fall Dairy Show, Lee also routinely assisted with the Neshoba State Fall Dairy Show, the Columbia State Fall Dairy Show, and the Tylertown State Fall Dairy Show. Victor was a long-time member of the Mississippi Holstein Association and provided much valuable input and assistance into operations of this organization.

Victor was a valuable asset to the Mississippi 4-H Livestock, Dairy, and Horse programs throughout his career with the Mississippi State University Extension Service and worked diligently to help conduct livestock, dairy, and horse shows throughout the state.

Lee was a key leader in the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) where thoroughly enjoyed over sixteen years of active membership. Victor served on the MACAA Board of Directors from 2001 until 2006 – and was President of the Association in 2005. Additionally, Lee served as Chair of the Registration Committee for the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Jackson, Mississippi in August of 2000 – a duty that required much computer expertise and commitment of time for a full year preceding the meeting. Victor was widely respected as an outstandingly effective Extension educator and received the prestigious Achievement Award (AA) for early-career Extension professionals from MACAA and NACAA in 1998 and was honored with the highest honor awarded by these organizations – the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) – in 2005.

Victor and his wife, Kathy, made the decision to move to Simpson County in July of 2006 to allow them to be more involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Victor served as Simpson County Extension Director from July 15, 2006 until his death on July 1st, 2007.



MR. EARL L. LOCKE

Earl L. Locke was born November 19, 1914. A resident of Carthage, he was a retired County Agent from Leake County with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, died Sunday, August 6, 2006 at Leake Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Eddie Hamilton and James Barnett officiating. Burial was in the Harris Cemetery.

A native of Iuka, Locke was a member of First Baptist Church of Carthage. He served for many years as an Assistant and Associate County Agent, working primarily with the 4-H Youth program until becoming County Agent. He will be remembered as a dedicated Extension worker, community leader, and loving husband and father.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Green, of Walnut Grove; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents 2007 BOARD MINUTES



M-Club Building – MSU	November 7, 2006
MACAA Board Meeting	January 7, 2007
MACAA Board Meeting	May 14, 2007 - Not Available
MACAA Board Meeting	August 22, 2007

MACAA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**M-Club Building – MSU
November 7, 2006**

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Ed Williams, Lamar Adams, Judd Gentry, Glenn Hughes, Marty Brunson, Al Myles, Dennis Reginelli, Charlie Stokes, Jeff Wilson, Harvin Hudson, Ruby Rankin, Chuck Grantham, Anthony Bland, Jimbo Burkhalter, Art Smith, Shelby Bearden, Tom Barber, Andy Londo, Pamela Reid Rhoades, Nelda Starks.

- 6:30 am Breakfast was provided by Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
- Following Breakfast the meeting was called to order by President Ed Williams.
- A quorum was declared.
- The President expressed thanks to the MCA for their continued support totaling 26 consecutive years and introduced MCA Representative Leann Peters, who offered regrets and comments from Sammy Blossom, ED, MCA. The President presented a ball of Edam cheese to Leann on behalf of MACAA.
- The President reminded Board and Officers to utilize the Annual Meeting Program Book and Handbook as a valuable reference tool for MACAA business.
- The President noted that MSUES Administration had been invited to attend, and expressed hope that a rep would show before the meeting adjourns.
- The President introduced another special guest, Mr. James Devillier, NACAA Southern Region Jr. Director.
- James Devillier, NACAA Southern Region Jr. Director, made comments.
 - NACAA leadership is seeking to make NACAA as professional as possible.
 - Considering publication of a refereed journal.
 - He reviewed the Hall of Fame Award and emphasized that this is not for retired individuals; it is targeted for ACTIVE members.
 - He summarized the SAREP Fellows program.
 - The JCEP will be held in Nashville, TN Jan 31-Feb 2, 2007.
 - He solicited input on the JCEP process, indicating that efforts are underway to improve communication between NACAA and state associations.
 - Highlighted efforts to improve the NACAA website, especially with regard to correcting the membership and scholarship databases. He complimented John Dorner, NC for his work in the area.
- Membership Report/Promotion
 - Last year we had 111 members
 - John Anderson reported 4 new members signed up at the annual meeting – best ever; also enrolled others prior to meeting, bringing total for this year to 6 or 7 new members. Last year we recruited only 2 new members.
 - The President noted that improvements have been made in managing the member list, but that updates are still needed.

- We have 14 retiring members, plus 7 resignations, resulting in a net loss of 21 members this year.
- Since DSA and AA NACAA allotment designations hinge on these numbers, we have a monumental task in getting these numbers back up to maintain our current levels of DSA and AA awards.
- November 1 is the early bird renewal deadline, and December 1 is the dues deadline. We must eliminate the traditional “dragging” of dues payment, since all membership reports are due to NACAA January 1.
- Pam Reid Rhoades presented a proposed Membership Development Plan (attached)
 - Discussion followed, with several suggestions including:
 - Conduct a quarterly survey of members
 - Provide Membership Chairmen with list of MSUES employees in their respective districts
 - Send blanket e-mail to everyone as reminder to renew memberships
 - There is a need to better inform members and prospective members of the benefits of joining MACAA.
 - An information brochure might be beneficial.
- The President suggested working hard to recruit members over the next 30 days to ensure that our numbers remain stable or, hopefully, increase.
- By-Laws Review
 - The President will work with the Policy Committee
 - We may need to rethink the process of awarding DSA due to low numbers of eligible employees with the high numbers of retirements and attrition...this will be referred to the Policy Committee for review.
 - Identified errors in the By-Laws are being corrected.
- JCEP – Joint Council of Extension Professionals
 - The President and Pres. Elect will attend in Nashville, Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2007.
 - Previously, 4 members attended JCEP, but that participation has been reduced to 2 reps. due to budgetary constraints.
- PILD
 - April 23-25, 2007
 - 1st VP, Judd Gentry, will attend.
 - With the departure of Marty Fuller, who served as our primary contact, we will need to establish alternative connections. The President will discuss this need with Drs. McCarty and Watson.
- MACAA Investments/Funding
 - John Anderson reported that this info would be forwarded to him soon, since Elmo Collum may be retiring as the funds handler.
 - Currently we are receiving an annual return of \$14,000-16,000 on the endowment.
 - John noted that we have 3-4 large annual expenditures
 - Annual meeting essentially pays for itself
 - Travel to JCEP and PILD

- The Awards program is a major expense; previous funding came, in large part, from sponsorships, which have dwindled.
 - It is becoming more difficult to obtain corporate sponsorships
 - As of meeting time, a total of \$1,000 had been received, with an additional \$100 promised, plus \$500 to cover costs of plaques.
- MACAA Awards Program Funding Committee
 - We must address the issue of adequately funding the Awards program
 - The President designated this to be addressed at the next meeting.
- District Membership Meetings
 - The President encouraged the establishment of District level membership meetings, perhaps in concert with regularly scheduled District Staff Meetings.
 - The President pledged to attend these on behalf of MACAA if they are developed.
- MACAA Communications
 - The President reported that the next meeting of Board and Officers would be conducted by Video Conference; date TBA but to be held during the first week of January 2007.
- MACAA Annual Meeting Planning and Evaluation
 - The President thanked 1st VP, Judd Gentry for a fine job in developing the evaluation instrument and process.
- PIC 2007
 - Harvin Hudson suggested setting dates for the 2007 PIC as soon as possible.
 - All appear to favor holding a 2007 version of PIC.
 - The President noted that the 2006 PIC was highly leveraged by the Director's office and that such leverage would likely be needed again.
- The President expressed thanks to all in attendance for their service to MACAA and to MSUES, indicating that our association can be only as good as our level of involvement and dedication.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin W. Brunson

MACAA Board Meeting January 7, 2007

Meeting Convened via Teleconference Originating in Bost Extension Center at 9:06 am.

Present: Ed Williams, Lamar Adams, Judd Gentry, Glenn Hughes, Marty Brunson, Al Myles, Dennis Reginelli, Charlie Stokes, Jeff Wilson, Harvin Hudson, Ruby Rankin, Anthony Bland, Jimbo Burkhalter, Drew Bates, Shelby Bearden, Andy Londo, Pam Reid-Rhoades, Mike Steede, John Cocarro, Steve Cummings, John Kushla

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and accepted with corrections after a motion by Glenn Hughes and a second by Al Myles.

President Williams emphasized the importance of using the Program Handbook as a ready reference and urged all members to keep a copy handy. A copy will be placed on-line.

John Anderson presented the Financial Report.

- No significant change since the Annual Meeting in November.
- The Annual Meeting was fiscally efficient.
- We need to collect the remaining few outstanding annual dues so these can go to NACAA as soon as possible.
- At present, we have 96 paid regular members.
- Several Life Members have been added to the database.
- Increasing membership is critically important.
- We lost 1 voting delegate at National meeting due to attrition of membership.
- We must maintain at least 101 members to retain our current DSA and AA levels.

The agenda was suspended to move to a report from Steve Cummings (who needed to leave the meeting early) re: National John Deere/Jaycees Young Farmer Contest.

- Changes in rules now allow 2 entries per state
- The top ten go to Phoenix, AZ in early February.
- We had 3 entries from MS this year and all three made the Top 25.

President Williams expressed appreciation to Steve for his leadership in this area over the past three years.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Drive: Judd Gentry and membership chairmen

- We now have 96 regular members.
- 7 or 8 new life members who pay \$50 1st year and \$10 thereafter, and receive the County Agent magazine.
- We were encouraged to partner with Life Members to take advantage of their experience.
- A brochure is being drafted to push membership with Judd Gentry and Pam Reid Rhoades.
- Membership Chairmen were urged to be diligent in making personal contact with potential members.

- A suggestion was lifted by John Kushla to integrate dues into the registration fees for annual meeting, thus making it more feasible for members to utilize grant funds for this purpose. It was pointed out that this could raise issues with Administration, since Administration has asked that fees not be increased, given that Administration helps underwrite the meeting and association.
- President Williams presented parts of his Development Plan, including:
 - A quarterly newsletter
 - A quarterly survey of members to determine needs and priorities
 - Continued use of interactive video for Board meetings
 - Supply of rolls and potential member names to membership chairs
- Recruitment incentives were discussed, and various strategies were lifted. President Williams referred this issue to the Policy Committee for further consideration and recommendation.
- It was concluded that the PIC might be our best recruitment tool, since it provide a focus on tangible benefits to members.

JCEP

- To be held 1/31-2/2/2008 in Nashville, TN
- Previously sent 4 reps, now we send 2: President and VP.
- The President makes report to the 13 Southern Regional States and has been asked to make a report on the AM/PIC from 2006.

PILD - Public Issues and Leadership Development meeting, Washington, DC April 23-25

- MACAA makes arrangements annually for the MS contingent
- With departure of Marty Fuller, we will need to make new contacts to ensure appropriate arrangements

AM/PIC

- Will be making communication with Dr. Watson soon.
- A motion to conduct a 2007 PIC was made by Ruby Rankin, with second by Shelby Bearden and passed unanimously.
- Jane Parrish has agreed to chair planning committee, and Bill Burdine will serve as advisor, with Lamar Adams and others TBA to compose the committee.
- Discussion followed regarding possible venues, dates and conflicts. The Planning Committee will work through all these issues to determine best time and place.

Program Funding Committee:

- Sponsors have traditionally funded our Awards, but sponsorships have dwindled.
- Agent/Specialist awards cost us \$3000; communication awards an additional \$500-600
- Increasingly difficult to obtain sponsors
- A standing committee would be responsible for soliciting and procuring funds to keep MACAA from bearing these costs directly. A motion to establish a Standing Program Funding committee was made by Glenn Hughes, seconded by Harvin Hudson, and passed unanimously.

Investment Report

- Elmo Collum had indicated that he would probably be stepping down from handling investment accounts.
- President will recruit someone to work closely with the Finance Committee.

MACAA Web Page:

- President Williams solicited suggestions on content, improvements, etc.

MACAA Newsletter

- President Williams is working on developing an E-Newsletter on a quarterly basis.

BY-LAWS Review:

- A copy of By-Laws is in the Handbook.
- President Williams asked the Policy Chairman to review By-Laws and recommend appropriate revision.

Annual Meeting Evaluation

- Will be used to plan the 2007 meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Program Book:

- Donna Schmitz does all the typing, layout etc. on the Program Handbook
- A motion to provide a \$100 honorarium to Donna was made by Lamar Adams, with second by Judd Gentry and passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Meal Bill:

- A motion to pay an additional \$20 to Perry Brumfield for unanticipated expense due to rain on day of the meal was made by Harvin Hudson, seconded by Lamar Adams and passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Schedule:

- President Williams will e-mail a survey to determine best date and time.

Meeting with Ag Leadership

- The meeting of Board Members with Ag Division leadership will be scheduled and announced.

Following brief Sr. Director and Committee the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am on motion by Al Myles and second by Ruby Rankin.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brunson

MACAA Board Meeting
August 22, 2007

Meeting Convened via Teleconference originating from Bost Extension Center at 9:00 am.

Present: Ed Williams, Lamar Adams, Judd Gentry, Glenn Hughes, Marty Brunson, Al Myles, Dennis Reginelli, Charlie Stokes, Jeff Wilson, Harvin Hudson, Ruby Rankin, Anthony Bland, Jimbo Burkhalter, Drew Bates, Shelby Bearden, Andy Londo, Pam Reid-Rhoades, Mike Steede, John Coccarro, Steve Cummings, John Kushla

NACAA AM/PIC & Galaxy Report 2008 – Andy Londo

- The Galaxy meeting will be 9/14-19/2008 in Indianapolis, IN.
- Poses conflict with NACAA meeting.
- Must be determined what Extension will support: GALAXY or NACAA meeting.
- Administration has requested a statement from MACAA stating our priority.
- Discussion on this subject was tabled and decision will be made at a later date.
- Extension will support 4 slots for 4-H and FCS agents to attend GALAXY since their annual meetings are in conjunction with GALAXY.

John Robinson presented the Financial Report.

- MACAA incurred costs to Farm Bureau for bonding officers as a result of the recent Policy ruling by MSU-ES regarding check writing, etc.
 - \$50K bonds for John, Elmo and the Board.
 - John no longer writing checks; retirees Charlie Forrest and Doss Brodnax have assumed those duties for MACAA.
 - This new policy will slow down check writing and bill paying process, and members are urged to be patient.
 - The annual meeting processes will serve as a good litmus test to determine how this new policy truly affects our ability to do business.
- Dues notices will go out in late September.
- Adequate funds are available to cover costs of annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Chairman Recruitment – Elmo Collum has agreed to continue in this capacity.

Adjusting Contributions to other Organizations:

- As part of our agreements relative to planning and conducting the 2000 NACAA annual meeting, we have been providing \$500 each to FCS, 4-H, Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association and \$800-1200 annually to 4-H Curriculum Development.
- After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Lamar Adams and seconded by Jimbo Burkhalter to phase out these contributions by maintaining full payments in 2007 and 2008, then ceasing payments effective 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

JCEP Meeting

- President and VP will attend meeting.
- The Southern and NE Associations will hold a combined meeting on a trial basis in Orlando, FL 2/5-7/2008.
- 2009 meeting will be 2/10-12.

PILD Meeting

- Will still be held in the D.C. area, but the specific venue will change.
- Judd Gentry reports that we had 4 attendees from MS and that the CREATE 21 agenda was emphasized strongly. No MSU administrators were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

- Senior Directors will conduct elections in their respective groups.
- Jr. Directors move up to Senior Director and then elect new Jr. Directors.
- Must elect Membership Chairmen.
- Info has been mailed to Sr. Directors.
- The Secretary elect rotates among the 5 groups and this year must be from NE District.

Program Book

- Notice will be sent for submissions.

DSA/AA Awards

- President Elect oversees these elections.
- Sr. Directors conduct the elections.
- It was suggested that one of these awards be designated in honor of Victor Lee.
- President Williams appointed an ad hoc committee to consider this issue and its implications/opportunities. Members will include Judd Gentry, Harvin Hudson, Ruby Rankin.

Annual Meeting/PIC Planning

- PIC evaluation process has been slow, and thus nothing to discuss re: evaluations.
- Future evaluations should be handled differently to facilitate a more timely process of results and review.
- Mark Mowdy will chair the Professional Training Committee in 2008.
- Annual meeting will be Nov. 5, 2007 in Bost Center on the MSU campus.
- Chip Blalock will be in attendance and will make comments at lunch.
- Marty Brunson briefed the board on potential speakers and meal options that might add some attraction to the meeting and enhance participation.
- It was noted that including Life Members in the meeting is a good idea and steps should be taken to invite them to attend.
- Discussion followed regarding ways to change the agenda and program to encourage greater member participation.

Awards Evaluation

- Currently, Area Agent, County Director and Specialist awards cost MACAA \$3000 annually.
- Question was raised as to whether these should be reduced from \$500 to \$250 each.
- Discussion followed and consensus was that this might reduce the incentive for nominations.

Program Funding Committee

- Chairman Glenn Hughes not present, but committee is active.
- The Second VP is the Chairman of Fund Raising committee.
- We will hold a Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting in conjunction with 4-H; members encouraged to help procure auction items.

MACAA Web Page

- Working on a membership application package that can be used to solicit new members.
- New members needed to retain our current level of DSA and AA awards.

Newsletter

- Issue #3, Aug-Sept. issue is in draft form.

By-Laws

- Review is underway by the Policy Committee.

Annual Meeting Reviews

- Most comments are positive.

Board Meeting

- Will be held November 6, 2007, the day after the annual Meeting in the M-Club if it is available.

Following brief Committee Reports the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brunson, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL 2007 REPORT

First of all let me say thank you for the privilege to serve MACAA.

I began the year with some major objectives for this organization. The primary objectives were: to keep the present membership and gain new members in order to maintain our four voting delegates at the National Delegate Session; a minimum of two DSA and two AA award slots for our membership at the NACAA AM/PIC; to build a better outside funding system to adequately fund our state awards program; to secure greater participation by our life members in our organization; to renew the MACAA newsletter; and to provide a quality MACAA Professional Improvement Conference.

With the cooperation and assistance of many of you, we were able to achieve progress on most of these goals. Even in the face of the loss of 14 members due to retirement and 7 resignations, we were able to get 9 new members and reenroll some dropped members for a total of 111 members and maintain our quota of 4 NACAA voting delegates, 2 DSA Awards, and 2 AA Awards. I thank all the membership chairs and especially Judd Gentry, State Membership Chair, for assisting in that effort.

This year we instituted a formalized fundraising program with the MACAA Second Vice President now being designated as the lead person on fundraising. Assisting the Second Vice President, the Senior Directors and Junior Directors are also designated to work with this officer and other key agents and specialists in building and maintaining a permanent list of funding prospects and contacts to assist in helping to fund our awards programs which each year amounts to over \$5,000. I want to especially thank Glenn Hughes, Dennis Reginelli, Charlie Stokes, Judd Gentry and Jimbo Burkhalter for their help with this. This is a critical step in the viability of this organization's awards program and the ability to recognize its outstanding members for their dedication and hard work while maintaining other MACAA vital activities such as our Professional Improvement Conference, PILD, JCEP, and NACAA AM/PIC program functions and expenditures.

In addition to the solicitations of program sponsors this year MACAA followed the NACAA Annual meeting pattern with a silent auction. Though in its first year, this program has the potential to produce much needed revenue to help fund scholarships and awards. Over \$500,000 has been raised at the National Level for the national scholarship program, with over \$20,000 in scholarships being awarded each year by NACAA. Other state associations have raised \$2,000 annually with their program and it is evident the potential is there for MACAA as well.

This year your MACAA leadership spent considerable time updating our life member rolls in order to maintain communications with this important segment of our membership and to make sure Life Members felt a part of this organization. Life Members were contacted at the annual retiree Extension regional meetings and by post card in October 2007 to let them know about our annual meeting and to invite them to be a part. Our retirees are double the

size of our regular membership and they are vitally needed to make MACAA what it can and should be.

This year we were able to renew the MACAA Newsletter. Although time constraints prevented as many newsletters as I would like to have published, I challenge each succeeding MACAA President to keep this link open to the general membership.

And finally, the last goal was to provide a quality MACAA Professional Improvement Conference. That was accomplished with the hard work of the PIC Committee, MACAA Officers, Board of Directors, and program Committee Chairs. I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge Extension Administrators, Dr. Vance Watson and Dr. Will McCarty, for their generous and whole-hearted support of our PIC. The contributors to making that effort a success are too numerous to acknowledge all of them, but to all those responsible you have my deepest appreciation and gratitude for your hard work and excellent guidance.

In our 2007 PIC we were able to draw national figures such as the USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture, Dr. Mark Keenum, and NACAA President Chuck Otte. The three day event included 32 presenters, 25 classes, and 2 six-hour tours with multiple stops, and 19 hours of intensive instruction.

MACAA was involved in regional and national association activities as well. January 31-February 2, 2007 Lamar Adams, President-Elect, and I attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Southern Regional Meeting in Nashville, TN. At that meeting we learned about efforts to Internationalize Extension throughout the world and we learned of efforts to better meet the needs of new Extension clientele from other parts of the world that now live in our states and counties. Another big benefit of this meeting is sharing ideas with the leadership from our region about ways to promote membership and active participation in our respective state associations. This idea sharing is very valuable in planning better programs and seeking new opportunities for our respective memberships in the areas of professional development.

Judd Gentry, First Vice President, represented MACAA at the PILD Conference in Washington, D.C. April 23-25, 2007. This gives our association direct contact with the legislative leaders of our state in the capitol. It is a time of idea sharing and growing. A time to learn about how issues face each state and what national issues are coming to the forefront for MACAA to take under consideration.

Your MACAA Officers and Board also met on the state level on November 7, 2006, and January 8, May 14, and August 22, 2007. Key issues decided were the conducting of the MACAA PIC, the vote to support the NACAA AM/PIC in Greensboro, N.C. with \$1,600, and the institution of a formal fundraising structure.

The MACAA Board was also faced with the demands of changing financial accountability procedures due to a new requirement from Mississippi State University Counsel. A letter from Dr. Watson demanding immediate adherence by all Extension personnel caused many questions that needed to be answered. I checked with the other professional Extension

organizations - MAEFCS, MAE4HA, and Epsilon Sigma Phi whose leadership was also getting the same sorts of questions. The four organization heads asked for and received an audience with Dr. Watson and Dr. McCarty on June 7, 2007. Many of the questions the membership had were answered during that meeting and additional answers were provided to submitted written questions following the meeting. The new requirements that Extension employees not be able to sign checks for organizations or fill in signed checks or have spending decision authority made it necessary to get a \$50,000 bond for any check writer. Bonding insurance was obtained which also covers the MACAA Officers and Board of Directors. In further actions, the MACAA Board voted to approve the changing of policy to have MACAA retirees to write the checks in order to relieve any presently employed Extension workers the possibility of any negative employment actions due to the writing of checks. Subsequently, Life Members Charlie Forrest and Doss Brodnax were secured to write checks for the association with John Anderson continuing to serve as the MACAA Bookkeeper.

The total delegation to the NACAA AM/PIC in Grand Rapids, Michigan was 13 from Mississippi. We congratulate our DSA winners Shelby Bearden and Glenn Hughes, our AA winners Steve Martin and Trey DeLoach and join NACAA in honoring them for their career accomplishments. Thanks to Jim Steeby, NACAA Aquaculture and Sea Grant Chair, and Nelda Starks, NACAA 4-H Youth Chair for serving on National committees

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the membership of the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents for 2007. It has afforded me the opportunity to work side by side with many of you to strive to reach many common goals, the primary of which is to increase the professionalism and learning opportunities of our membership as Extension Agents. I am forever indebted to you for giving me the privilege to serve and it has been my prayer that I could serve you honorably and meet the many diverse needs of this great organization that was founded in 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen E. (Ed) Williams
2007 MACAA President

2007 SPECIAL REPORT



Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)
MACAA Professional Improvement Conference
Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD)
NACAA Southern Region (JCEP)

Nashville, Tennessee
Mississippi State University
Arlington, Virginia
Nashville, Tennessee

MACAA President's Report to the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)
Nashville, Tennessee
February 2007

Membership in the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) is officially 111 including 9 new members. This is down 4 members from 2006, however due to an early out program we lost a total of 14 association members. There were 7 of these retirees who became life members this year. There are at least 6 members eligible for retirement June 2007. Plans are for 15-20 members to attend the AM/PIC in Grand Rapids Michigan in July.

Extension administered an early out for eligible employees in 2006 with 20 employees retiring under the program. However, hiring is projected to include 21 professionals in 2007 to replace recent and anticipated retirements. There are 47 employees with federal benefits, some of which will be eligible to retire soon. Professional staffing includes 270 individuals. There are some 172 in county and area positions and 85 specialist's level professionals with the remainder in support professional positions at the state level. All Extension staff total 700 including administration, professionals, paraprofessionals and secretarial staff. The Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) that oversees the state universities has approved Extension asking the legislature for a slight increase in operating funds plus a 3-5% merit based salary increase.

MSU-ES reorganized its administrative management structure in 2006. Since that time Dr. Will McCarty has been appointed Associate Director. Dr. Vance Watson, Vice-President for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine serves as Dean of the Ag School, Experiment Station Director, and Interim Extension Director. Four Regional Research and Extension Center Directors oversee personnel in their geographic regions for both Experiment Stations and Extension.

Mississippi's budget saw modest increases in 2006 for Mississippi State University, Experiment Stations and Extension. The average salary increase was approximately 3-5%. Administration is optimistic that a similar increase can be achieved in the 2007 Mississippi Legislature.

Reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina continues with much work being accomplished and yet much yet to be done. State revenues are ahead of projections and the state is expected to fully fund the Mississippi Adequate Education Program funding formula for K-12. Governor Barbour is in favor of this funding while also favoring increased support to community colleges and state supported universities.

MACAA in conjunction with the MSU Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine hosted its first professional improvement conference during the period May 9-11, 2006 in Starkville, Mississippi. Seventy-five Extension Agents attended and evaluations were very positive. Plans for this year's PIC are underway for May 14-16, 2007.

Association incentives for membership are reduced dues of \$50 instead of the regular \$80 for first time members. In addition there is an early bird drawing for free dues in which those paying by November 1 have their names entered into the drawing at the annual meeting in November. Other incentives include \$500 assistance for first timers at the NACAA AM/PIC and MSU Extension Service pays \$500 for poster winners and presenters at the National Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williams
MACAA President 2007

Second Annual MACAA Professional Improvement Conference May 14-16, 2007

MACAA, with the key support from MSU-ES Administration, conducted its second annual professional improvement conference at MSU on May 14-16, 2007. By all accounts, this year's PIC was successful in that it built on the foundation of last year's great program. Dr. Mark Keenum, USDA Undersecretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Ag Services, was the keynote speaker to kick off the program. He spoke on the "The Next Farm Bill" and "Outlook for Extension within USDA". The capstone speaker on the third day was Chuck Otte, NACAA President from Kansas, who addressed the attendees and gave them a better understanding of the full scope of what NACAA has to offer its members in professional development. The attendees were presented updates on MAFES from Dr. Reuben Moore, the School of Ag and Life Sciences from Dr. Lynn Reinschmiedt, and the Mississippi Legislature from Representative Dannie Reed and legislative lobbyists Camille Young and Derrick Surrette.

In all there were 25 classes involving 32 speakers in 19 hours of instruction and two guided agricultural tours. The PIC was attended by 97 persons allowing for a potential of over 1,000 hours of Extension Agent training and updates. On Tuesday's Tour Day, Tour A (Agronomy and Horticulture Tour) visited: the MSU Rose Garden and Turf Trials; Jimmy Summers turf, sunflower and biodiesel operation in Monroe County; Allen and William Dean Atkins Farm peanut operation in Monroe County; Hussey Sod Farm and row crop operation in Lee County; and Philips Garden Center in Tupelo. Tour B (Animal Science and Forestry/Wildlife Tour) visited: Jimmy Bryan and Prairie Livestock Inc. in West Point; Coontail Farm (pine thinning, herbicide release, hardwood injection) of Aberdeen; and Southern Shine Pastures (registered Angus farm, bull selection, commodity sheds, forage varieties, handling facilities). Both tours wrapped up with a supper and program highlighting the North Mississippi Research and Extension Center at Verona with Dr. Alan Blaine.

Rankings for the many speakers and classes offered this year ranged from 6 to 9 on a 9 point scale indicating that participants were very pleased with the quality of program offered. PIC attendees remarked that they liked the variety and quality of programs offered and especially liked the fact that we were able to offer two guided agricultural tours instead of one this year.

Many thanks to the MACAA Professional Improvement Conference Committee Steering Committee for 2007 including; Jane Parish (Chair Professional Training); Bill Burdine (Past Chair – Advisor); Lamar Adams (President Elect); Members: Stanley Wise (Policy Board Rep.); Tom Barber (Campus Director); Anthony Bland (NW Director); Drew Bates (SW Director); Harvin Hudson (SE Director); Dennis Reginelli (NE Director); John Giesemann; and Nelda Starks. In addition there were key committee chairs including: Horticulture – Tim Needham; Forestry – John Kushla; Animal Science – Shelby Bearden; Agronomy – Oatis Davis; Technology – Glenn Hughes; Early Career – Jimbo Burkhalter; and Ag Economics – Steve Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williams
MACAA President, Overall PIC Chair

2007 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD)
Crystal City Marriott – Arlington, Virginia
April 23-25, 2007

The 2007 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference was held April 23-25 at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. The professional improvement associations of Extension Educators with the Mississippi State University Extension Service were well represented. The Mississippi delegation included Dr. Judith Breland (member of the 2007 PILD Conference planning committee), Maci Flautt (representing the Mississippi Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences), Dr. Debbie Gaddis (representing the Mississippi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi), Judd Gentry (representing Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents), and Christina Meriwether (representing the Mississippi Association of Extension 4-H Agents).

The conference agenda included meetings and luncheons of each of the professional improvement associations. Topics discussed were; “Communication in Cooperative Extension Service: Are We Doing Enough?”; “Involving Extension Councils and Boards in Advocacy”; “Local to Federal Connections”; “The Land-Grant Message: Federal Appropriations”; “Farm Bill Reauthorization Outlook for 2007”; “PILD 101: Building Extension’s Public Value”; “Measuring Excellence in Extension”; “Alternative Energy Uses on Agriculture Production”; “Communicating With Not Marketing To”; “The Federal Budget Process”; “Private Water Well Inspection in Georgia”; “Extension’s Voice in the Political Arena” were also sessions the delegation attended. Other sessions included: “Volunteers Speak Out” “Community Issue Challenges”; “Marketing One of the Best Kept Secrets: Cooperative Extension”; “Working With Local Elected Officials in Your State”; “Working With Congressional Staff: Making Good Ideas and Intentions Work”; “Environmental Impacts of Urban Trees”; and “eXtension: Are You Logged In and Using It?”

During the NACAA workshop, Rick Gibson, NACAA Vice President, asked for members to consider serving as committee chairs and vice chairs as well as regional vice chairs. James Devillier, Southern Region Director, also spoke and communicated his responsibilities as a Regional Director. They include: define, review, and set policy for NACAA; provide tools to communication chairs for professional improvement; and to represent members of the Southern Region on the NACAA board. He also asked for nominations for chairmen for committees. One bylaws change at Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference included combining the Sea Grant and Aquaculture Committee into the Natural Resources Committee.

The main focus of the PILD Conference was to introduce CREATE 21 which stands for Creating Research, Extension, and Teaching Excellence for the 21st Century. This initiative would combine USDA’s research, extension, and teaching functions into a unified organization more responsive to stakeholder concerns and better able to address national and emerging problems. It would double funding from approximately 2.7 billion to approximately 5.4 billion per year over a seven year period to address enormous national opportunities and daunting global challenges according to literature distributed. Under CREATE 21 a more balanced portfolio would occur. For example, current distribution is

90% capacity and 10% competitive. Distribution after CREATE 21 is fully implemented would be 58% capacity and 42% competitive.

The Mississippi representatives visited with staff from all of the Congressional delegation currently serving on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, April 25th. MACAA was active in networking with MSU-ES Administration and our sister associations in developing our talking points with the Congressional staff members. These points include continuing with Formula Funding for MSU Extension Service and Experiment Station, as well as appreciation for the past support that has been given to the Division. A special thank you is due to Dr. Marty Fuller and his staff for scheduling these visits for the association representatives at the 2007 PILD Conference.

Respectfully submitted

Judd Gentry
First Vice President, MACAA

2007 NACAA Southern Region JCEP

January 31-February 2, 2007 Lamar Adams, President-Elect, and Ed Williams, MACAA President attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Southern Regional Meeting in Nashville, TN.

At that meeting we learned about efforts to “Internationalize Extension” throughout the world and we learned of efforts to better meet the needs of new Extension clientele from other parts of the world that now live in our states and counties. Carol Schlitt, NEAFCS President, and JCEP Leader for the JCEP Southern Regional Conference, welcomed us at the opening session. A video from Coliene Hefferean, CSREES/USDA Administrator was our opening segment of the program. Mike McGirr, head of CSREES/USDA International programs addressed the group and set the stage for the 3-day program discussing the importance of international programs.

Dr. Shirley Hastings, Associate Dean for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, Univ. of Tenn., gave us a welcome to Tennessee. Deputy Director, U.S. in the World Initiative for the New World Foundation, Sue Veres Royal, addressed the group before we broke for the poster sessions.

A big benefit of this meeting is sharing ideas with the leadership from our region about ways to promote membership and active participation in our respective state associations. Day two of our program we broke into our respective professional associations to find out what each state is doing to promote membership and professional development and to report on how Extension is faring throughout the Southern Region. We learned that our Extension counterparts in our sister Southern Region states are alive and well. Most states are maintaining or increasing budgets and all the associations have active programs to promote professional development and active membership. Florida shared an attractive recruitment brochure that may be used in the future with MACAA. We also learned that many states have “Country Store” or “Country Barbeque” functions in which state agent associations visit in an informal meal setting with their law makers as a regular matter of good public relations. Some states also have very active Life Member groups that really add a lot to the annual state get together functions.

On the third day of JCEP following breakfast the session was “Impacts of International Involvements for Extension” followed by “Next Steps Toward a Global Future of Extension.” The meetings and discussions were eye opening. At home and abroad, the world is getting more and more internationalized and Extension needs to carefully consider its role at home and abroad as we consider how we can best serve agriculture and our clientele.

It was an educational and enlightening experience to attend JCEP. The Mississippi JCEP delegation also consisted of our state association partners from Floreida Mason with Epsilon Sigma Phi, Kimberly Sullivan with MAE4-HA, and Susan Cosgrove of MEAFCS.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williams
MACAA President

NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference 2007 Report

The 2007 AM/PIC was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan July 15-19. There were 13 in the Mississippi delegation attending: voting delegates Ed Williams (President), Lamar Adams (President Elect), Glenn Hughes (Second Vice President, also DSA Winner and session presenter), and Shelby Bearden (also DSA Winner); Achievement Award Winners Trey DeLoach and Steve Martin; Galaxy III ANREP Representative Andy Londo, National Aquaculture/Sea Grant Committee Chair and session presenter Jim Steeby, National 4-H Youth Committee Chair Nelda Starks, Aquaculture Session presenter Charlie Hogue; and spouses Nancy Williams, Barbi Hughes, and Paul Starks.

Most members arrived on Saturday to register and get acquainted with the new surroundings. Sunday Nancy Williams attended the afternoon First Lady's Tea at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Ball Room hosted by Mrs. Otte. Jim Steeby and Nelda Starks attended their national committee chair luncheons. Ed Williams and Lamar Adams attended the State Officers Workshop with the national officers in charge of instruction. Wisconsin hosted the get acquainted dinner where we were all acquainted with the famous "brats" for our evening meal. This was followed by the Opening and Inspirational Session with Chuck Otte calling the opening of the 92nd NACAA AM/PIC. Ed Williams, state president, presented the Mississippi state flag at the opening ceremony. Some 48 states were represented in the opening ceremony. Jay Lafoon of Celebrate Ministries of Atlanta, Georgia presented the message entitled "Transforming the Future: Beginning with Self."

Monday morning the voting delegates met the candidates for national office at the Delegate Breakfast. The selections were easy this time since most slots had only one candidate running. The opening session was presided over by President Chuck Otte of Kansas. A keynote address was given by Dr. Rick Foster, Vice President of Programs for the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. He presented a powerful message about the need for government to invest in existing community structures, and not necessarily go after the large corporations to move into an area to achieve quality and sustainable economic development. Trade Talks, educational sessions in Horticulture, Agronomy, Bio Energy, were attended until noon where educational luncheon seminars were offered while enjoying sponsored box lunch meals. First Timer, PRIDE, and Search for Excellence Luncheons were also attended by members. This was followed by Committee Workshops and Regional Meetings. At the Southern Regional Meeting we met with the Regional Directors to discuss issues to face the voting delegate session and to meet the candidates for office. Following a pork loin supper sponsored by Iowa and Illinois, the delegation enjoyed an entertaining evening with some incredibly talented youth at the 4-H Talent Review. Then we all gathered in line for state pictures for the Mississippi Delegation.

Tuesday the four Mississippi voting delegates attended the Voting Delegate Session. Major action including a change to Article VI, Section 1 where those seeking office must have attended at least three AM/PIC's in order to be eligible, A SARE Search for Excellence Committee was created, and the Natural Resources and Aquaculture/Sea Grant committees were combined, and an SARE Fellows program was instituted.

Newly elected officers for 2008 are Fred Miller, North Carolina – President; Rick Gibson, Arizona – President Elect; Phil Pratt, Oklahoma – Vice President; Leon Church, Texas – Secretary; and Paul Wigley, Georgia – Treasurer, Chuck Otte, Kansas – Past President.

Tuesday morning, Steve Martin and Trey DeLoach, attended the AA Awards Recognition Breakfast at the Gerald Ford Presidential Ballroom, hosted by American Income Life Insurance Company. Congratulations to both of them in their accomplishments.

For the Tuesday morning educational sessions the NACAA Extension Development Council held seminars on early career development, and Teaching and Educational Technologies. Lunch sessions included Search for Excellence Awards Recognition and educational seminars in land use, turf, animal waste issues, and localized food production systems. Afternoon Professional Improvement Council sessions were offered in Agronomy Pest Management (13 sessions); Ag Economics (12 sessions); Animal Science (18 sessions); Natural Resources (13 sessions); Horticulture (11 sessions); and Aquaculture/Seas Grant (7 sessions).

Tuesday night was State's Night Out and the Mississippi delegation enjoyed food and fellowship at a downtown steak restaurant in Grand Rapids' BOB (Big Ole Building). The meal was superb. Upon returning to the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel we all enjoyed the Silent Auction and Live Bidding Auction where over \$10,000 was raised for the NACAA Scholarship Fund.

Wednesday morning everyone rolled out early for Professional Improvement Tour Day, a highlight for most attendees. Over 30 tours were offered to see the nation's second most diverse agricultural state. Everything from dairy to cherry production was covered. One of the tours members attended included a turkey production and marketing operation, downtown historical renovation of courthouse and business district, preserved turn of the century agricultural village, self contained dairy and dairy manufacturing operation, and a \$60,000,000 ethanol plant. Others toured Great Lakers Fisheries and unique power plants, University Research, fruit marketing, and livestock operations. All tours ended at the fantastic museum and gardens of grocery chain mogul Frederik Meijer. Covering almost 200 acres the museum art, sculpture, and gardens were a magnificent close to a full educational and entertaining day.

Thursday offered dozens more educational opportunities for seminars and lunch-and-learn sessions. The day concluded with the honoring of 69 Distinguished Service Award Winners from across our nation and the installation of our new NACAA President, Fred Miller of North Carolina. Congratulations to our two honorees, Glenn Hughes and Shelby Bearden. This is the highest honor bestowed by NACAA and it went to two very deserving members of MACAA.

Each attendee came away with more knowledge, an appreciation for other Extension co-workers with similar and yet different challenges to serving agriculture. Another valuable benefit you gain is the friendship and camaraderie that you build with your counterparts from across our great land. Given the opportunity, I challenge you to participate in the next NACAA AM/PIC. The 2008 location will be Greensboro, North Carolina. I promise you it will be an event that you will not regret attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Williams
MACAA President

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