

MACAA Officer and Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 a.m. · 10:00 a.m. February, 22, 2010
Interactive Video

Attendees: Glenn Hughes, Al Myles, Bill Burdine, Mike Steede, Michael Newman, James Henderson, Judd Gentry, Reid Nevins, Wayne Porter Donna Beliech, Darrin Dodds, & Jimbo Burkhalter

Glenn Hughes, President, called the meeting to order.

Minutes to last meeting of M.A.C.A.A. Donna Beliech took minutes to last meeting & sent everyone a copy. Jimbo didn't have a copy of them printed to be read but everyone had seen them. A motion was made by Al Myles & second by Wayne Porter was made to accept the minutes. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer Report by Al Myles: As of February 5, 2010, there was **\$4,750.38** in the bank account. On February 12th Al wrote a check to N.A.C.A.A. for **\$5,250.00** for our dues. This gave us a negative balance of **\$499.62**. On February 16th, **\$4,500.00** from Morgan Keegan Account was deposited leaving a balance of **\$4,000.62** as of today, February 22, 2010. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Michael Newman & second by Judd Gentry. **Motion Passed.**

Glen Hughes thanked everyone who helped to reach the 100 membership mark that enabled us to retain 2 DSA's & 2 AA's.

Membership Report: Al Myles reported that we have 100 active/paid members, 5 life members named: Eddie Harris, Billy Joe Lee, Nelda Starks, Tim Needham, & Mack Young. The 3 Complimentary members are: Dr. Mark Keenum, Dr. Greg Bohas, & Mr. David Waide.

On February 15th, Al Myles received confirmation that National had received our dues.

Bill Burdine stated that Glen should discuss/mention their discussion/decision to pay for the 100th membership out of our account. **Issue:** We lacked one person having enough to keep our 2 DSA & 2 AA winners. **Action:** Pay for Stephanie Pendleton from Jackson County dues for 2010.

Glen challenged Judd Gentry, Policy Committee Chair to check on this becoming something that may become permanent. Judd accepted the challenge and all unanimously agreed the decision by Bill & Glen was a good one.

Mike Steede: Professional Improvement Conference, (P.I.C.) 2010: Mike offered July 28, 29, & 30 for discussion. Darrin Dodds stated that the MS Ag. Industry Council would be meeting the week of July 26 – 30th conflicting with that week. Glenn offered sometime the first week in August. Mike Steede made the motion to set the dates for the P.I.C. for August 4th, 5th, & 6th. Al Myles second. **Motion Passed.**

P.I.C. continued: Location for P.I.C. headquarters has not been determined, but Mike was leaning toward Hattiesburg right now. Lodging & Tours would determine final choice. Discussed

using vans or suburbans from the R&E centers rather than renting a bus/buses. Mike mentioned that he received a letter stating that he was eligible for early-out, but was not sure what he would do at this point in time. Mike said for everyone to send an email to him if there is any subject you would like to see addressed in the classroom activities. Mike stated that they had the Peanut Learning Center in the Southern Region that could be utilized.

Glen stated that he had talked to Dr. Joe Street about the budget and the possibility of helping MACAA out financially, but Dr. Street could make no promises as to what Administration could do until this year's budget & early out commitments were final. Glen stated that Dr. Street was very much in favor of MACAA's PIC.

J.C.E.P. Update: Glen & Bill attended the J.C.E.P. mtg. In Nashville, TN & the most talked about subject was budgets. County Agent break-out sessions were very good.

Grant Writing Workshop: Glen mentioned the possibility of having a Grant Writing Workshop for all Extension Agents driven by the evident shortage of money for programs in years to come. He talked to Theresa Gammil, in Economic Development and the primary funding agency to target for grants would be the U.S.D.A. The workshop would be available over Interactive Video and would be viewed the same day for several successive weeks.

Communication Awards: Wayne Porter followed up from discussion at an earlier B.O.D. meeting, on the possibility of putting a cap on the Maximum payment of this award to: **\$240.00**. Motion made to do exactly that, made by: Bill Burdine, second by Judd Gentry. **Motion Passed.**

Wayne announced deadline was this Friday, February 26th Ag. Communications in the past has judged this contest, but Ned Browning was there "no mo" & Wayne would find another to replace him. Wayne had concerns about not having seen ruling on who was eligible to go for this award. Mike Steede stated that when he handled this job in the past, he remembered that the Chair of this committee was the only one ineligible to vie for this award. Later in the meeting, Wayne learned this was in fact true, & respectively withdrew his application.

Along the same lines: Bill Burdine stated that at the J.C.E.P. meeting, several states utilize a **"self nominating form"** for the AA & DSA awards assuring that they would be willing to attend the national meeting that year to accept these awards. Something along the lines of a one page nomination form telling about their programs. Glen challenged Bill to check on these details and bring more to the table. Bill accepted the challenge. Donna stated that we should send out emails that they should commit to attending National meeting if elected.

Policy Handbook Updated 1990: Judd Gentry is the chair of the Policy Committee, therefore it is his task set before him to check on what changes need to be made to the Policy handbook. Glen requested that all of us let Judd know of changes we consider important as MACAA's policy at this point in time.

Update Database of Membership: Bill Burdine brought up that since this is a timely & necessary item that must be entered by a tight deadline that it should be the job of the same person several years rather than a new person having to learn the system every year.

He thought it should be the job of the treasurer, since one person kept that position several years & had access to the membership both new and old. Al Myles stated that he didn't want to add any more to his plate and would rather find another solution.

Glen stated that we do not have a membership committee. He also stated that NACAA has an address coordinator. It was tabled & agreed that Bill & Glen would discuss this and come up with a solution.

There is a March 15th deadline and there are 45 eligible for scholarships, & who paid into the scholarship fund. June 1st is the National deadline. Lelia Kelly is the State Chair and will handle these submissions to National. Glen will send email to all 45 eligible members.

National Meeting: Set for July 11 through 15th in Tulsa, OK. Glen says to submit posters or presentations.

Al Myles stated that he spent \$34.33 of his own money to overnight the membership to National so that it would get there on time. Motion was made by Donna Beliech to reimburse Al this money with a second from Michael Newman. **Motion Passed.**

National Meeting Continued: Donna Beliech mentioned how administration in the past had helped send AA & DSA to National. Judd said that Voting Delegates, AA, & DSA got \$500.00 from administration in the past to help cover expenses. There was discussion about getting vans to help get folks to National meeting too.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jimbo Burkhalter
2010 MACAA Secy.