

Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents
Board Meeting
November 4, 2010
6:30 a.m.

The Board of the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) met on November 4, 2010 at 6:30 a.m. in the Hunter Henry Alumni Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 a.m. by MACAA President Bill Burdine after everyone was seated with breakfast. Invocation was led by Al Myles. Ruby Rankin called the roll and the following Board members were present: Bill Burdine, Michael Newman, Jimbo Burkhalter, Glen Hughes, Reid Nevins, Patrick Poindexter, Wayne Porter, Eddie Smith, Andy Braswell, Lester Stephens, Tracy Robertson, David Carter, Ty Jones, Darrin Dodds, and Ruby Rankin. Stanley Wise and Sammy Blossom were also in attendance.

Al Myles gave the membership update, whereas as of November 4 there were 3 new members, 73 total paid members, 77 members are needed for 2 DSA awards. 101 members are needed to get back to where the association was prior to the June 30, 2010 retirements. Discussion regarding the submission of membership dues and deadlines was held. DSA/AA deadlines were discussed. All deadlines can be found in the County Agent magazine. Bill Burdine will update officers and chairman listings on the National site.

Old Business:

Website fees: Discussion regarding website fees was held. Stanley Wise informed the Board that he owns the MACAA URL. Discussion on MACAA owning its own website was held, it was suggested that a "technology committee" be allowed to work on website issues. Al Myles stated that the MACAA booklet is on the X drive in a folder.

NACAA AM-PIC, joint-host venture with LA in 2016: Discussion on the possibility and feasibility of joining Louisiana was held. After discussing possible roles that MS would play in the joint venture David Carter agreed to be the initial contact for the MACAA possibly co-chairing a LA/MS national meeting. David will meet with Louisiana officials to learn more about the role MACAA will play if a partnership is formed.

New Business:

Professional improvement trainings by Sr. Directors: Patrick Poindexter gave an update on the District PIC that was held in Alcorn County for the Northeast District, this is a possibility for other districts as well.

Review & Organize all past motions: Bill asked for someone to volunteer to go through MACAA minutes from 2000 forward and search for motions and organize those motions. Jimbo volunteered to go through the minutes.

Review reimbursement criteria for NACAA/AMPIC: After much discussion regarding reimbursement criteria. The following motion was made: "If a member is to receive assistance

to attend a National meeting the attendee must stay 1 night, and participate in a minimum of ½ day training. If exceptions are to be made a written explanation must be submitted in advance to the State President for review by the Board”. Motion was made by David Carter and seconded by Al Myles. Motion carried.

JCEP meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX, Bill Burdine and Michael Newman are scheduled to attend.

PILD will be held in Arlington, VA; Donna Beliech is scheduled to attend

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussed paying membership dues from outside sources such as departments, counties, etc. Life membership was also discussed. Al Myles reported that he had paid \$419.37 to J.C. Penney for jackets for retiring/retired members and asked for reimbursement. Jimbo made the motion and Andy Braswell seconded that Al be reimbursed. The motion carried.

Jimbo reported that Tommy Gregory donated \$60.00 to MACAA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.