

MACAA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Breakfast Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2012

The meeting of the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Starkville.

Members present were: Jimbo Burkhalter, Ruby Rankin, Anita Webb, Donna Beliech, Al Myles, Patrick Poindexter, Belvia Giachelli, Ricky Ferguson, Eddie Smith, Heath Steede, Anthony Bland, Tracy Robertson, Phillip Vandervere, Ty Jones, Wayne Boshart, David Carter, Lamar Adams, Dean Jousan, and Thomas Brewer.

LeAnne Peters with MS Cattlemen's Association was in attendance at the meeting and gave an update on some of the activities with MCA. MCA also sponsored the breakfast.

Jimbo Burkhalter addressed the Board members and thanked the MS Cattlemen's Association for their sponsorship. Jimbo addressed changes in Extension. He would also like to set up a meeting with administration in the future. Jimbo will send out dates to see when board members can meet with administration.

To date there are 82 total members signed up and we need at least 100 to keep Achievement Award (ASA) and Distinguished Service Award (DSA) award numbers.

Tracy Robertson gave an overview of previous MACAA History from books, reports and minutes that she had been working on. The MACAA Books are now on line and have been since 2009.

Reid Nevins will be accepting the MACAA Treasurer Position from Al Myles. Donna Beliech made a motion to accept Reid Nevins in this position and Lamar Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jimbo address the need to set the PIC Professional Improvement date as soon as he can look at calendars. He said that the board and planning committee could meet by IVC to save on travel and time.

Jimbo also encouraged members to look at the Galaxy Conference ; which will be held in Pittsburg, Pa. in September . Members will be receiving more information on the conference in the upcoming months.

Ruby Rankin made a recommendation to let Al Myles finish collecting the membership dues for this year. Donna Beliech suggested getting the association to buy a QuickBooks computer program for Reid and make sure that we get receipts out to paid members.

The membership deadline is February 15th. Bill Burdine has been entering the data to get updated membership list.

Ruby asked how many first time members actually came back this year and bought memberships. Jimbo said he would check on this.

New Business:

Amanda Walker was elected as this year's AA; but it was determined that she had too many years of service to be eligible for this award.

Jimbo and the board looked to see what needed to be done. They would look at the award list and see who the 2nd place winner was on the list and see if they were willing to go to National. The recipient has to attend National to get the award. If the 2nd place cannot go then they would look at the 3rd place winner.

David Carter asked about sponsorship on programs. Jimbo said that the scholarship committee would need to look at doing a fund raiser. David also talked about Public Relations and how it has been good to utilize 4-H Members to say the Pledge at the Board of Supervisor meetings.

Donna brought up looking at awards to be inclusive so Ag Agents, County Directors, etc. could apply for awards.

Anthony Bland will co-chair with Don Respass to work and plan this year's PIC in and around Tunica.

Donna reminded the board that the retired and life-time members want to be included and participate in events. We would need to think about a fee and invite the retired life-time members.

David Carter and Ruby Rankin also said to make sure regions look at doing regional PIC's with the \$200.00 seed money. Maybe plan a spring regional and fall PIC.

Jimbo asked for all Board members to encourage membership.

Lamar Adams made a motion to adjourn and Tracy Robertson seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Webb
MACAA Secretary