

MACAA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
INTERACTIVE VIDEO  
APRIL 15, 2013

The second quarterly meeting of the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents was held on Monday, April 15, 2013 via distance learning network.

Those present were: Jimbo Burkhalter, Donna Beliech, John Byrd, Ruby Rankin, Reid Nevins, Eddie Smith, Thomas Brewer, Heath Steed, Anthony Bland, Tracy Robertson, Phillip (Bubba) Vandervere, Ty Jones, Wayne Boshart, Lamar Adams, Angus Catchot, Dean Jousan, Elmo Collum, and Charlie Stokes.

Jimbo called the meeting to order with roll call and prayer.

**Old Business included the following:**

- The first order of business was to review Membership list and looked at the updated membership list with total paid members of 122. There are 22 first timers. This insures we are covered for two DSA and 2 ASA, s.
- The next order of business was to discuss forming a Committee from the Board of Directors to address and review the awards given out at Annual Conference; since the new re-org, we have had title changes and want to insure that we are covering all areas. We use to give Specialist, Area Agents and County Director awards. Lamar Adams stated that we gave \$500.00 awards to 2 Outstanding County Director, 2 Outstanding Specialist, and 2 Area Agents Awards. A Committee of 5 Members was formed to look at and address the need for changes brought about by re-org to get awards in line. Serving on this Committee are: Lamar Adams (Chair), Donna Beliech, Ruby Rankin, Thomas Brewer, and Dean Jousan. Jimbo reminded the Committee that Annual Conference is a month earlier, so they will need committee report to be timely.
- The next order of business was the Life Membership list; which was paid by MACAA. Jimbo asked what year this started. Donna recalled the year 2011. The Lifetime membership is \$50.00. Concerns were that our State list did not line up with National list. Also they want to involve retired members. Lamar Adams remembered that Steve Winters came up with a retired Agent's list and would like to challenge Steve to come up with a list to invite retired Agents to be a part of the Association; but not paying for their membership; but to go forward from this date.
- Next order of business, Jimbo discussed what needs to be done between now and Annual Conference. Discussed Committee Assignments and elections. Ruby Rankin is the Overall Chair of Committee Assignments and will need to see that all Chairmen get their duties done. Donna said that the new Secretary coming in will come from Jimbo's District; so Jimbo will need to host an election. The people serving on Committees will move up from vice-Chair to Chair. Donna also recommended that the 22 new members be added to a Committee, and that would be up to the incoming Chair person who is John Byrd. As John moves up he will put in new vice-chairs who will be working with and

dividing up the new 22 members into committees, Also they will have to delete or remove individuals who have retired or have not re-joined.

Elmo Collum suggested that Reid Nevins should not have the duty as vice-chair of 4-H and youth committee with the responsibility as Treasurer. Also to add him to Financial Audit and Records.

Lamar Adams said that the First Vice President should ask and then appoint members as Committee Chairs and communicate well with Members to insure that they know their responsibilities.

The Board looked at Committees on page 15 to take Reid Nevins off 4-H youth . Ruby will ask and appoint a new Chair. She will look at list and ask someone to serve as vice-chair.

Jimbo will move Reid to Finance and Audit Committee and replace Al Myles.

\*John Byrd asked for a point of clarification on using only paid members list for committee assignments. Donna Beliech said all paid members should be on some committee to make them feel like they are part of the Association. Jimbo asked Ruby Rankin to take care of the committee assignments.

Elmo Collum also asked for a correction on the Agronomy and Pest Management committee to be made; which is changing Paul Aust to Preston Aust.

As Chairs are assigned and moved up; then new vice chairs will be assigned by John Byrd on page 15 and 16 of 2013 program book.

Donna reminded Jimbo to go to the National site and make changes for Preston Aust.

Jimbo asked Lamar to report back on the Awards Committee and the board will vote on their recommendations.

- The next order of business , Jimbo asked the Board to discuss and vote on the rights of an Associate Member of the Association. An Associate member pays \$50.00 vs \$80.00.

Tracy Robertson reminded the Board that if they are associate members they are not a National member and they have to be National members to be eligible for some awards and for DSA and ASA.

Lamar Adams also told the Board that Associate Members were needed at the time to keep membership quota to keep DSA and ASA awards. At this time there is only one associate member – Harvey Gordon.

\*John Byrd made the motion that associate members be eligible for state awards. Donna Beliech 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Donna asked since they are not members of National and if they choose to attend National can they receive monetary funds to go to National or serve as voting Delegates?

\*After discussion the motion was made to : Allow Associate Members to be eligible for state awards and have state voting rights as an associate member paying \$50.00 with no National

rights including awards, voting or sponsorship to National. \* All members were in favor of this and motion carried.

There was discussion on keeping up the number of members. Lamar Adams said that by paying the first timers this was keeping our numbers up. The question of concern was that if we needed another member to make our national quota how it would be determined whose membership would be paid.

\*John Byrd makes a motion : That in the event MACAA needs additional delegates, that the Association will contact all associate members to see if they would be willing to pay the other \$30.00. Thomas Brewer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor and motion passed.

- Elmo Collum gave an Investment Report.
- Jimbo gave a report on the PIC-Professional Improvement Conference slated for August 28, 29, and 30 at Tunica. He reported that we have full support of Administration. Also that the tours were shaping up well. They had also got a donation of \$2000.00 for the meeting.
- Jimbo also issued a challenge to all Board Members to come up with a door prize of \$50.00 or more and bring with them to the PIC Conference.
- The MACAA Meeting during Annual Conference will be October 29<sup>th</sup> , in the Bost Theater and has already been scheduled and put on the calendar at State.
- Ruby Rankin has the Board of Director's breakfast set up for October 30<sup>th</sup> .
- Jimbo told the Board that Patrick Poindexter , DSA Winner cannot attend the National meeting and ask the Board what needs to be done. Donna said if you don't show up to the National meeting you are not a DSA. Lamar said that is correct, that you must attend the National meeting to receive your award. Therefore there is no state award. The only reason that National will even consider over-looking this is sickness or death.
- Elmo said that National will change the DSA. This needs to be turned over to the Junior Director to put out nominations again in the Northeast District and Belvia Giachelli can handle this by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Reid will talk to Belvia about looking at the DSA voting and see how to handle this. They will call Jimbo and advise him on the new DSA from the Recognition Committee.

- Donna Beliech also advised the board that Amanda Walker was over the years of service for ASA so Wayne Boshart was named in her place.

### **New Business**

Jimbo asked if there was any new business. Elmo asked the board to look at the possibility of giving paid members and embroidered golf shirt with MACAA at Annual Conference. This would be a cost of \$5000.00 and \$6000.00. There are 122 Members with 22 of these being first timers paid by the Association and giving to paying members only. Ruby agreed with only paid members. Members discussed this possibility. No action was taken

Meeting was adjourned.