MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

November 4, 2026

PROGRAM BOOK

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90th ANNUAL MEETING
MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS PROGRAM

MSU Bost Extension Center Auditorium
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

10:30-11:30 AM
Registration
Sign-In
Please pay dues $100.00 for Regular Members, Free for First Timers

11:30 AM **LUNCHEON PROGRAM**
MSU Bost Extension Center Auditorium
(Sponsored by MS Pesticide Safety Education Program)

	Invocation	Heath Steede
11:40 AM	Welcome & Sponsor Recognition	Heather Jennings
	Recognition of Retirees	Heather Jennings & Zach Yow
	Guest Speaker Introduction	Drew Wilson
	Guest Speaker	Dr. Gerome Goddard
Adjourn	Following the Guest Speaker	

*****The awards program will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Luncheon Program*****

Thank you to our sponsors for MACAA and the PIC!

2026 MACAA AWARDS PROGRAM AND BUSINESS MEETING

MSU Bost Extension Center Auditorium

Immediately following the conclusion of the Luncheon Program

Call to Order……Heather Jennings, MACAA President

MACAA Address……Dr. Angus Catchot, MSU Extension Director

Presidential Citation Award……Heather Jennings, MACAA President

Recognition of Distinguished Service & Achievement Award Winners

MACAA Outstanding Program Awards

Ruby D. Rankin Early Career Excellence in Programming Award
Ello Collum Mid-Career Programming Excellence Award
Victor Lee Superior Service Award
Wesley Farmer Excellence in Animal Agriculture Programs Award
Booker Mims Excellence in Plant Agriculture Programs Award
Excellence in ANR Youth Programs Award

Communication Awards & NACAA Search for Excellence Awards State Winners

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business/New Business

NACAA Southern Region Vice Director……Heather Jennings, MACAA President

Bylaw Update……Dr. James Shannon, MACAA Past President (2025)

MACAA Investment Update……Dr. Jason Barrett, Chair MACAA Finance Committee, Investments

MACAA Financial Report……Zach Yow, MACAA Treasurer

PIC/Corporate Sponsorship Program Update ……Alex Shook, MACAA 2nd Vice President

Memorial Service ……Drew Wilson and Jessica Sibley, MACAA History Committee

Installation of New Officers……Dr. James Shannon, MACAA Past-President (2025)

Outgoing President's Report ……Heather Jennings, MACAA Outgoing President

Incoming President's Report ……Drew Wilson, MACAA Incoming President

Adjourn

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 6:30 a.m. Starkville Café, Main Street, Starkville
Sponsor: Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Attendees: State Officers, Junior/Senior Directors, Membership Chairs, Past President, NACAA Representative, Honored Guests



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2027 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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STATE OFFICERS

President	Drew Wilson
President Elect	Alex Shook
1st Vice President	Hunter Null
2nd Vice President	Sandy Havard
Secretary	Dr. Justin Calhoun
Treasurer	Zach Yow
Past President	Heather Jennings

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Senior Director	Randall Nevins
Junior Director	Josh Tilley
Membership Chair	Warner Creekmore

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Senior Director	Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
Junior Director	Kelby King
Membership Chair	Shelby Hudson

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Senior Director	Jessica Sibley
Junior Director	Matthew Thorton
Membership Chair	Samantha Floyd

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Senior Director	Kyle Lewis
Junior Director	Adam Barrilleaux
Membership Chair	Jennifer Williams

STATE GROUP

Senior Director	Dr. Whitney Crow
Junior Director	Dr. Kevin Ragon
Membership Chair	Dr. Leyla Rios

MACAA OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2027
OFFICERS



Drew Wilson
President



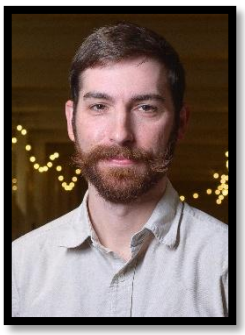
Alex Shook
President Elect



Hunter Null
1st Vice President



Sandy Havard
2nd Vice President



Dr. Justin Calhoun
Secretary



Zach Yow
Treasurer



Heather Jennings
Past President

DIRECTORS
Northeast District



Randall Nevins
Senior Director



Josh Tilley
Junior Director



Warner Creekmore
Membership Chair

Southeast District



Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
Senior Director



Kelby King
Junior Director



Shelby Hudson
Membership Chair

Northwest District



Jessica Sibley
Senior Director



Matthew Thornton
Junior Director

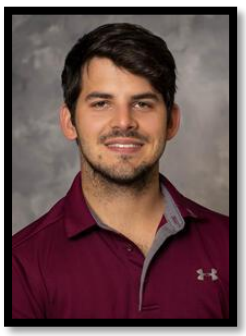


Samantha Floyd
Membership Chair

Southwest District



Kyle Lewis
Senior Director



Adam Barrilleaux
Junior Director



Jennifer Williams
Membership Chair

State Group



Dr. Whitney Crow
Senior Director



Dr. Kevin Ragon
Junior Director



Dr. Leyla Rios
Membership Chair

PAST MACAA PRESIDENTS

2000 – PRESENT

2026	Heather Jennings
2025	James Shannon
2024	Ross Overstreet
2023	Tracy Boone
2022	Amanda Masholie
2021	Reid Nevins
2020	Jason Barrett
2019	Thomas Brewer
2018	Andy Braswell
2017	Anita Webb
2016	Charlie Stokes
2015	John Byrd
2014	Ruby Rankin
2013	James Burkhalter
2012	Donna Beliech
2011	Bill Burdine
2010	Glenn Hughes
2009	Judd Gentry
2008	Lamar Adams
2007	Ed Williams
2006	Al Myles
2005	Victor Lee
2004	John Coccaro
2003	Terry Rector
2002	Stanley Wise
2001	Jim Thomas
2000	Lee Taylor



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2026 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members

New Members

Life Members

Deceased Members

2026 ACTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Alberson, Brandon	17	Dodds, Darrin	20	Merkl, Gene	11	Sibley, Jessica	15
Arnold, Rayne	3	Elliott, Brittany	2	Mills, Cody	5	Smith, Eddie M. L.	19
Aust, Preston	14	Eubanks, Leah	5	Mizelle, Dillon	2	Steede, Heath	15
Baginski, C.J.	4	Floyd, Sam	3	Morgan, Melissa R.	15	Street, Joe	(Lifetime)
Bailey, Butch	4	Fondren, Tim	1	Moss, Casey	4	Surette, Sherry	15
Banks, Darrell	7	Ford, Kaitlyn	8	Nevins, Reid	1	Tagert, Mary Love	13
Barnett, Trent	14	Ganaan, Vicki	8	Nevins, J. Randall	15	Thornton, Matthew	9
Barrilleaux, Adam	4	Garrard, Patrick	2	Newman, Lance	4	Tilley, Josh	2
Barrett, Jason	12	Glidewell, Skip	4	Null, Hunter	7	Towles, Tyler	1
Bearden, Shelby	32	Grebner, Donald	2	Odum, Brittany	4	Tucker, Steven	12
Blakeney, Amanda	15	Hancock, Kim	15	Odom, Ely	1	Turner, Lea	6
Boland, MariBeth	4	Harris, Jeff	6	O'Neal, Paul	2	Vandevere, Jr., Phillip	20
Boone, Tracy	18	Havard, Sandra	10	Oswalt, Garrett	8	Varner, Beau	4
Breland, Brent	4	Hay, Shani	10	Overstreet, Ross	13	Ware, Amy	15
Briscoe, Mabrey	2	Henderson, James	20	Palmer, Justin	2	Weaver, Cheyenne	1
Burney, Missy	4	Henn, Alan	21	Pansano Daley, Lindsey	7	Whitehead, Keith	14
Byrd, Jr., John D.	38	Hudson, Jalen	1	Peavy, Tristan	4	Williams, Jennifer	3
Caldwell, Wade	2	Hudson, Shelby	4	Phelps, Lemon	11	Wills, Gina	9
Calhoun, Justin	1	Irby, Trent	15	Phelps, Shelbie	5	Wilson, Drew	12
Carter, Doug	15	Jennings, Heather	10	Pruden, Michael	5	Wilson, Jeffrey C.	23
Catchot, Jr., Angus L.	23	Jones, Curtis	4	Ragon, Kevin	3	Woods, Amanda	19
Catchot, Beverly	1	Jones, Jason	13	Ray, Tim	13	Yow, Zach	11
Christensen, Tannah	3	Jousan, Dean	21	Reed, Laura	1		
Coleman, Crayton	9	Karisch, Brandi	12	Rios, Leyla	3		
Craven, Anthony	2	King, Kelby	8	Rogers, Marie	11		
Creekmore, Warner	4	Larson, Erick J.	31	Russell, Dillon	4		
Crow Whitney	2	Lemus, Rocky	17	Russell, Ellen	13		
Cypher, Anthony	1	Lewis, Kyle	13	Sanders, Brent	1		
D'Souza, Genevieve	1	Lowe, Wes	1	Self, Brady	15		
Davis, Ann	15	Martin, Steve	27	Sellers, Victoria	2		
Deason, Alex	12	Maples, Josh	4	Shannon, James	10		
DelPrince, James	10	Melanson, Rebecca	11	Shook, Alex	13		

2026 NEW MEMBERS

Laura Reed – Pontotoc County

Tim Fondren – Leflore County

Jalen Hudson – Coahoma County

Brent Sanders – Tate County

Dr. Tyle Towles – DREC

Anthony Cypher – Neshoba County

Dr. Genevieve D'Souza – CMREC

Ely Odom – Madison County

Dr. Jermaine Perier – Truck Crops

Cheyenne Weaver – Madison County

Beverly Catchot – State Group

Dr. Justin Calhoun – State Group

Dr. Wes Lowe – State Group

Dr. Eric Williams – State Group

LIFE MEMBERS

Adams, Lamar
Alford, Walter
Alley, George
Anderson, John D.
Bachman, Gary
Baird, Sr., Tommy
Baker, Jr., Joe P.
Bales, Don
Bishop, William T.
Blaine, Alan
Bland, Anthony
Blasingame, Donald J.
Beliech, Donna
Bonner, Jimmy
Braswell, Andy
Brewer, Thomas
Bridges, Terry L.
Brown, Kipp
Brodnax, Doss
Broome, Malcolm L.
Brumfield, Perry
Brunson, Marty
Bryant, Daniel W.
Burdine, Bill
Burkhalter, Jimbo
Burns, Charles
Carpenter, Myles
Carter, Frank
Cheatham, Danny
Childers, Mrs. William
Coccaro, John C.
Collins, James C.
Corban, Frank
Covington, Cliff
Crenshaw, Mark
Crouse, Keith
Culver, Virgil
Cummings, Steve
Dale, Jr., John J.
Daniels, Bob
Davis, Otis L.
Demuth, Larry
Dicke, Stephen
East, Tammy G.
Estess, Jr., Charles E.
Falconer, Lawrence
Ferguson, Ricky
Fitts, Charlie
Forrest, Charlie
Fulcher, Bobby M.
Gentry, Judd
Giachelli, Belvia
Giesmann, John
Gillie, Mark

Goforth, Joe
Goodwin, William O.
Grantham, Charles S.
Grubbs, Truitt
Hampton, Cliff
Harris, Eddie B.
Hay, Richard
Henry, William
Herndon, Bill
Hollis, James B.
Hudson, Harvin
Hughes, Glenn
Jarrett, James
Jones, Audrey W.
Jones, Ronald L.
Latham, W. B.
Layton, Blake
Lee, Perry
Lee, Billy Joe
Luther, Jimmy K.
Maily, William (Bill)
Martin, Bob
Martin, Robert
Masholie, Amanda
McAdory, Jim
Mccarty, Will
Mcgillberry, Joe
Mckie, John
Mckinley, Blair
Mcneil, Robert
Mcphail, James "Peanut"
Merkl, Gene
Miller, Ted
Moman, Jr., Thomas M.
Monaghan, Tom
Mowdy, Mark
Mullenax, Richard
Myles, Al
Nagel, David
Needham, Tim
Nichols, Phil
Oatis, Melvin J.
Parker, John L.
Patel, Makund
Pepper, Tim
Poindexter, Patrick
Porter, Wayne
Pullin, Ted
Raby, Elton
Raspberry, Freddie
Rector, Terry
Reginelli, Dennis
Respess, Don
Rhea, Jr., Joseph R.
Richardson, Steve
Richmond, James P.
Rose, Fred
Rouse, Jr., Clayton E.
Ruscoe, Ann
Sartor, Martha Ray
Schmidt, Don
Schmidt, Joseph F.
Singleton, Jerry
Sims, Bobby G.
Skelton, Donald D.
Smith, Art
Smith, Donald H.
Smith, John W.
Smith, W. T.
Starks, Nelda
Steeby, Jim
Steede, Mike
Stewart, Lisa
Street, Joe
Swoope, Thomas K.
Swoope, William
Tanner, Jr., Barney A.
Tatum, David
Taylor, Gary
Taylor, Liston (Lee)
Thomas, Jim
Thompson, Sherry
Traugott, Tim
Twitty, Richard C.
Varner, Doyle
Walker, Walter
Wallace, Barry K.
Watkins, Coyt
Watson, Vance
Webb, Anita
Wells, Wayne
Wells, W. V.
Wheeler, Dwayne
Willcutt, Herb
Williams, Byron
Williams, Mike
Williams, Glen E. (Ed)
Williams, Robert L.
Winters, Steve
Wise, Stanley
Young, David

DECEASED MEMBERS

Alexander, Luther	2006
Andrews, Gordon	2023
Ashford, Charles	1997
Baker, Fred A.	2022
Baker, Joe P.	2025
Barker, Robert S.	2002
Baskin, Charles	2013
Baylis, Freddy	1995
Bennett, Albert G	1997
Berry, George L.	2002
Betterton, Jr., C. B.	2000
Blasingame, Don	2025
Boone, Charles	1994
Bost, W.M.	2014
Brodnax, Henry Doss	2026
Brooks, Gladden M.	2000
Bryson, Clyde P.	1999
Buchanan, James F.	1992
Buckley, Rupert O.	2008
Bullock, Willie	2006
Bullock, John L.	2006
Burnham, Milo	2025
Carpenter, Jamie	2015
Carroll, Jackie	2024
Caves, James	2007
Chapin, Bob T.	1991
Childers, W. S. "Strat"	2000
Chisholm, William C.	1997
Clarke, James F.	2016
Cochran, Dexter	2013
Collum, Elmo (Murray)	2015
Coleman, Leslie F.	2007
Cox, Aubrey	2008
Craft, William Dewitt	2016
Crawford, Louis (Hot)	2015
Davis, James R.	2013
Davis, John E.	1998
Dean, Milton E.	1994
Deen, Walter L.	2010
Demby, Sr., William S.	1997
Denmark, Billie W.	1998
Dickerson, John	2006
Dievert, Warren D.	2000
Doss, Roy	2018
Duke, Jr., Charles B.	2012
Dyar, Sam W.	2008
Edwards, Elmer	1998
Estes, Ansel	2002
Estess, Sr., Charles E.	2005
Farish, Hayes T.	1992
Farmer, Wesley	2006
Fitts, Charles	2026
Fleming, Dolan Curtis	2023
Fleming, William M.	2013
Flint, Ernie	2018
Fowler, Roy	1993
Fulcher, John	2018
Fulgham, Hershel Q.	1991
Fulton, Joe C.	2009
Gardner, III, Milburn	1998
Garrison, Jr., George W.	2017
Garrison, Lewis N.	1999
Garrison, Everette W.	1996
George, Hunter E.	1996
Gholston, L. E.	2006
Gilliam, G. W. (Willie)	2014
Gilmore, Colonel Bert	2018
Glover, Leonard	2010
Graves, Andrew L.	1997
Graves, Sr., Larry H.	2012
Hamberlin, William H.	1998
Hardee, Harold	1997
Harness, Creevy	2013
Hartness, Ronnie	2023
Harris, Joseph P. (Pat)	2021
Head, Bob	2005
Hollis, Jim	2025
Hopper, William	2011
Hoskin, Ruben	2014
Houston, Wayne	2022
Jefcoat, W. C. (Spec)	2003
Johnson, Jimmy P.	1995
Johnson, Sr,	2013
Johnston, Rupert B.	1993
Killebrew, John H.	2022
Killebrew, Frank	1999
Kimbrough, Perry D.	2018
King, John Robert	1995
Lee, Victor	2007
Lewis, Sr., Robert P.	2009
Locke, Earl L.	2006
Loftin, Tom H.	2021
Love, Thomas H. "Joe"	2009
Luther, Jimmy K.	2014
Marks, Alphonse	2001
Martin, Robert	2026
Massey, William C.	1993
McCarty, Robert H.	2000
McCaskill, John H.	2004
McElveen, Monroe	1994
McMorrough, Howard	1998
McLain, Jimmy C.	2019
McMillen, Jack C.	2024
McNeill, George F.	1993
McVey, John L.	1997
Meeks, Roy Doyle	2003
Miley, Walter B.	1995
Miller, Cicero Price	2025
Miller, Dalton Lee	2013
Mims, Booker T.	1998
Ming, Claude E.	1989
Miskelley, James B.	1998
Monroe, Johnny	2001
Monroe, Lewis	2001
Montgomery, Fred	2008
Moody, Athaniel H.	1994
Moore, William "Billy"	2023
Morgan, Henry D.	2002
Morgan, Sr., James K.	1990
Mullendore, Dr. George	2012
Nail, James E.	1998
Nelms, Wiley "Steve"	1991
Norton, C. S. (Bill)	1993
Oatis, Sr., Joseph C.	1999
Owen, Danny	2017
Padgett, Betsy	2022
Paige, Raynor C.	1995
Palmertree, Hiram	2006
Parker, O'Farrell (OF)	2015
Payne, Lawrence	1989
Pigg, Johnnie	1992
Preuss, Theodore "Ted"	2021
Putnam, Herman J.	1991
Randle, Ellis E.	1998
Rankin, Ruby	2017
Ray, Willey	2014
Reynolds, Ray C.	2011
Robertson, Orville	1993

Robison, Ross C.	2010	Strong, Steve	2014	Walton, Billy	2014
Rone, Loyde George	2024	Sullivan, John E.	1996	Walton, Billy S.	2011
Rowell, Otho C	1993	Swords, Luther	2015	Warfield, Anderson	1997
Rowzee, Mack A.	2000	Tadlock, Travis	2018	Weaver, George	2015
Sanders, Charles W.	1998	Taylor, Gerald T.	2015	Wellborn, Dr. Tom	1998
Sartor, Johnnie	2004	Taylor, Tommy	2011	Wells, Charles	2001
Sartor, Ray	2015	Thompson, Sr., Lee H.	2013	Whittington, Andrew "Whit"	2012
Savelle, Winston Jr.	2026	Tolar, James L.	2006	Wilbourn, Carl	2015
Scott, Denton O.	2000	Trammell, Jr., David	1995	Wilkerson, Thomas L.	1997
Shannon, Dr. Charles	2011	Tucker, Dr. Duane	2011	Wilson, John Aldrich	2024
Simmons, Clay	1992	Walden, Charles	2000	Wise, Louis N.	1990
Smith, W. Taylor	1999	Waldrup, Charles E.	2021	Withers, Butch	2012
Smith, Charles I.	1997	Walker, Ron	2015	Young, David	2017
Steede, Mike	2025	Wallace, Barry Kyle	2024	Young, Mack	2023
Stephens, Lester	2021	Walley, Jerrald W.	1993	Youngblood, Carroll	1998



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2027 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2026 MACAA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

OVERALL CHAIRMAN

President Elect: Alex Shook

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

4-H & YOUTH PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Chair:	Kelby King
Vice Chair:	Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
Members:	Dr. Dean Jousan, Marie Rogers, Jessica Sibley, Laura Reed, Jennifer Williams

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair:	Lea Turner
Vice Chair:	Dr. Josh Maples
Members:	Dr. James Barnes, Dr. Brandi Karish

AGRONOMY & PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair:	Dr. Rebecca Melanson
Vice Chair:	Dr. Jermaine Perier
Members:	Heath Steede, Hunter Null, Justin Palmer, Beau Varner

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Shelby Bearden
Vice Chair:	Cody Mills
Members:	Alex Shook, Lionel Brown, Anthony Cypher, Dr. Genevieve D'Souza, Adam Barrilleaux, Brad Jones Tannah Christensen

HORTICULTURE & TURFGRASS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Tim Ray
Vice Chair:	Dr. James Del Prince
Members:	Dr. Alan Henn, Ross Overstreet, Dr. Rebecca Melanson, Warner Creekmore, Brenton Breland Jeff Wilson, Tim Fondren

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL REOURCES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Ross Overstreet
Vice Chair:	Butch Bailey
Members:	Matt Thornton, Tim Ray, Butch Bailey, Tristan Peavey, Ely Odom, Dr. Brady Self

EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEES

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Shani Brackeen
Vice Chair:	Melissa Morgan
Members:	Keith Whitehead, Brittany Elliot, Missy Burney

AGRICULTURE ISSUES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Dr. Whitney Crow
Vice Chair:	Garrett Oswalt
Members:	Jason Jones, Preston Aust, Dillon Mizelle, Beverly Catchot

EARLY CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair:	Dr. Drew Gholson
Vice Chair:	Randall Nevins
Members:	Amy Ware, Heath Steede, Ann Davis, Sandra Havard

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

Chair:	Randall Nevins
Vice Chair:	Heath Steede
Members:	Dr. Leyla Rios de Alvarez, Leah Eubanks, Rayne Arnold, Shelbie Phelps

OTHER NACAA COMMITTEES

LIFETIME MEMBER COMMITTEE

Chair:	Dr. Bill Burdine
Vice Chair:	Steve Winters
Members:	Ronnie Jones, Ed Williams, Stanley Wise, Donna Beliech

POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair:	Past President: Heather Jennings
Vice Chair:	President: Drew Wilson
Members:	All Active MACAA Past Presidents

PROGRAM RECOGNITION COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS COMMITTEE
Chair: Brenton Breland
Vice Chair: Beau Varner
Members: Jason Jones, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Ellen Russell

RESEARCH & EDUCATION POSTERS COMMITTEE
Chair: Dr. Eddie M.L. Smith
Vice Chair: Lemon Phelps
Members: Lionel Brown, Shelby Hudson, Dr. Dean Jousan

RECOGNITION & AWARDS COMMITTEE
Chair: President: Drew Wilson
Vice Chair: Past President: Heather Jennings
Members: Senior and Junior Directors, Membership Chairs and Past DSA Recipients

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Chair: Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
Vice Chair: Shelby Hudson
Members: Trent Barnett, Beau Varner, Jessica Sibley, Casey Moss, Kyle Lewis, Jennifer Williams

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE
Chair: Kelby King
Vice Chair: Kim Hancock
Members: Dillon Russell, Dr. Dean Jousan, Jennifer Williams, Phillip Vandevere Jr.

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MACAA COMMITTEES

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE
Chair: Zach Yow
Vice Chair: Ross Overstreet (Financial Records)
Vice Chair: Dr. Jason Barrett (Investments)
Fundraising: 2nd Vice President, Directors
Custodians: MACAA Executive Board
Members: Dr. Eddie Smith, Lance Newman

FINANCE COMMITTEE (INVESTMENTS)
Chair: Dr. Jason Barrett
Vice Chair: Zach Yow
Members: MACAA Executive Board

HISTORY COMMITTEE
Chair: Jessica Sibley
Vice Chair: Drew Wilson
Members: Dr. Alan Henn, Doug Carter, Brandon Alberson, Dr. John Byrd

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION COMMITTEE
Chair: President: Drew Wilson
Vice Chair: President Elect: Alex Shook

EXTENSION PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
Chair: Dr. Rocky Lemus
Vice Chair: Dr. Sherry Surrette
Members: Dr. Leyla Rios de Alvarez, Amanda Blakeney, Meribeth Boland, Dr. Jeff Wilson

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE
Chair: Alex Shook
Vice Chair: Matt Thornton
Members: Ellen Russell, Mary Love Tagert, Dr. James Shannon

RESOULTION COMMITTEE
Chair: Matt Thornton
Vice Chair: Jessica Sibley
Members: Brenton Breland, Ross Overstreet, Drew Wilson

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
Chair: Butch Bailey
Vice Chair: Matt Thornton
Members: Kaitlyn Ford, Dr. James Del Prince, Dr. Tyler Towles, Kyle Lewis, Cheyenne Weaver

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
Chair: Gina Wills
Vice Chair: Tracy Boone-Robertson
Members: Dr. John Byrd, Kimberly Hancock, Brittany Odum, Amanda Woods



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS
COMMITTEE REPORTS

2026 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2026 MACAA OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

Below are listings of award honorees. These individuals are not eligible for award nomination again until 2 years have lapsed.

Ruby D. Rankin Early-Career Programming Excellence.....Brenton Breland

Elmo Collum Mid-Career Programming Excellence.....Kelby King

Victor Lee Superior Service Award.....Doug Carter

Booker Mims Excellence in Plant Agriculture Programs.....Tim Ray

Wesley Farmer Excellence in Animal Agriculture Programs.....No Entry

Excellence in ANR Youth Programs.....Drew Wilson

PREVIOUS PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

Year	Booker Mims Excellence in Plant Agriculture	Wesley Farmer Excellence in Animal Agriculture	Ruby Rankin Early-Career Programming Excellence	Elmo Collum Mid-Career Programming Excellence	Victor Lee Superior Service	Excellence in ANR Youth Programs
2025	Randall Nevins	Melissa Morgan	Tristan Peavey	Sandy Havard	No Entry	Heather Jennings
2024	Donna Beliech	Kelby King	No Entry	Heather Jennings	No Entry	Melissa Morgan
2023	Kelby King	Doug Carter	No Entry	Jesica Sibley	Amanda Masholie	Kelby King
2022	No Entry	Kelby King	No Entry	Dr. Dean Jousan	No Entry	Heather Jennings
2021	Donna H. Beliech	No Entry	Kelby King	Marie Rogers	Thomas Brewer	Dr. Bill Burdine
2020	Dr. Charlie Stokes	No entry	Heather Jennings	Dr. Brady Self	Dr. Jeff Wilson	Lurlinda Soignier
2019	Alex Deason	Keith Whitehead	Angie Byrd	Reid Nevins	Bill Burdine	Jessica Sibley
2018	Donna Beliech	Lemon Phelps	No entry	Randall Nevins	No entry	Lemon Phelps
2017	Craig Hankins	Jimbo Burkhalter	Judd Gentry	Alex Deason	Michael Pruitt	Leanne W. McGee
2016	Gary Bachman	H. Brad Jones	Craig Hankins	Rocky Lemus	Donna Beliech	Betsy Padgett
2015	Jeff Wilson	Kipp Brown	Brady Self	Reid Nevins	No entry	Kimberly Wilbourn
2014	Lelia Kelly	No entry	Ty Jones	Jimbo Burkhalter	Stanley Wise	Julie White
2013	No entry	Reid Nevins	No entry	Jeffrey Wilson	Judd Gentry	Leanne McGee

Year	Area Agent	County Director	Specialist
2012	Mark Mowdy Kipp Brown	Don Respess Amanda Walker	Darrin Dodds Glenn Hughs
2011	Cliff Covington (BM) (WF)Jeffrey Wilson	Stephanie Pendleton (VL) Eddie M.L. Smith	Rocky Lemus Mengmeng Gu
2010	Dennis Reginelli (BM) Wayne Porter	Anita Webb (VL) Patrick Poindexter	Alan Henn (WF) Angus Catchot
2009	Bill Burdine (BM) (WF) Don Bales	Houston Therrell (VL) Rebecca Bates	Wayne Wells Nathan Buehring
2008	Mike Howell (BM) Donna Beliech	Eddie Harris (VL) Tommy Bishop	Charlie Hogue (WF) No nominee
2007	Dennis Reginelli (BM) (WF) Kerry Johnson	John Cocarro (VL) Harvin Hudson	Angus Catchot Bill Herndon
2006	No nominees	Lamar Adams Steve Cummins	Erick Larson Lelia Kelly

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

The president may give one or more citations to individuals or groups in recognition of outstanding support to the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents (MACAA) during his/her term. This is a decision solely 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.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARD WINNERS

2026	Butch Bailey, Extension Instructor
2025	Dr. Bill Burdine Extension Specialist (Retired)
2024	Mr. Gene Merkl, Pesticide Safety Education Program
2023	Ron Beliech, MACAA website host and administrator
2022	Dr. Gary Jackson, Associate VP for Outreach and Engagement Dr. Steve Martin, Extension Director, Interim
2021	Dr. Charlie Stokes, Extension Agent IV-Chickasaw County
2020	Heather Jennings, 4-H Agent, Rankin County
2019	Andy Braswell, Extension County Coordinator, Leflore County
2018	Mark Crenshaw, State Swine Specialist
2017	Mike McCormick, President, Mississippi Farm Bureau
2016	David Carter and Natchez PIC Planning Committee
2015	MACAA Endowment Trustees: Ronnie Jones, Perry Lee, Tim Pepper, and Ed Williams
2014	Rob Seal, Lauderdale County Agri-Center Director
2013	Delta Ag. Expo Board of Directors 2013
2012	Joe Street, Associate Director, Extension State Program Leader - Agriculture
2011	Donna Schmitz, Graphic Design Assistant, MSU-ES Julia Biator, Director, Lee County Agri-Center
2010	Dan Brook, Computer Applications and Services (Ret.), MSU-ES
2009	Elmo Collum, Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center, MSU-ES
2008	Vance Watson, Interim Director, MSU-ES
2007	Wesley Farmer, Extension Dairy Specialist Victor Lee, County Director, Simpson County
2006	Mississippi Pork Producers Association
2005	Federal Land Bank Association of South Mississippi, FLBA
2004	Soybean Promotion Association Board (Mississippi)
2003	Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition (Moultrie, GA)
2002	No citation awarded
2001	Robert McCarty, Bureau of Plant Industry Wade Stewart, BASF

MACAA COMMUNICATIONS & SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM – 2026 STATE WINNERS

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The MACAA Communication Award Program winners are listed below.

COMMUNICATION AWARD CATEGORIES

AUDIO RECORDINGS
No Entries

COMPUTER GENERATED GRAPHICS PRESENTATION
1st – Dr. James Shannon
2nd – Brenton Breland

PERSONAL COLUMN
No Entries

FEATURE STORY
1st – Heather Jennings

EDU. VIDEO RECORDING

1st – Dr. James Shannon

FACT SHEET
1st – Donna Beliech

PUBLISHED PHOTO
1st – Kelby King
2nd – Brenton Breland
3rd – Donna Beliech

PUBLICATION
1st – Donna Beliech

WEBSITE/ONLINE CONTENT
1st – Kelby King
2nd – Heather Jennings

LEARNING MODULE/NOTEBOOK
1st – Dr. James Shannon

EVENT PROMO PACKAGE
1st – Jessica Sibley
2nd – Kelby King
3rd – Brenton Breland

NEWSLETTER
1st – Brenton Breland
2nd – Melissa Morgan
3rd – Heather Jennings

DISTRICT COMMUNICATORS OF THE YEAR
State – No Entries
Northeast – Dr. James Shannon
Southwest – Brenton Breland
Southeast – Kelby King
Northwest – Jessica Sibley

STATE COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. James Shannon

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

4-H PROGRAMMING
Jennifer Williams

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
Donna Beliech

CROP PRODUCTION
Kelby King

CONSUMER & COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE
Brenton Breland

FARM & RANCH BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Tina Phillipson

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION
Dr. Leyla Rios & Dr. Rocky Lemus

YOUNG, BEGINNING, OR SMALL FARMERS/RANCHERS
Kimbely Hancock & Heather Jennings

AGRICULTURE AWARENESS & APPRECIATION
Jessica Sibley & Matt Thornton

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES
Dr. James Shannon & Dr. Brady Self

PREVIOUS DSA AND AA RECIPIENTS • 2007 – 2026

DSA RECIPIENTS			AA RECIPIENTS		
Year	**District**	**Recipient**	**Year**	**District**	**Recipient**
2009	SE District	Mark Gillie	200	SE District	Nathan Buehring
	NE District	Charlie Stokes		NE District	Jeffrey Wilson
2010	SW District	Elmo Collum	201	SW District	David Carter
		Judd Gentry		SE District	Mike Steede
2011	State Level	Andy Londo	201	State Level	Dean Jousan
		Bill Burdine			
2012	SW District	Houston Therell, Jr.	201	NE District	Reid Nevins
	SE District	Ruby Rankin		NW District	Lester Stephens
2013	NE District	Danny Owen	201	SE District	Kimberly Tolbert
	NW District	Andy Braswell		SW District	Wayne Boshart
2014	State Level	Mark Crenshaw	201	NE District	BJ McClenton
	SE District	Thomas Brewer		NE District	Angus Catchot, Jr.
2015	SW District	Donna Beliech	201	NW District	Tracy Robertson
	NW District	Jimbo Burkhalter		SW District	Ty Jones
				SE District	Ross Overstreet
2016	State Level	Angus Catchot	201	State Level	Darrin Dodds
	NE District	Patrick Poindexter		NE District	Steven Tucker
				NW District	Brady Self
2017	SE District	Wayne Porter	201	SW District	Randy McKey
	SW District	Anita Webb		State Level	Rocky Lemus
2018	NE District	Jeff Wilson	201	SW District	Amanda Blakeney
	NW District	Anthony Bland		NE District	Stephen Myers
	State Level	Erick Larson		NW District	Alex Deason
2019	SW District	Amanda Masholie	201	NE District	Suzanne Marie Rogers
	NW District	Tracy Robertson		SE District	Dr. Christian Stephenson
	State Level	Dr. James Henderson		State Level	Jason R. Barrett
2020	State	Dr. Dean Jousan	202	SW District	Melissa Morgan
	SE District	Amanda Woods		SE District	Brad Jones
	SW District	Rebecca Bates		State	Dr. Amanda Stone
2021	State	Larry Oldham	202	NW District	Preston Aust
	NE District	BJ McClenton		SW District	Heather Jennings
	SW District	Bubba Vandevere		NE District	James Shannon
2022	SW District	Melissa Morgan	202	NE District	Zach Yow
	SE District	Dr. Eddie Smith		SE District	Jessica Sibley
2023	NE District	Trent Barnett	202	State	Dr. Drew Gholson
	NW District	Dr. Brady Self		SW District	Kyle Lewis
2024	SE District	Ross Overstreet	202	NE District	Hunter Null
	SW District	Doug Carter		SE District	Kelby King
	State	Dr. Rocky Lemus		State	Dr. Keri Jones
2025	SW District	Lurlinda Soignier	202	SW District	Sandy Havard
	NW District	Jessica Sibley		NW District	Michael Pruden
	NE District	Jim McAdory		NE District	Cody Mills
2026	NW District	Dr. Drew Gholson	202	NW District	Dillon Russell
	SE District	Butch Bailey		SE District	Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
	State	Dr. Brandi Karisch		State	Dr. Leyla Rios



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2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS

NACAA/ MACAA Communications Report

Upcoming Award Year 2027

Entries must have been first used between March 15, 2026, and March 15, 2027.
Electronic submission with a March 15 deadline.
NACAA | Information & Instructions

2026 Submissions by Region

Southern: 455 entries
North Central: 238 entries
Northeast: 77 entries
West: 58 entries

Summary of entries made in each of the **13 Communication Categories**

1. **Audio Recordings** - 58 entries
2. **Published Photo** – 73 entries
3. **Computer-Generated Presentation with Script** - 68 entries
4. **Event Promotional Package** – 93 entries
5. **Personal Column** - 45 entries
6. **Feature Story** - 59 entries
7. **Newsletter -** 91 entries
8. **Educational Video Recordings** - 81 entries
9. **Fact Sheet** - 99 entries
10. **Publication** – 54 entries
11. **Website/Online Content** - 55 entries
12. **Learning Module/Notebook** - 29 entries
13. **Bound Book/eBook** - 23 entries

TOTAL Entries – 828

- MACAA: State Category Winners – Certificate & Cash ($20, $40, $80; $240 Maximum)
- NACAA: 12 Regional Category Finalists – Certificate
- NACAA: 3 National Finalists per Category - Certificate and $250 cash
- NACAA: 1 National Winner per Category - Certificate and $500

2027 NACAA Communications Awards Committee
National Chair: Brittany Council-Morton, Florida
Southern Region Vice-Chair: Sarah Scott, Clemson

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents was eligible for three Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) and three Achievement Awards (AA) based on our 2025 membership under NACAA guidelines. The number of DSAs and AAs selected each year is based on 2% of our association's membership as of February 15 of the previous year. This was an NACAA policy change as of 2012.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to members who have served at least 10 years as members of the Extension Service and the MACAA. The winners are selected by their peers and must be approved by the Extension Director. They 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. The winners must be current MACAA members with fewer than 10 years of employment with the Extension Service. **NACAA policy requires that all DSA and AA winners attend the NACAA AM-PIC in the year of their approval, to be showcased before a national audience during formal ceremonies for the prestigious awards.**

Exemptions are only extended for extenuating circumstances.

The following DSA and AA winners were selected in October 2026 and will be recognized at the NACAA Annual Meeting to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, September 12-16, 2027.

2026 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Northeast – Gina Wills
Southeast – Heath Steede
Southwest – Kyle Lewis

2026 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Northeast – Casey Hughes
Southeast – Shelby Hudson
Southwest – Brenton Breland

Future Rotation (based on current membership staying above 130 members)

Distinguished Service Award

2028	2029	2030	2031
State	Southeast	Northeast	Southwest
Northeast	Southwest	Northwest	State
Northwest	State	Southeast	Northeast

Achievement Award

2028	2029	2030	2031
State	Northeast	Southwest	Northwest
Northwest	Northwest	State	Southeast
Southwest	Southeast	Northeast	Southw

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

National Chair: Jennifer Lutes, Missouri, Southern Region Chair: Kathryn Holmes, NC

MACAA MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF OCTOBER 2026

Total contributions of members shown: $2,193.00

Total awards of members shown: $2,698.29

Member vestment will be $100 to qualify for up to $1,500 scholarship and a vestment of $200 (an additional $100 contribution to the scholarship fund) to qualify for an additional scholarship award from $1,501 to $3,000 (no more than $1,500 in any one scholarship request will be awarded). Each participant must have made this contribution before the end of the previous year's AM/PIC. Check the Criteria for NACAA Scholarships for more information: Scholarship Criteria

Mississippi	Jason Barrett	Active	$200.00	$828.29
Mississippi	Shelby Bearden	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Donna Beliech	Active	$454.00	$920.00
Mississippi	Tracy Boone	Active	$64.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Bill Burdine	Active	$105.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Doug Carter	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Ann Davis	Active	$140.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Alan Henn	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Heather Jennings	Active	$135.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Brad Jones	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Dean Jousan	Active	$115.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Steve Martin	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Jim McAdory	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Reid Nevins	Active	$60.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Randall Nevins	Active	$120.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Lance Newman	Active	$80.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Marie Rogers	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	James Shannon	Active	$220.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Amy Ware	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Gina Wills	Active	$40.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Drew Wilson	Active	$20.00	$0.00
Mississippi	Jeffrey Wilson	Active	$120.00	$950.00

PIC REPORT

2026 Professional Improvement Conference (PIC) Committee Report
Committee Chair: Alex Shook
Vice Chair: Matt Thornton
Committee Members: Ross Overstreet, Jessica Sibley, Dr. Rocky Lemus, and Butch Bailey

The 2026 Professional Improvement Conference was held September 22–24, 2026, in Natchez, Mississippi. The conference provided opportunities for professional development, educational engagement, and networking among Extension colleagues.

Conference highlights included:
The breakout sessions and educational tours offered participants opportunities to expand their knowledge, exchange ideas, and explore practices relevant to their Extension programming. Sponsorship support helped make these professional improvement opportunities possible.

The committee extends its appreciation to the MSU-ES administration, sponsors, presenters, tour hosts, attendees, and others who contributed their time and resources to the conference. Their support was essential to the success of the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Shook
Committee Chair

2026 Professional Improvement Conference
60 registered attendees
20 breakout sessions
Two educational tours
$7,000 in event sponsorships



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Mission Statement

The financial mission of the Mississippi Association of County Agricultural Agents is to responsibly manage and grow resources derived from member dues, donations, strategic investments, and other sources to support its membership. We are committed to transparent, sustainable financial practices that prioritize high-quality professional development opportunities, including continuing education, training, regional and national networking, and leadership development. By aligning our financial strategy with our mission, we aim to strengthen the capacity of our members to serve their communities and advance the agricultural extension profession.

INVESTMENT REPORT

MACAA Investment Report

As of October 19, 2026

On October 19, 2026, the Mississippi Association of County Agriculture Agents (MACAA) assets with Meadowbrook Wealth Advisors of Raymond James, had an Ending Market Value of $450,929.09.

Over the course of the last 12-month cycle, September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2026;

- Beginning Market Value of $424,824.49
- Contributions/withdrawals of $10,000.00
- Income of $25,012.14
- Change in market value of $11,092.45
- This makes for a combined investment result of $36,104.59.

On September 30, 2026, the MACAA assets with Meadowbrook Wealth Advisors of Raymond James, had an Ending Market Value of $450,929.09. The portfolio returns over this 12-month period was 8.44% with a quarter-to-date return of (1.42%).

The investment structure (asset allocation) of this account is:

- 2.93% Cash & Cash Alternatives (2025 – 8.92% / 2024 – 4.92% / 2023 – 14.72%)
- 16.69% Fixed Income (2025 – 15.44% / 2024 – 22.99% / 2023 – 22.73%)
- 79.26% Equity (2025 – 74.57% / 2024 – 71.14% / 2023 – 61.66%)
- 1.11% Allocation Strategies (2025 – 1.06% / 2024 – 0.95% / 2023 – 0.9%)

This account is in line with current market trends and should be meeting the needs of the association.

Respectfully submitted by,



Dr. Jason R. Barrett, Chair
MACAA Finance/Investment Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT

MACAA 2025/2026 Statement of Income and Expenses (Checking)
Checking Account Balance as of 11/2/2026: $19,652.53

Income		
2026 MACAA Membership Dues		
Membership Dues received for 2026 membership (132 active members)	$11,007.70	
		$11,007.70
2026 NACAA Conference Reimbursements		
JCEP Travel Reimbursement	$450.00	
		$450.00
Professsional Improvement Conference		
Registrataion Fees	$2,206.72	
Silent and Live Auction Items	$401.98	
		$2,608.70
Professional Improvement Conference and Annual Sponsorships		
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation	$1,000.00	
Tri State Soybean Forum	$1,500.00	
Firewise	$500.00	
Corteva - PayPal - $1,000.00	$969.61	
MSPSEP - PayPal - $1,000.00	$969.61	
Wax Seed Company	$2,500.00	
Deviney Equipment	$500.00	
		$7,939.22
Raymond James Account Withdrawal		
Sponsorship for the Travel Expenses for Agents Travel to NACAA AMPIC / JCEP	$10,000.00	
		$10,000.00
Other Income		
MPSEP Sponsorship of MACAA 2025 Annual Meeting Lunch Meal	$1,360.00	
MS Cattlemen's Association Sponsorship for Board Meeting Breakfast	$280.66	
Interest on Checking Account	$24.95	
		$1,665.61
Total Income (2026 MACAA Membership Dues, 2026 NACAA Conference Reimbursements, Professional Improvement Conference and Annual MACAA Sponsorships, Raymond James Account Withdrawal, and Other Income)		**$33,671.23**

Expenses		
2025 Annual Conference Expenses		
Special Awards		
Ruby D. Rankin Early-Career Program Award - Tristan Peavey	$500.00	
Wesley Farmer Excellence in Animal Agriculture Program Award - Melissa Morgan	$500.00	
Booker Mims Excellence In Plant Agriculture Program Award - Randall Nevins	$500.00	
Excellence in ANR Youth Program Award - Heather Jennings	$500.00	
Elmo Collum Mid-Career Program Award - Sandy Havard	$500.00	
Communication Awards	$1,040.00	
MSU-Ag. Comm. Print Shop - Annual Meeting Award Plaques	$620.00	
MACAA Annual Meeting Lunch Meal	$1,360.00	
Board Meeting Breakfast at Starkville Café	$280.66	
Annual Meeting Special Guest - Meals and Gifts	$428.84	
Supplies for Annual Meeting	$30.76	
2025 MACAA Retiree Jackets	$239.66	
Presidental Jackets - Ross Overstreet & James Shannon	$631.30	
		$7,131.22
2026 NACAA Membership Dues		
Membership dues paid to NACAA for 2025 Membership	$6,730.00	
		$6,730.00
2026 NACAA Annual Meeting and JCEP Conference		
NACAA AM/PIC Conference Travel Expenses (Award Winners & Voting Delegates)	$8,500.00	
JCEP Conference Travel Expenses	$1,743.65	
State's Night Out Dinner at NACAA AM/PIC	$468.65	
		$10,712.30
Professional Improvement Conference		
Natchez Grand Hotel Rental Usage Fee	$3,698.00	
Conference Attendee Gifts - Cooler Backpacks	$1,626.47	
Great River Outdoors - Bus Rentals and Tour	$1,000.00	
Sponsorship Signs	$386.23	
Social Event Refreshments	$332.82	
NACAA SE Director and PIC Host Gifts	$76.49	
		$7,120.01
Other Expenses		
Website Fees	$241.34	
Rural Insurance Agency - Crime Policy	$237.00	
Jones & Jones CPA - 990 Tax Filing Fee	$300.00	
Paper Bank Statement Fee	$6.00	
		$784.34
(2025 Annual Conference Expenses, 2026 NACAA Membership Dues, 2026 NACAA Annual Meeting and JCEP Conference, Professional Improvement Conference, Other Expenses)		**$32,477.87**
Net Income (Total Expenses - Total Income)		**$1,193.36**



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2026 MEMORIALS



Dr. Henry Doss Brodnax, Jr.

Dr. Henry Doss Brodnax Jr., age 84, died peacefully August 15, 2026, at his home on Pinedale Farm in Starkville, MS.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 10 am – 11 am at Adaton Methodist Church fellowship hall with memorial service to follow at 11 am in the church sanctuary.

Doss was born July 23, 1942, in Conyers, GA to Henry Doss Brodnax, Sr. and Sarah Leora (Williams) Brodnax. He graduated from Rockdale County High School in Conyers, GA in 1960. Doss was an excellent student and found success in 4-H and FFA which allowed him the opportunity to attend the University of Georgia. Doss received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia in Agricultural Economics. While a UGA, he was a founding member of the university's Farm House Fraternity chapter. Doss married Martha MacGregor on August 13, 1966. Doss received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Florida in 1972.

Doss and Martha moved to Starkville in December 1972, for Doss to take a position as an economist with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service and adjunct professor in the departments of Agricultural and Extension Education and Agricultural Economics. Doss and Martha purchased land that was a former dairy farm and built their dream home in 1976. Doss and his father ran the plumbing for the home. Doss had a beef cattle operation on the farm for many years. He became Director of the Southern Rural Development center in 1985. He retired from the SRDC in June 1996.

Doss loved home, but his professional career and civic positions allowed him to travel the world promoting rural life. His travels included Hawaii, Alaska, Australia, and the Virgin Islands. Who would have imagined a farm boy from Conyers, GA even dined at the White House.

Doss was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church in Starkville, serving in many capacities. Most recently, he and Martha became founding members of Starkville Global Methodist church.

After retirement, Doss chose to serve his community with leadership roles that supported his love for farming and rural life. He served as a board member of Oktibbeha County Farm Bureau Federation for 25 years, serving as president from 2006 – 2015. His leadership on this board resulted in construction of the office building Oktibbeha County Farm Bureau currently calls home. He also served on the Mississippi Farm Bureau board of directors. Doss served more than 30 years on the Oktibbeha County CO-OP board, including several years as president. He served on the state and national Cattlemen's Association board. Doss also served for 28 years on the Adaton Water Association board, serving as president for many of those years. During his tenure on the water board, he was instrumental in providing leadership for major capital upgrades in the Association infrastructure.

Additional organizations that Doss was a member of included NARFE, Oktibbeha County Ag Club and the Lions Club. He was a Life Member of the Masons.

Beyond his civic roles, Doss kept busy in retirement with many other interests. Farmer Doss and Martha opened Pinedale Petting Farm in 1998. With their menagerie of animals ranging from pigs,

cows, donkeys, goats, rabbits and horses, to mules, llamas, peacocks, hedgehogs and emus – thousands of children enjoyed time well spent learning about animals and rural life. For several years, Pinedale Farm would open in the fall for a pumpkin patch experience complete with hayride and a hay maze.

For those who knew him as Boss Doss, he earned this moniker as leader of the Flyin' Plowboys hog cooking team. This team, made up of both aerospace engineers and those from the agricultural area of Mississippi State University, didn't win many hog cooking competitions, but they stirred up the most interest with their unique way of cooking whole hogs on a slow burning home-made cinder block cooker. A highlight for the group was being invited to cater an event at the US Women's Open golf tournament at Old Waverly Golf Course in 1999.

Doss' passion for mules and horse drawn farm implements and equipment lead him to discover his friends in the Amish community of Randolf, Mississippi. Doss would visit the Amish often and became a trusted friend. He would often haul items to and from other Amish communities in Tennessee and Ohio. Doss realized a long-held dream of having a windmill on his farm. His Amish friends erected the windmill in just the perfect location that Doss could enjoy it from his front porch swing.

Doss was also known to many as one of Santa's helpers. Doss "played" Santa for many years at the MSU Extension office, the MSU Athletic Department, the MSU Library, and at various other events. An annual Santa highlight was serving as auctioneer at Doss and Martha's Sunday school class Christmas party.

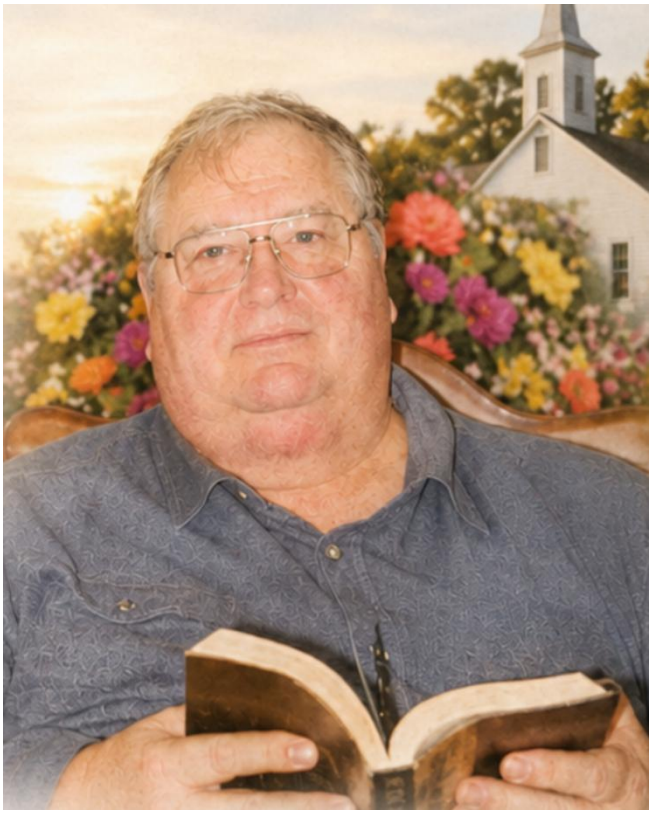
Doss is survived by his wife, Martha MacGregor Brodnax. They celebrated 60 years of marriage on August 13. He is also survived by his son Henry (Hal) Doss (Angela) Brodnax, III and their children Sara Mae Brodnax (Caleb) Webster and Henry Charles Brodnax; and his daughter, Moira Brodnax (Frank) Galloway and their children Lilly Katherine Parker, Jack Dawson Parker, Morgan Galloway (John) Vaughan, and Lauren Olivia Galloway. Surviving family members also include his sister, Carol (Wayne) Ingle, his sister-in-law Joyce Brodnax Worthy, and brother-in-law Rob Roy (Jewel) MacGregor, Jr. and their families.

Doss was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Issac Bruce Brodnax.

The family wishes to thank Spring Valley Hospice and Team Holton Home Care for helping us keep Doss at home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Starkville Global Methodist church building fund https://www.stkgmc.org/ or Awakening Collegiate Ministries at Mississippi State University https://www.awakeningmsu.org/ or the charity of your choice.

You can honor Doss' memory by sharing laughter over a good meal, by stopping at a farm stand and supporting a local farmer or just marveling in the beauty of our little piece of heaven we get to call home in rural Mississippi.



Charles Fitts

Charles Emory Fitts, 74, passed away on July 15,2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, kindness, and humble service. He was a devoted husband, pastor, teacher, brother and friend. More than anything else, he wanted people to know Jesus Christ.

Charles was born on March 28, 1952, in Sikeston, Missouri, the oldest of five children born to Emory Ulvie and Charline Baremore Fitts. Although he later earned his masters and spent most of his adult life in the ministry, Charles never considered himself anything more, as he liked to say, "I'm just a country boy."He attended East Mississippi Junior College, where he met the love of his life, Jacqueline. They were married on December 24, 1972, and for more than 53 years faithfully served the Lord side by side. Together, they built a marriage, rooted in faith and love that became a testimony to the love of Christ.

Charles earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education in 1976 and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics in 1981 from Mississippi State University. He began his career as the County Agricultural Agent in Rosedale, Mississippi, and completed his career as the County Agent in Calhoun City after faithfully serving communities across the state for many years. He devoted his professional career to helping farmers, families, and communities across the state through the Mississippi State University Extension Service, where he especially enjoyed working with young people through 4-H, encouraging them to learn, grow, and develop leadership skills. Although his profession was in agriculture and public service, his life's ministry was sharing the love of Christ.

Charles faithfully pastored many churches throughout Mississippi, including serving as pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Church, outside of Calhoun City for 14 years. He loved the Word of God and had a special gift for making Scripture understandable and meaningful. Whether preaching from the pulpit, leading a Bible study, or sitting across a kitchen table, Charles met people where they were and gently pointed them to Christ .Even after moving to Starkville with Jacqueline in the last years of his life, Charles never stopped ministering. While living in assisted living, he continued leading a Bible study for the men there, faithfully encouraging them in God's Word. Charles had a servant's heart. If someone needed help, he showed up. If someone was hurting, he sat with them. He was the kind of man who would truly give you the shirt off his back. Family, friends, neighbors, and church members knew they could count on him no matter the hour or the need. Through every church and every season of life, Jacqueline faithfully served beside him.

While Charles preached, Jacqueline was often at the piano, supporting both her husband and the churches they loved. Together they formed a ministry that touched countless lives.

Jacqueline shared that she was the one who asked Charles to marry her because, as she added, "You know Charles could never tell anybody no!" Looking back over more than 53 years of marriage, that statement described him perfectly. Their lives were marked by both great joy and deep sorrow, including the loss of their beloved infant son, Charles Emery Fitts, Jr. Through it all, their faith never wavered. During the last year of his life, Charles began writing a song about the return of Christ and the joy of finally being Home with his Savior. It reflected the Hope he had preached and taught throughout his ministry—a hope that sustained him all the days of his life
.Charles was preceded in death by their son, Charles Emory Fitts, Jr.; his parents, Emory Ulvie Fitts and Charline Baremore Fitts; and sister, Teresa Gay Fitts Riley. He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Jacqueline Fitts; his sister, Lorene Yvonne Morris(Ricky)of Savannah, Tennessee; brothers, Larry Bobe Fitts(Reba)of Jacks Creek, Tennessee, and James Elmer Fitts (Shellia) of Savannah, Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Julie Colbert. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews and many dear friends and church family whose lives were blessed by knowing him. Charles will be remembered as a man who loved the Lord, his wife, his family, people, and faithfully lived the Gospel he preached.

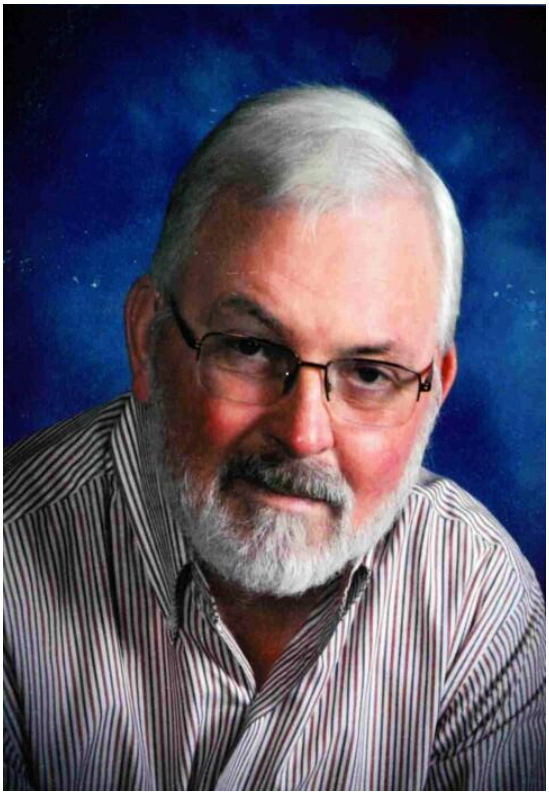
A graveside service celebrating Charles's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, at Brooksville Cemetery in Brooksville, Mississippi. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

Living Waters Foursquare Church 70 Dogtown Drive Savannah, TN 38372

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105

BEMP Cemetery 586 Hines Road Brooksville, MS 39739"

I fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7



Robert Eugene Martin

Robert Eugene Martin passed away on August 15, 2026. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Rolling Fork United Methodist Church in Rolling Fork, MS. Celebration of Life Service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Cary Cemetery.

Robert was born on October 14, 1955, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Howard Eugene and Coralyn Martin. Robert was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Robert married Christine Bridewell on November 10, 1979, in Rolling Fork, MS. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and shared dreams.

An accomplished individual, Robert earned a master's degree, which he utilized throughout his dedicated career as an extension agent for the Mississippi State University Extension Service. His work was not just a profession but a passion, as he tirelessly contributed to the community's agricultural advancement. Robert's love for his community extended past just agriculture though. From serving on several boards, volunteering in his church, to teaching GED courses to local inmates at the correctional facility, Robert's love for his community and willingness to serve shown through every aspect of his life. Everywhere he'd go there seemed to be another story of someone he had helped, even if it was just brightening their day with a joke or his quick wit.

Robert's life was enriched by his deep-rooted faith as a member of the Rolling Fork United Methodist Church, where he found solace and companionship. His love for yard-work, reading, and sports was well-known, you could often find Robert cheering for his favorite teams, or outside tending to his beautifully landscaped yard.

He is preceded by his parents, Howard Eugene Martin and Coralyn Martin.

Above all, Robert cherished his family. He leaves behind his sons, Andrew Martin (Anna Katherine) of Starkville, MS and Will Martin (Dana) of Starkville, MS; daughter, Ginny Yelverton (Breland) of Cleveland; grandchildren: Laura Guyton Martin, Maggie Martin, Turner Yelverton, Brantley Yelverton, Mary Cameron Martin, Collier Martin, and Henry Martin, who brought immense joy to his life; brother, Wayne Martin; and his sisters, Beth Ann Stuart (Frank) and Sue Daigrepont (Bruce); along with his brother-in-law, Joe Bridewell. The bonds he shared with his family were a source of great pride and happiness.

In his quiet moments, Robert found companionship in his loyal dog, Buddy, whose presence was a constant source of comfort and joy.

Robert's life was a testament to love, commitment, and integrity. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. May he rest in eternal peace.



WINSTON SAVELLE, JR.

Ike Winston Savelle, Jr, 70, of Columbus MS passed away on March 26, 2026. He was born on September 10th 1955 in Columbus MS to Ike and Willa Savelle. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1977 with a Bachelor's in Forestry, and achieved a Master's in Forestry at MSU in 1979. He worked for numerous employers during his career in forestry including: NASA, the Mississippi Forestry Extension Service, Georgia-Pacific, and Bureau Veritas. In addition to his love of forestry, he was an avid outdoorsman as an owner and member of the Hairston Bend Hunting Club. He served dutifully in the Mississippi National Guard for 20 years achieving the rank of Major

Winston is survived by his wife, Bonny, and his son, Trey.



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2026 SPECIAL REPORTS

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS REPORT

February 4-5, 2026 – JCEP/ELC – Savannah, Georgia
April 20-22, 2025 – PILD – Bethesda, Maryland
July 8-12, 2026 – NACAA AM/PIC – Denver, Colorado

Extension Leadership Conference (ELC) Report

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Extension Leadership Conference (ELC) brings together Extension professionals from across the nation to strengthen leadership skills, foster professional growth, and build collaborative networks that enhance the impact of the Cooperative Extension System. The 2026 Extension Leadership Conference, held February 4-5 in Savannah, Georgia, centered on the theme, **"Visionary Leadership in a Connected World."**

The conference challenged participants to think beyond traditional approaches to leadership and explore how emerging technologies, innovative communication strategies, and evolving educational delivery methods can be leveraged to strengthen Extension programming and service. A wide range of seminars and workshops focused on topics such as artificial intelligence, digital engagement, leadership development, and organizational innovation, providing practical tools and ideas that can be applied to Extension education and outreach. These sessions emphasized how technology can be used to enhance efficiency, increase audience engagement, expand program reach, and further the mission of Extension in an increasingly connected world. Attendees also benefited from outstanding keynote and capstone presentations. Jay Hamby, Director of NIFA, delivered the keynote address, providing valuable insight into the future of Extension, opportunities for innovation, and the important role Extension professionals play in serving communities through education and leadership. The conference concluded with an engaging capstone presentation from Nick Fuhrman, who used several animals he had rehabilitated from injury to illustrate the importance of creativity, adaptability, and stepping outside traditional approaches to learning. His presentation reinforced how meaningful engagement and memorable educational experiences can lead to greater learner participation, retention, and achievement. This years conference provided valuable opportunities to network with Extension professionals from across the country, exchange ideas, and learn from diverse perspectives and experiences. I feel like those in attendance, myself included, left with strengthened professional connections, renewed enthusiasm for the Extension mission, and practical leadership tools that will help them better serve their organizations, communities, and clientele through visionary leadership in a rapidly changing world.

Drew Wilson
1st Vice President

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) Report

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals, 2026 PILD Conference was held April 20-22nd in Bethesda, Maryland. The theme of the conference was "Year-Round Impact." As President-Elect, Dr. Drew Gholson represented MACAA as one of four Extension Agents from Mississippi State University.

NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC)

The NACAA AM/PIC was held July 8–12, 2026, in Denver, Colorado. It was an excellent conference that provided Extension professionals from across the United States with opportunities to learn from one another, share innovative educational programs, and be recognized for their accomplishments.

MACAA members who attended included Butch Bailey, Donna Beliech, Heather Jennings, James Shannon, Drew Wilson, Alex Shook, Lindsey Pansano Daley, Brandi Karisch, Dillon Russell, and Leyla Rios. Attendees served as voting delegates, presenters, and recipients of Communication, DSA, and AA awards.

One of the highlights of the conference was the Opening Session, when each state's flag was presented across the stage. That evening, attendees were welcomed to Colorado by Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, followed by an inspiring keynote presentation from Dr. Temple Grandin.

State's Night Out is always a favorite, and this year was no exception. The group enjoyed a great evening together at Stout Street Social. Attendees also had the opportunity to visit Colorado State University's Spur campus and explore its innovative technology and educational resources.

One of the best parts of the conference is the opportunity to hear about new educational programs and ideas from colleagues in other states while also building connections with Extension professionals from across the country. The NACAA AM/PIC provided many opportunities for professional development, recognition, networking, and sharing ideas. Overall, it was a great conference and a valuable experience for everyone who attended!

Heather Jennings
President, MACAA

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
JCEP – Extension Leadership Conference – Orlando, Florida, February 9-10, 2027
JCEP – Public Issues Leadership Development Conference – Arlington, Virginia, April 12-14, 2027
NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) – St. Paul, Minnesota, September 12-16, 2027



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

PRESIDENT'S 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2026

Dear MACAA Members,

As I wrap up my year as MACAA President, I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has helped make this year a success. It has been an honor to serve this association, and I appreciate the support, encouragement, and willingness of so many people to step up and help along the way.

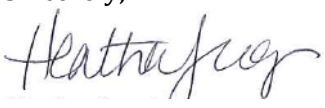
This association is truly a team effort and I certainly could not have done alone. I also want to thank our MACAA Board and all of our members who have contributed their time to our association.

MACAA is a great organization that offers so many opportunities for professional development, networking, leadership, and service. Whether it is through our state association, Professional Improvement Conference, or NACAA AM/PIC, there are opportunities at so many levels to learn, grow, and connect with others in Extension. I encourage each of you to take advantage of these opportunities, get involved, and encourage your fellow agents to do the same. You never know what you might learn, who you might meet, or how those experiences might benefit you both personally and professionally.

I also want to express my appreciation to our Extension administration for their continued support of MACAA and our members. Having that support makes a difference and helps us continue to grow as an association and provide meaningful opportunities for our members.

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president. I have really enjoyed it. MACAA is strong because of its members, and I look forward to seeing our organization continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Heather Jennings
2026 MACAA President



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS

2025-2026 BOARD MINUTES

2025 MACAA Award Program and Business Meeting
MSU Bost Extension Center Auditorium
11/5/2025

- Dr. James Shannon, MACAA President, opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. There were 87 members present. (Sign in sheet attached)
- Representatives from Epsilon Sigma Phi, MEAFCS, MAE4-HA presented information about their organizations and welcomed attendees to join their organizations.
- Recent retirees Amanda Masholie and Dr. Bill Burdine were recognized
- Drew Wilson introduced our guest speaker, Stafford Shurden. Mr. Shurden talked about how farming has changed over the years, how MSU Extension can help, and gave words of encouragement.
- After a brief intermission Dr. Shannon called the awards presentation to order
- Dr. Angus Catchot mentioned the stressful reality that row crop farmers are currently facing. He highlighted a project that Dr. Mary Nelson Robertson was working on that will highlight the struggles that farmers are facing both economically and mentally.
- Dr. Shannon then presented Dr. Bill Burdine with the Presidential Citation Award.
- The following were recognized for the Distinguished Service and Achievement Awards:

<u>Distinguished Service Award Winners:</u>

- Northwest – Dr. Drew Gholson
- Southeast – Butch Bailey
- State – Dr. Brandi Karisch

<u>Achievement Award Winners:</u>

- Northwest – Dillon Russell
- Southeast – Lindsey V. Pansano Daley
- State – Dr. Leyla Rios

- The following were recognized for the MACAA Outstanding Program Awards:

Ruby D. Rankin Early-Career Programming Excellence - Tristan Peavey
Elmo Collum Mid-Career Programming Excellence - Sandy Havard
Booker Mims Excellence in Plant Agriculture Programs - Randall Nevins
Wesley Farmer Excellence in Animal Agriculture Programs - Melissa Morgan
Excellence in ANR Youth Programs - Heather Jennings

- The following were recognized as Communication Award winners:
    - Dr. Eddie Smith – Audio Recordings, Personal Column, Edu. Video Recording, SE District Communicator of the Year
    - Dr. Bill Burdine - Computer Generated Graphic Design, Fact Sheet, NE District Communicator of the Year
    - Heather Jennings- Published Photo, Website/Online Content, Newsletter, SW District Communicator of the Year, State Communicator of the Year of the Year
    - Brenton Breland- Publication
    - Kelby King- Event Promo Package
- The following were recognized for the Search for Excellence Awards:
    - Search for Excellence in 4-H Programming – Jennifer Williams
    - Search for Excellence in Consumer/Commercial Horticulture – Brenton Breland

    - Search for Excellence in Environmental Quality, Forestry and Natural Resources – Kelby King and Kimberly Hancock.
    - Search for Excellence in Young, Beginning, or Small Farmers/Ranchers – Matthew Thornton, Jessica Sibley, and Laura Anglin
- Dr. Shannon opened the business portion of the meeting. There was no Old Business or New Business
- Dr. Jason Barrett gave an investment update. As of October 20, 2025 the market value of the investment account was $424,219.80.
- Zach Yow gave a financial report. The total balance for the checking account was $16,716.50. Total income was $26,283.88 and total expenses were $24,765.67 which resulted in a net income of $1,518.21 for 2024/2025.
- Lonnie Jenschke, NACAA Southern Region Vice Director, gave an update on NACAA.
- Drew Wilson recognized corporate sponsors and gave an update on the PIC.
- Drew Wilson and Jessica Sibley held a memorial service recognizing nine former association members who had recently passed away.
- New offices were installed. Preston Aust made a motion to accept the officer installation. Dr. Jason Barrett seconded the motion.
- Dr. Shannon gave the outgoing president's report.
- Heather Jennings gave the incoming president's report.
- Jessica Sibley made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Whitney Crow seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board of Directors' Breakfast Meeting
Starkville Café
11/6/2025

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Heather Jennings (Video Call), Dr. James Shannon, Jessica Sibley, Lindsey Pansano, Matthew Thornton, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Zach Yow, Alex Shook, Drew Wilson, Kyle Lewis, Hunter Null, Lonnie Jenschke, Jim McAdory, Dr. Drew Gholson, Randall Nevins, and Brenton Breland.
- Heather gave an update on the jackets that had been ordered for prior MACAA presidents.
- Heather asked if there were any comments related to or ideas for improvement of the MACAA annual meeting. Attendees gave positive comments on how streamlined the awards were this year, the new memorial service, and how much they enjoyed the speaker, Stafford Shurden. Possible future topics for speakers were discussed
- Heather shared plans to promote the Communication Awards and Search for Excellence Awards leading up to the application deadline of March 15th in hopes of increasing applications.
- Heather highlighted the date of the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC and the need for finding voting delegates.
- Heather mentioned the need to update the MACAA website and plans to address the issue at the next meeting.
- Heather and Drew Wilson plan to meet with Dr. Angus Catchot and Dr. Trent Irby in early 2026 to discuss the 2027 NACAA Southeastern Region Vice Director position who will be selected from Mississippi and the MACAA PIC.
- Heather discussed finding nominees for the NACAA SE Vice Director position by next annual meeting and getting approval from administration for travel associated with the position. Possible nominees were discussed. The election will be held at the 2026 MACAA Annual Meeting.

- Heather brought up that administration was planning on moving the annual Extension training to March. She opened discussion about the possibility of holding the MACAA PIC again. Discussions were held about the benefits of having the PIC again now that the original time frame had opened back up. The possibility of holding a joint PIC Conference with neighboring states was discussed. Heather plans to work with Dr. Catchot and Dr. Irby to make sure that training dates are set and get their feedback about holding the MACAA PIC in the August/September time frame.
- Dr. Lemus introduced the idea of forming a sponsorship committee to find outside sponsorships to support the PIC. Dr. Lemus indicated that he would be happy to chair the committee and Jessica Sibley said that she would be a part of the committee as well.
- Dr. Rocky Lemus made a motion to adjourn, and Alex Shook seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting Minutes
12/16/2025, via Zoom

- President, Heather Jennings called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Kelby King, Cody Mills, Zach Yow, Dr. James Shannon, Matt Thornton, Kyle Lewis, Jessica Sibley, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Dr. Drew Gholson, Drew Wilson, Hunter Null, and Adam Barrilleaux
- Heather Jennings asked everyone to review meeting minutes from the MACAA Annual Meeting on 11-5-2025 and the MACAA Board Breakfast Meeting on 11-6-2025 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
    - Motion – Cody Mills
    - Second – Dr. Drew Gholson
    - Minutes were approved as is.
- Zach Yow gave the financial report (October 1,2025 – December 16,2025):
    - Checking Account Balance: **$14,645.47**
    - Expenses: **$7,377.30**
        - Presidential Plaque Name Plates - **$25**
        - 2025 Retiree Jackets - **$239.66**
        - 2025 Annual Meetings Special Awards - **$2,500**
        - 2025 Annual Meeting Communication Awards - **$1,040**
        - Website Renewal Fee - **$221.08**
        - 2025 Annual Meeting Lunch - **$1,360**
        - Presidential Jackets - **$631.30**
        - Supplies for Agent Memorial Service - **$30.76**
        - 2025 Annual Meeting Plaques - **$620**
        - Special Guest Gifts/ Board Meeting Breakfast – **$709.50**
    - Income: **$10,956.56**
        - MPSEP Sponsorship for Annual Meeting - **$1,360**
        - MS Cattlemen's Association Sponsorship for Board Meeting Breakfast - **$280.66**
        - 2026 Membership Dues - **$9,315.90**

    - Motion – Jessica Sibley
    - Second – Dr. Rocky Lemus
    - Financial Report approved as is.
- Heather highlighted the importance of getting dues paid on time. There is now a February 1st deadline for NACAA dues, after which a $10 late fee will be charged.
- Heather Jennings and Drew Wilson are meeting with Dr. Angus Catchot and Dr. Trent Irby on January 12, 2026. They plan to discuss with them support for the JCEP and PILD. They will also discuss the need for a nomination for the NACAA Regional Vice Director. A nominee must be submitted by December 1, 2026, and will be voted in at the 2027 AMPIC. They will also discuss our plans for the MACAA PIC.
- Heather talked about JCEP and her being unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts with Dixie National. She asked Drew Wilson if he would be able to attend to represent MACAA. Drew agreed to attend.
- Heather reminded the board about the upcoming application deadline of March 15th for Communication Awards, Vice Chair/National Chair Committee, Search for Excellence Awards, and Presentation Abstracts/Posters and said that there will be more information to come about the application process.
- Heather talked about the need to update the website and that she planned to meet with Dale Moore in Ag Comm in January regarding the needed updates. A discussion was had about the possibility of adding a resource on the website for important documents to be stored for utilization of future presidents, a directory of members, and to utilize the website as a resource to highlight member's good works.
- Heather opened discussion about the possibility of having a MACAA PIC conference in 2026. Dr. Lemus informed the board that he already had several possible sponsors and that he was drafting a sponsorship letter. A discussion was had about bringing in speakers from other states.
- Heather brought up the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC in Denver, July 8th-12th and said that more information would be coming out April 1st about registration.
- Dr. Lemus mentioned the upcoming Leadership Academy and the registration period of February 15th – March 15th.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn.
    - Motion – Dr. Rocky Lemus
    - Second – Cody Mills
    - Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
1/14/2026, via Zoom

- President, Heather Jennings called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Drew Wilson, Dr. Drew Gholson, Josh Tilley, Dr. James Shannon, Alex Shook, Randall Nevins, Adam Barrilleaux, Butch Bailey, Matt Thornton, Jessica Sibley, Zach Yow, Lindsey Pansano, Kyle Lewis, Brenton Breeland, Dr. Kevin Ragon, and Hunter Null
- Heather Jennings asked everyone to review meeting minutes from the MACAA board meeting on 12-16-2025 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
    - Motion – Alex Shook
    - Second – Dr. Drew Gholson
    - Minutes were approved as is.
- Zach Yow gave the financial report

- Checking Account Balance - $14,888.66
  - Expenses:
    - No expenses since the December 2025 Board Meeting
    - Projected expenses to be coming up: Tax Filing Fee and Crime Policy Insurance Premium
  - Income:
    - 2026 Membership Dues to be deposited: Approx. $2,200.00

- Heather Jennings moved to old business
- Drew Wilson will be the MACAA representative to attend the 2026 JCEP. He will receive a $450 stipend from NACAA.
- Dr. Drew Gholson will attend the 2026 PILD
- Heather discussed the AA/DSA award nominations and the districts that would need to find nominees for each.
- Heather Jennings then opened the discussion of new business
- Heather discussed the upcoming application deadline of March 15th for the following NACAA Awards/Positions : Communication Awards, Vice Chair/National Chair Committee, Search for Excellence Awards, Presentation Abstracts/Posters.
- Heather brought up the upcoming deadline for membership dues of February 1st and the $10 late fee that will be charged after that deadline. Membership chairs will be emailed about reaching out to the ones who have not paid their membership dues.
- Heather gave information about the 2026 AM/PIC in Denver, Colorado (July 8th – 12th). Discussion was about travel, lodging, and amenities.
- Heather stressed the need for a nominee from Mississippi for the 2027 NACAA Regional Vice Director.
- Heather highlighted the ongoing efforts to update the MACAA website. The Teaching and Educational Technologies Committee will be responsible for keeping the website updated.
- Heather gave an update on the 2026 MACAA PIC. The statewide Extension Agent Training is scheduled for March 17th – 20th this year. Further discussion will be had with Extension administration about support of the PIC.
- Heather informed the board that the MACAA Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th.
- The next MACAA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th at 9 AM.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn.
  - Motion- Drew Wilson
  - Second – Butch Bailey
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
2/19/2026, via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Drew Wilson, Butch Bailey, Ross Overstreet, Dr. James Shannon, Jessica Sibley, Cody Mills, Matt Thronton, Dr. Kevin Ragon, Adam Barrilleaux, Zach Yow, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Alex Shook, and Hunter Null.
- Heather Jennings asked everyone to review meeting minutes from the MACAA board meeting on 1-14-2026 and asked for a motion to accept the minutes.
  - Motion – Butch Bailey
  - Second – Cody Mills
  - Minutes were accepted as is.
- Heather Jennings gave the financial report

- Checking Account Balance - $17,042.93
    - Expenses:
        - Membership Dues - $6,550 (has not cleared bank yet)
        - Projected expenses to be coming up: Tax Filing Fee ($275), Crime Policy Insurance Premium ($237), JCEP Travel Expenses ($1,743.65), and PLD Travel Expenses.
    - Income:
        - 2026 membership dues to be deposited: Approx. $2151.75
  - Motion to accept – Butch Bailey
  - Second – Dr. Rocky Lemus
  - Financial report accepted as is
- New Business
  - Heather shared the NACAA Awards info sheet that she created with information about each award, how to apply, and the application deadline
  - Drew Wilson gave a report from JCEP. 2026 JCEP was in Savannah, Georgia. Drew talked about how great the conference was.
  - A discussion was held about the States Night Out at NACAA AM/PIC in Denver, CO. Drew Wilson is going to check on possible restaurants for dinner.
  - Heather Jennings opened discussion about the NACAA AM/PIC. April 1st is the registration deadlines. Heather talked about how important it is that they find out quickly who is planning on going.
  - Travel stipends were discussed. MSU Extension administration gives each winner $500 for travel every year. MACAA gives each voting delegate $500 for travel expenses.
    - Butch Bailey made a motion to give those that attend the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC up to a $1000 in additional travel money.
    - Second- Jessica Sibley
    - Motion Passed
  - Heather opened discussion about the 2026 MACAA PIC. There has been no discussion with administration yet about the conference. A discussion was had about possible locations for the conference, possible dates, and reaching out to other universities about partnering with them on the PIC.
  - Heather is gathering information about the 2027 NACAA Vice Director nominee.
  - Heather is working with other members on updating the website
  - The 2027 MACAA Annual Meeting is Wednesday, November 4th.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - Motion – Dr. Rocky Lemus
  - Second - Butch Bailey
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
3/31/26, via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Heather introduced Dr. Trent Irby. A conversation was had about the MACAA PIC and its benefits in relation to trainings already offered by MSU Extension administration. The board of directors gave Dr. Irby their reasons for why the PIC would be beneficial.
- Heather asked the board to review the February board meeting minutes. Butch Bailey pointed out the financial report should be “accepted” not “approved”. Butch made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the amendment that the word “approved” be replaced with “accepted” for the financial report. Drew Wilson seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved with the amendment.

- Zach Yow gave the financial report:
    - Checking Account Balance: $10,814.49
    - Expenses:
        - NACAA Membership Dues –
            - 134 Total Members
                - 120- Renewals
                - 14- 1st Timers
            - 1st Round - $6,500
            - 2nd Round - $120 (Has not cleared bank yet)
            - 3rd Round - $60 (Has not cleared bank yet)
            - Total - $6,730
        - Tax Filing Fee- $300
        - Crime Policy Insurance Premium - $237
        - JCEP Travel Expenses - $1,743.65 (has not been paid yet)
        - PILD Travel Expenses
    - Income:
        - 2026 Membership Dues to be deposited - $406.22
        - JCEP Incentive - $450
    - Motion to accept the financial report – Jessica Sibley
    - Second – Butch Bailey
    - Financial report was accepted as is.
- Heather informed us that we will have an additional voting delegate for the NACAA AM/PIC. MACAA will have a total of five voting delegates. Alex Shook will serve as the additional voting delegate at AM/PIC.
- Heather highlighted that MACAA members had submissions in all nine categories of the Search for Excellence Awards and twenty-one submissions for Communication Awards. State winners have been selected for these awards and sent to NACAA for judging.
- Further discussion was had about the possibility of having a MACAA PIC conference. Heather shared that she thought a survey of MACAA membership about their preferences in regard to a MACAA PIC would be beneficial. Alex Shook spoke with LSU about the possibility of having a joint conference and they informed him that it wouldn't be a possibility this year.
- Dr. Drew Gholson will attend the 2026 PILD and will give a report in the April board meeting.
- Heather gave an update on the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC. The NACAA AM/PIC will be July 8-12th in Denver, Colorado. Drew Wilson is working on plans for the States Night Out. Registration usually opens April 1st but nothing has been sent out yet. The registration fee for the 2026 AM/PIC is $600. More information is expected soon.
- Heather received an email about sponsorships for tour lunches at the NACAA AM/PIC. The estimated cost of sponsoring a tour lunch is $1,500 - $2,000. A discussion was had about the details of the sponsorship and the possibility of helping sponsor the lunches. A vote was taken on whether to sponsor the tour lunches:
    - No votes in favor of sponsoring the tour lunches
    - Six votes in opposition of sponsoring the tour lunches
    - MACAA will not be sponsoring the tour lunches.
- Heather has been working with CTO and the Teaching and Educational Technologies Committee to update the MACAA website. Some updates have been made, with more updates to come.
- Heather highlighted announcements about upcoming NACAA virtual committee workshops.

- Further discussion was had about sending out a survey to membership regarding possibly having a MACAA PIC. Alex Shook agreed to work on survey questions and the survey will be sent to membership when completed.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn
    - Motion- Drew Wilson
    - Second- Alex Shook
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
4/21/2026 via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order
- Heather presented the meeting minutes from the MACAA meeting on 3/31/26 and asked for a motion to accept the minutes.
    - Motion – Butch Bailey
    - Second- Cody Mills
- Heather gave the financial report:
    - Checking Account Balance: $10,816.25
    - No Expenses
    - Income: $1.76 (Interest)
    - Motion to accept: Butch Bailey
    - Second: Cody Mills
- Old Business
    - Results from NACAA Awards and Abstracts applications are being made available
    - Anyone planning to go to the NACAA AM/PIC, that is not a voting delegate or an award winner, needs to let Heather know for planning purposes
- New Business
    - Heather went over results from MACAA PIC survey. A discussion was had about possible time frames and locations to have the PIC.
    - Dr. Rocky Lemus made a motion that Natchez be the prospective location of the 2026 MACAA AM/PIC. Alex Shook seconded the motion. Motion passed.
    - Alex Shook is going to call the hotel in Natchez to find their availability during the August/September time frame.
    - Heather gave an update on the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC.
        - Drew Wilson is working on scheduling State's Night Out.
        - The NACAA Regional Directors Newsletter was sent out by email recently. It includes important information about the AM/PIC. Heather highlighted some of the information in the newsletter.
    - Heather is going to reach out to the Teaching and Technology Committee about their progress on the MACAA website.
    - The next monthly board meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 9:00 AM
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting
    - Motion: Butch Bailey
    - Second: Drew Wilson
- Meeting was adjourned

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
5/12/2026 via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Kelby King, Drew Wilson, Matt Thornton, Alex Shook, Butch Bailey, Lindsey Pansano, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Dr. Drew Gholson, Kyle Lewis, Adam Barrilleaux, and Hunter Null.
- Heather asked the board to review the meeting minutes of the April 2026 meeting and for a motion to accept the minutes.
    - Motion: Alex Shook
    - Second: Drew Wilson
- Heather gave the treasures report. No changes from last meeting.
- Dr. Drew Gholson gave an update of PILD.
- Heather and Kelby King gave an update on the NACAA Search for Excellence Awards. In the past, NACAA has awarded $50 to state winners. NACAA will no longer award those state winners. Heather asked for the board's thoughts on MACAA awarding the winners.
    - Matt Thornton made a motion that starting in 2026 MACAA will award state winners of the NACAA Search for Excellence Awards with $50.
    - Second: Alex Shook
    - Motion Passed
- Alex Shook gave an update on the 2026 MACAA PIC. The MACAA PIC Planning Committee is made up of Alex Shook, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Matt Thornton, Ross Overstreet, and Butch Bailey. Alex went over an estimated budget for the event.
    - Estimated Budget:
        - Estimated Costs: $13,190
            - Facility Rental: $1,650
            - Food: $8,000
            - Hospitality: $1,000
            - Transportation: $200
            - Shirts: $1,840
            - Signs, Banners, ETC: $500
        - Estimated Income: $6,180
            - Registration Fees: $3,680
            - Sponsorships: $2,500
    - Moton to approve the budget: Matt Thornton
    - Second: Lindsey Pansano
    - Budget was approved.
- Heather informed the board that the early bird registration for the NACAA AM/PIC was approaching and that hotel space was becoming limited. Drew Wilson added that we shouldn't have a problem with finding a place to accommodate our attendees for the States Night Out.
- The Teaching and Educational Technologies Committee is planning a meeting to discuss the improvement of the MACAA website.
- The June board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, June 23, 2026
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn.
    - Motion: Kelby King
    - Second: Adam Barrilleaux
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
6/23/2026 via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Matt Thornton, Butch Bailey, Hunter Null, Adam Barrilleaux, and Dr. Drew Gholson.
- Heather asked the board to review the meeting minutes from the 5/12/2026 meeting and asked for a motion to approve.
    - Motion – Butch Bailey
    - Second – Matt Thornton
- Heather gave the financial report.
    - Account Balance - $9,240.82
        - Expenses - $1,500 (Deposit to Natchez Grand Hotel for PIC)
    - Motion to accept financial report – Butch Bailey
    - Second – Adam Barrilleaux
- Heather informed the board that the new banking provider is Huntington Bank.
- Heather talked about the travel funds for award winners and voting delegates for the NACAA AM/PIC. MACAA's portion of the travel will be $8,500.
- Since the checking account has enough funds to cover the travel, the board decided to postpone discussion about transferring funds to the checking account until next meeting.
- Heather highlighted that Drew Wilson is working on securing a reservation for State's Night Out at the NACAA AM/PIC and needs to know of anyone that plans to attend.
- Matt Thornton gave a brief update on the MACAA PIC. More details will be available soon.
- Heather mentioned the upcoming State Officer Workshop via zoom on June 30th.
- Heather gave some insight into the schedule of events at the NACAA AM/PIC.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
    - Motion- Matt Thornton
    - Second – Butch Bailey

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
07/15/26, via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Adam Barrilleaux, Butch Bailey, Cody Mills, Drew Wilson, Brenton Breland, Kelby King, Jessica Sibley, Josh Tilley, Kyle Lewis, Matt Thornton, Dr. Rocky Lemus, Dr. Whitney Crow, Dr. James Shannon, Zach Yow, and Hunter Null
- Heather asked the board to review the meeting minutes of the 6/23/2026 meeting and asked for a motion to approve.
    - Motion – Drew Wilson
    - Second – Adam Barrilleaux
- Zach Yow gave the financial report.
    - Account Balance - $9,241.27
    - Motion to accept financial report – Adam Barrilleaux
    - Second – Jessica Sibley

- Zach explained that in past years money has been moved from the investment account into the checking account to cover NACAA AM/PIC and PILD travel. Expenses from NACAA AM/PIC, States Night Out, and JCEP totaled $10,262.30. Drew Wilson made a motion to move $10,000 from the investment account to the checking account to cover the expenses mentioned.
    - Second – Dr. Rocky Lemus
    - Motion passed unanimously.
- Heather gave an update from the 2026 NACAA AM/PIC that was held the prior week in Denver, Colorado.
- Matt Thornton said that the MACAA PIC conference scheduled should be finalized soon. Dr. Rocky Lemus opened a discussion about the best way to handle registration for the conference.
- Heather informed the board that Randall Nevins had taken over the process of updating the website.
- Heather started a discussion about the 2027 NACAA Southern Region Vice Director nominee that will be selected from MACAA. The nomination process is completely up to MACAA. Heather plans to send an email to the membership about the position and ask for letters of intent for those that are interested in the position. The deadline for letters of intent will be September 30th, giving time for the board of directors and MSU Extension administration to review applicants prior to the MACAA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 4th. At the MACAA Annual Meeting, those that are interested in the position will be allowed to speak and an election will be held.
- Heather sent an email to membership asking for members to let her know of retirees for this year. Heather brought the names that she had gathered to the board of directors and asked if there were any that she was missing.
- Heather highlighted the upcoming program awards deadline of September 30th.
- Heather also asked that DSA, AA, and membership chair nominations be selected by September 30th.
- Heather mentioned that the dates have been set for PILD and JCEP. PILD will be April 12 -14th, 2027 in Maryland and Drew Wilson will be attending. JCEP will be February 9-10th, 2027 in Orlando and Dr. Drew Gholson will be attending.
- Heather asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
    - Motion- Matt Thornton
    - Second – Dr. Rocky Lemus
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting Minutes
8/5/2026, via Zoom

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Matt Thornton, Randall Nevins, Alex Shook, Butch Bailey, Josh Tilley, Jessica Sibley, Drew Wilson, Lindsey Pansano, Dr. Whitney Crow, Kyle Lewis, Zach Yow, Hunter Null, and Dr. James Shannon
- Heather asked the board to look over the July meeting minutes. Heather pointed out that the date on the minutes was incorrect.
    - Motion to approve after date change – Matt Thornton
    - Second- Jessica Sibley
- Zach Yow gave a financial report
    - Balance: $19,167.02
        - Income: $10,000 (Transfer from investment account)
        - Expenses: $73.82 (Donna Beliech retirement gift)

- Motion to accept financial report- Butch Bailey
- Second – Drew Wilson

- Zach plans to send the request for annual dues within the next week.
- Heather opened a discussion about the need to look over the bylaws and possibly make some updates. A discussion was held about possibly changing how members are separated into districts and reducing the number of years of service required to serve on the executive board. Heather will refer the matter to the Policy Committee.
- Alex Shook and Matt Thornton gave an update on the PIC. The plan is to send the registration link out to the membership by the end of the week.

- Heather has sent emails about the following upcoming deadlines
  - September 30th - Letters of Intent - NACAA Vice Director.
  - September 30th – NACAA Vice Director – Letter of Intent
  - September 30th – MACAA Awards
  - September 1st – DSA / AA / Membership Chair
    - DSA – Northeast, Southeast, Southwest
    - AA – Southwest, Southeast, Northwest
    - Senior Directors are responsible for reaching out the membership in their districts
- The current Junior Director for the Northwest Region is no longer employed with MSU Extension. The by-laws do not provide guidance in this situation. A discussion was held about how to best address this.
  - A motion was made by Butch Bailey to have the current Senior Director (Jessica Sibley) serve one more year. The Membership Chair (Matt Thornton) will move up to Junior Director, and an election will be held for a new Membership Chair.
  - Second – Alex Shook
- Heather informed us that Dr. Drew Gholson, current President Elect, will be leaving MSU Extension. The by-laws state that members of executive board will move up in their current rotation to fill the vacated position. Drew Wilson will move to President Elect. The Southwest district will elect a 2nd Vice President, and the State Office Group will elect a secretary.
  - Randall Nevins made a motion to follow the process outlined in the by-laws
  - Second- Butch Bailey
- The MACAA Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th. A discussion was had about guest speakers and reports needed for the program book.
- A discussion was held regarding representatives for PILD and JCEP.
  - Matt Thornton made a motion to send both Alex Shook and Drew Wilson to PILD.
  - Second – Jessica Sibley
  - Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to Adjourn – Jessica Sibley
  - Second – Matt Thornton
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting via Zoom
09/16/26

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Heather presented the meeting minutes from the 8/5/2026 meeting.
  - Motion to approve meeting minutes – Matt Thornton
    - Second – Rocky Lemus
  - Minutes Approved

- Zach Yow presented the financial report.
    - Checking account balance: $21,691.21
        - Expenses –
            - State's Night Out Dinner at AMPIC - $468.65
            - Gift for NACAA Regional Director (Cowbell) - $48.14
            - Not Cleared: MSU Extension (AMPIC & JCEP Travel Reimbursement) - $10,243.65
        - Income-
            - 2026 PIC Registration Fees - $1,930.81 (still a few more to come in)
            - Corteva Sponsorship - $1,000.00 – (Processed through PayPal) - $969.61
            - MSPSEP Sponsorship - $1,000.00 – (Processed through PayPal) - $969.61
            - Wax Seed Company Sponsorship - $2,500.00
            - Title X Sponsorship - $500.00
            - 2027 Membership Dues (Processed through PayPal) - $1,169.11
            - Tri-State Soybean Forum Sponsorship (on the way) - $1,500.00
        - Projected Expenses
            - PIC Attendee Gift (Backpack Cooler) - $1,626.47
            - Sponsorship Signs for PIC - $386.23
            - PIC Bus Rental Fee - $500.00
            - Great River Outdoors Tour - $500.00
            - Wednesday Night Dinner & Snack Break Fees
    - Motion to accept Financial Report – Matt Thornton
        - Second – Butch Bailey
    - Financial Report was accepted.
- Heather informed the board that the GACAA had reached out about a financial contribution of $5,000 to help with the 2028 NACAA AM/PIC. A discussion was had about whether MACAA should contribute to the 2028 NACAA AM/PIC.
    - Matt Thornton made a motion that the item be tabled until next months meeting so that the inquiry could be investigated further.
        - Second – Dr. Rocky Lemus
    - Motion passed.
- Matt Thornton gave an update for the upcoming MACAA PIC. A discussion was held about some of the changes that have been made, hotel billing information, and the silent auction.
- Heather highlighted the upcoming deadlines:
    - September 30th – NACAA Vice Director – Letter of Intent
    - September 30th – MACAA Awards
- Heather promoted the good job that the senior directors did of filling the membership chair positions and selecting DSA and AA winners.
- Heather shared the proposed changes to the MACAA by-laws prepared by the Policy Committee. Proposed changes will be sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the 2026 MACAA Annual Meeting. The changes will be voted on at the 2026 MACAA Annual Meeting.

- The 2026 MACAA Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th. Heather shared a draft of the agendas for the Luncheon Program as well as the Business Meeting and Awards program. There was a discussion about how the agenda could be improved. Guest Speakers were discussed. Dr. Rocky Lemus mentioned that having someone speak to the membership about artificial intelligence in agriculture would be beneficial. Heather plans to check about a speaker.
- Heather still is still missing some needed reports for the 2026 MACAA Program Book. Heather will reach out to the individuals responsible for the needed reports.
- Motion to adjourn – Dr. Rocky Lemus
    - Second – Butch Bailey
- Meeting was adjourned.

MACAA Board Meeting via Zoom
10/21/26

- Heather Jennings called the meeting to order.
- Those in attendance were Heather Jennings, Cody Mills, Drew Wilson, Butch Bailey, Adam Barrilleaux, Dr. James Shannon, Kelby King, Jessica Sibley, Matt Thortnon, Dr. Whitney Crow, Dr. Rocky Lemus, and Hunter Null.
- Heather asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 16th meeting.
    - Motion – Matt Thornton
    - Second – Dr. James Shannon
- Heather gave the financial report.
    - Account Balance: $13,071.93
        - Deposits from membership dues and sponsorships will go in soon
    - Motion to accept – Matt Thornton
    - Second – Dr. James Shannon
- Matt Thornton gave a review of the 2026 MACAA PIC. Evaluations were positive and the event went well.
- Heather and Zach investigated the request from GACAA for a $5000 contribution to assist with the 2028 NACAA AM-PIC. MACAA contributed in the past when the AM-PIC was in the southern region. Zach is going to look at how much money was contributed in the past and bring those numbers to a future meeting for the matter to be voted on.
- Heather sent the proposed by-law changes to the membership for review prior to the annual meeting where the changes will be voted upon. Dr. James Shannon added that the changes were common sense and needed.
- Heather went over the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting/ Business Meeting and Awards Program on Wednesday, November 4th. A discussion was had about who would be a good guest speaker. Dr. Jerome Goddard and Mark Silva were recommended as possible speakers.
- Heather informed the group that the Southwest Junior Director, Brenton Breeland, moved to another district. Kyle Lewis will stay on for one more year as senior director to allow for the rotation to continue as normal.
- Butch Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
    - Second: Rocky Lemus
- Meeting was adjourned

WEBSITE INFORMATION

MACAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AVAILABLE AT:

http://www.mscountyagent.com/pdfs/bylaws%2020%20update.pdf

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