

MACAA Officer and Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 a.m. · 10:30 a.m. June 23, 2010
Interactive Video

Attendees: Glenn Hughes, Al Myles, Bill Burdine, Michael Newman, Judd Gentry, Wayne Porter, Donna Beliech, Darrin Dodds, Jeffrey Wilson, Chuck Grantham, Don Respass, David Carter, Jeremy Maness, Andy Braswell, Lelia Kelly, & Jimbo Burkhalter.

Glenn Hughes, President, called the meeting to order.

Minutes to last meeting of M.A.C.A.A. Donna Beliech emailed minutes of last meeting to everyone. Everyone was given time to look over the minutes. A motion was made by **Michael Newman** & second by **Chuck Grantham** to accept the minutes. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer Report by Al Myles: See attachment. A motion to accept the financial report was made by **Michael Newman** & second by **Al Myles. Motion Passed.**

P.I.C. Conference: Chuck Grantham Reported: August 4th thru 6th in Hattiesburg, MS. Forrest County Extension Service Office. Everyone will meet for in-service training on the 4th. In-service training so far, consisted of the following: **Blake Layton**, Home Pest Control, **Keith Crouse**, Soil Sample analysis, **John Byrd**, Weed Control Guideline, **Clarissia Balbian**, Submission of Samples & Disease Problems, **Tom Eubanks**, Resistant Round Up Ready Crops, Something about Forestry Products.

Glenn & Chuck are putting together tours. **Mike Steed**, Lucedale area, Steward Farms Agri-Tourism, Eubanks Vegetable Farm, **Mike Howell**, Peanut Learning Center & Goat Operation. Pellet Plant & Wood Chip for Livestock Bedding, Small Dairy Operation with Ice Cream.

4 Sessions in 3 rooms for In-service Training. That's 12 sessions total. May be offered concurrently.

Donna Beliech stated we need advanced topics.

Wayne Porter offered Herbicide Damage to Horticulture Crops/Plants.

Bill Burdine suggested Plant Pathology, Disease I.D., Fungicide Techniques, Symptomology by **David Ingram**. I Phone or I4 Phone Technology.

Dr. Newman mentioned eXtension workshop, sharing info, teaching, Google Wave, Twitter, My Space, Facebook. Suggested talking to **Jane Clary** about this. "**Rick Nofsinger** does good job on this." He also mentioned: Horticulture, Frequently asked questions on eXtension. He said that Twitter & Facebook are most popular now.

Glenn Hughes suggested a panel discussion on all of this & Dr. Newman agreed to check on all of this.

Lelia Kelly mentioned having an In-service topic on Volunteer Management.

David Carter from Adams County offered to do Volunteer Implementation & Management Session.

Donna Beliech stated that only 3 people in Southwest District certified in Emergency Management Training and that we should possibly have training on this during our PIC mtg. It was decided that it would take too long & we wouldn't have enough time.

Chuck checked on the price of Vans. Cost of \$100.00/day. \$500 each for buses.

Bill Burdine stated that the Vice President paid for Buses in the past.

Al Myles liked the Van idea. He also stated that 80 to 90 people are the number of agents we could expect to attend.

Bill Burdine: At the first PIC 130 signed in, 90 toured. Last year, 79 Agents signed in, 60 to 70 toured. Numbers are going down.

Donna mentioned using District Vans. **Glenn** said he would check with Coastal R & E Center & **Donna** said she would check with Central MS R & E Center.

Glenn Hughes: **Cliff Covington, Lelia Kelly, & Andy Londo** were National Winners. **Elmo Collum & Judd Gentry** were DSA winners, & **David Carter & Mike Steede** were AA winners representing Mississippi at the National meeting in Tulsa, OK this year.

Elmo is taking a van to Tulsa. **Al** asked about the criteria on the van.

Glenn: **Dr. Joe Street** has 8 spots @ \$500.00 each for voting delegates, DSA, AA, & Award Recipients.

Al Myles: "In the past it covered 3 communication award winners, 3 voting delegates, 4 for DSA & AA winners."

Motion by **Al Myles** that MACAA provide DSA, AA, Voting Delegates & Communication Award Winners up to \$250.00 for expenses to NACAA meeting in Tulsa, OK. **Donna Beliech** second.

Discussion.

Motion to amend the first motion by **Al Myles** to include Presenters. **Donna Beliech** second.
Motion Passed.

Vote on 1st motion. **Motion Passed.**

Donna Beliech: Asked about **Dr. Joe Street's** offer of giving \$500.00 /person. Does this mean that they get this money only if they share a room as we do with our regular travel? **Glenn** said that he would check it. Then the letter that Dr. Street sent was pulled out and it was clarified that: (Read from Letter) *Transportation expenses equal to one-half the regular mileage rate, actual meals (out-of-state limits apply), actual receipted lodging at one-half the double room, and receipted registration fees have been approved.*

Al Myles: "Retirees are a critical situation." "We purchased blazers from J.C. Penny @ \$89.99 each. Jacket with MSU Logo for \$59.99 each." "12 or more gives us a 15% discount." "They need 4 to 6 week's notice to have them on time."

Glenn: Requested sizes from the ones he knew were retiring. "They have until July 7th to change their mind about retirement." **Al** stated: "That's correct!"

Glenn: Brought up the question about Complimentary MACAA membership for new ANR Extension Agents. **Al** said that he had to leave but he supported the concept. Discussion about how the restructuring would affect our membership & **Glenn** stated that he would ask Administration to address this on August 4th at our PIC conference.

Glenn: Review of our June 2nd meeting via Interactive Video with Administration and all Associations. "We are going to the Cluster System" "They are leaving the door open to tweak the system" There will be 6 agents covering a 4 County area. (2 Ag. Agents) (2 4-H) (2 FCS). In the Delta it may be 3 Ag. Agents / 4 Counties. Other areas it may be 1 or it may be 2. "The Southeast District is losing most ANR Agents. More than half.

Donna: "Is MACAA sending a letter out with our preferences on our likes and dislikes as to the changes?"

Glenn: "I will write a letter to **Gregory Bohach, of Idaho** to thank him for meeting with us & I will express sentiments of the Board of Directors to him." "I will also make him an offer to meet with all Associations again." **Bill Burdine & Glenn Hughes** will meet to compose the letter.

Glenn: "The budget for South Carolina National meeting in 2011 is: \$370,000.00." "It will be over \$400,000.00. "It was brought up by Louisiana, that we Co-Host the National meeting with them in 2016." The question was raised: "What will it cost us?"

Bill Burdine: "We need a lot more information about the details of what our role would be in this joint venture." "We don't want to just furnish money & not get at least ½ the recognition we would deserve."

Glenn: The bid is due by 2012. 4 years in advance of the host year. Motion to agree to Co-Host with Louisiana was cancelled.

Donna: Bring this decision before **all** membership.

The decision was made to table it until the August 4th Board meeting.

Glenn: We held the grant writing workshops and they will be made available to you online at some point in time.

Motion was made by someone that we adjourn and second by someone. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jimbo Burkhalter

2010 MACAA Secy.

2010-2011 MACAA Board of Directors



Al Myles



Andy Braswell



Bill Burdine



Darrin Dodds



David Carter



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Donna Beliech



Glenn Hughes



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Lelia Kelly



Michael Newman



Wayne Porter



Jeremy Maness



Belvia Giachelli



Thomas Brewer



Brandt Nichols



Steve Winters



Amanda Walker



James Henderson

Chuck Grantham (PIC Chair) not pictured cos' they've already taken a lot of the retirees out of the system.