



A monthly update from Bonnie McCarvel,  
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## June 2020

**June** - Like many of you, MACA will be trying something new with the June Quarterly Meetings being held via electronic platforms! Thanks to the committee chairs, we've juggled the schedules just a bit - but the good news is, you can participate in as many committee meetings as you would like. Just check out the schedule below. In a little more than 90 days it will be time for the MACA Annual Meeting. While we have had to adjust a few things, the speaker line-up is amazing! Meanwhile, work continues on the Young Leader Scholarship Program and CropLife Ambassador Program with speakers and presentations. Read on for the details...and continue to be safe and take care of yourself.



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## ANNUAL MEETING

**ANNUAL MEETING** - 'Vision 2030' will be a chance to bring our industry together with featured speakers including **Chris Novak; Jason Henderson, Purdue Extension, and Philippe de Laperouse, HighQuest Partners**. The meeting will be held September 8-10 in St. Louis, Missouri. Be sure and check out the details for the industry tours, golf and private meetings which have been changed up a bit. Watch your email the next few days for the annual meeting registration brochure - which includes the program details, registration and hotel specifics as it will be emailed to you and then posted on the website.

**Reserve Private Meeting Room:** Contact with the dates, number of people and a credit card to pay for the meeting room space. No space will be held until payment is made. **The fee is \$325.00/day**. Rooms will be reserved on a first come-first served basis. Reservations are needed by July 20, 2020. Once payment has been made you will need to work directly with the hotel for food, beverage and AV.

**Annual Meeting Registration is required for all people attending or participating in any private meetings.**

The planning committee includes: **Chair Michael Lehman, Vice Chair Steve Koziolk** along with committee members **Paul Edsten, Matt Wagner, Lindsey Jackson, Tim Riley and Jerry Miller.**

## **JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE**

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) quarterly meetings will be held **June 15-18, 2020 via electronic services. No in-person meeting in St. Louis. Meetings will be held via zoom as follows:**

### **Monday, June 15**

- 1:30-3:30 pm: Annual Meeting Committee

### **Tuesday, June 16**

- 9:30-12:30 pm: Executive Committee
- 1-4 pm: Production & Environmental Stewardship (PES)

### **Wednesday, June 17**

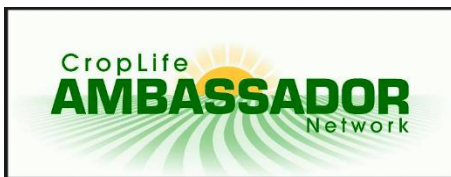
- 9 - noon: D&E
- Noon - 1:00 pm: Lunch and share via Zoom - all welcome to attend!
- 1-4:00 pm: Industry Communications
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm: Executive Committee + Committee Chair or Vice Chair
- Provide brief recap of respective meetings.

### **Thursday, June 18**

- 7:30 - 10:30 am: Board of Directors

Meeting information will be sent out the first week in June to all those who indicated they planned to attend. If you wish to attend, but haven't responded, please let me know.

## **CROP LIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK**



I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the heat in your area! And I really hope you are healthy and well! I look forward to seeing familiar and new faces at our online June meetings later this month and hope to see some of you at our September meetings here in St.

Louis, MO.

Currently, I'm working on getting our presentations updated and on the website so teachers can share with their students. I am also working on getting ambassadors to record presentations so we can still get in the classrooms next year. We are hoping we can still reach students next year even if we aren't allowed physically in a school due to COVID-19. We are exploring the possibility of scheduling live online presentations with classes next year!

If you can record yourself giving a presentation using one of the PowerPoints to students or if you would like to sign up to be one of our live online presenters let me know and we can get started working on that! This will be fun to have ambassadors all over presenting to students in other states! You can email me at [michelle@maca.org](mailto:michelle@maca.org).



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Thursday: 8 am - 12 noon



## YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP) is designed to expose future agriculturalists to the crop protection industry and future career opportunities. Recipients will benefit from exposure and networking with MACA members for potential job opportunities as well as financial compensation. MACA members benefit by developing a talent pool of future industry leaders and through the heightened awareness of MACA within the participating universities.

Students have started their summer internships. Here is where they are working this summer and look for photos with them in action in this and next month's newsletter.

- **Illinois:** Liz Bland will be with Cass-Morgan County Farm Bureau in Jacksonville, IL this summer.

- **Indiana:** Emily Kuhn is working in Champaign, IL at BASF.



- **Iowa:** Mara Weis will be covering Northern Iowa working with Corteva Agriscience.
- **Kansas:** Katie Fross will be with CropQuest in Montezuma, KS this summer.
- **Michigan:** Darren Kulicamp will be interning for TriCal Forages.



- **Minnesota:** Maddie Smith is with RDO Farms as a Crop Scout in Wadena, MN.
- **Missouri:** Abby Bertz is working with Bayer in St. Louis, MO this summer.



- **Nebraska:** Lily Woitaszewski is interning with Corteva Agriscience.



- **North Dakota:** Brendan Hanson will be working with North Dakota State University in Extension Agronomy Service.



- **South Dakota:** Maddie Weninger is working with Brevant in Wisconsin.
- **Wisconsin:** Ashley Nelson will be at the Winfield Innovation Center in Wisconsin.



We are all so excited to work with these amazing students. They will each get to attend the MACA Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO September 8-10, 2020 to network with MACA members.

If you or your company would like to be part of this program please reach out to MACA to see how you can help - [bonnie@maca.org](mailto:bonnie@maca.org).

And thank you again to our sponsors: **Wright Distribution, Valent USA, Syngenta, Rosen's, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Nufarm, Morris Bixby, MMI, MFA, KALO, IEDS, GROWMARK, GreenLeaf, Corteva, Bayer, AMVAC, Albaugh, LLC; and Aceto.**

## STATE UPDATES



**IOWA** - "After suspending the session on March 16, the Iowa legislature is planning to resume on June 3," says **Tyler Teske, Marketing Director, Agribusiness Association of Iowa (AAI)**. It is expected to be short with an emphasis on high priority items previously identified by legislative leaders and an amended State of Iowa budget based on the

impacts of the Pandemic. Introduction of additional legislation outside of Pandemic response is highly unlikely.

The state's COVID-19 response has moved from tight restrictions on non-essential businesses to a wider allowance for businesses to operate under certain guidelines. The governor identified the ag sector early on as essential and many regulations were eased including renewal requirements for commercial pesticide applicator certification, CDL renewals, and truck weights on state roads.

The pandemic threw a wrench into testing for new commercial pesticide applicators closing down testing sites. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) has implemented a solution utilizing in-car testing in parking garages at various locations around the state to maintain social distancing and protect both proctors and participants. The drive-up testing is a welcome help as the growing season is already in full swing with planting largely completed well ahead of recent years.

That early planting of increased corn acres into ideal conditions is already causing concern for ag retailers as they anticipate storage capacity issues. With ethanol production all but halted earlier this year due to unfavorable market conditions, and disruptions in feed use due to packing plant closures and slower processing, corn movement has been significantly slowed.

Agricultural retailers continue to limit customer interactions to keep staff healthy and avoid extended shutdowns. The AAI staff has been working remotely since March 16 with all committee and board meetings being conducted via teleconference. Many member businesses are not allowing travel or gatherings and there currently are no near-term plans to resume in-person meetings for association business.



**KANSAS** - "On Thursday, May 21st, the Kansas legislature returned for one final day of business, working overnight through 24 straight hours of debate and deliberation before adjourning for the year," reports **Randy Stookey, JD, Sr. VP, General Counsel, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA)**.

KARA had anticipated a final vote in the Senate on House Bill 2432, a bill which would have established a pesticide waste disposal program with funding from the Kansas Agricultural Chemical Remediation Reimbursement Fund. This was to be a limited scope, good stewardship program for our industry to be run by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic created a truncated timeframe for the legislature which limited its action to only those bills that were arguably related to the pandemic.

As for COVID-19, KARA worked with our Governor early on to secure a truck weight waiver for agricultural inputs and receive special CDL licensing renewals for seasonal drivers. Legislative action last week, however, will bring about the expiration of our state of disaster emergency no later than May 31st. At that point, Kansas law allows each county commission to consider issuing its own county-wide health order.

Kansas has been wet and mostly cool this spring, but hopefully the sun will begin to shine in the final week of May and first weeks of June in order to dry out a bit for winter wheat harvest and double-crop plantings.



**MINNESOTA** - "The MN Legislative Session fizzled at the end and a Special Session has been scheduled for June," says **Bill Bond, Executive Director, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers (MCPR)**. Part of the problem is MN after the COVID-19 shutdown faces a \$2.43 billion deficit, a nearly \$4 billion dive from the \$1.5 billion surplus projected just months ago which makes the "tax expenditures" to solve the MCPR priority IRS Section 179 expensing tax issue all the more difficult to secure. Two pieces of legislation that did not pass in this session were the Capital Investment Bonding bill and the Omnibus Tax

bill which were linked but fated for failure due to no agreement between the DFL House and GOP Senate Related to ag interests, the Omnibus Agriculture Policy bill became law which includes initiatives requested by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, along with provisions from a host of other bills heard by the respective Senate and House Agriculture Committees this session with modifications to state seed and noxious weed laws, laws governing perishable farm product buyers, state loan programs, eggs, meat and poultry inspections, farm safety, grain buyers, emerging farmers, industrial hemp, agricultural education, pet food and several technical changes to the composition of Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council. The details can be found here: <http://wdoc.house.leg.state.mn.us/leg/LS91/HF4285.2.pdf>.

COVID-19 in Minnesota has meant social distancing for the MCPR staff but folks in rural areas - not so much

Finally, regarding the crop conditions in Minnesota, Bond says, "Best spring in 50 years - near perfect!"



**WISCONSIN** - "The Wisconsin Legislature has finished its session for the year," reports **Tom Bressner, Executive Director, Wisconsin Agri-Business Association (WABA)**. If they do come back for a special session, it will be only for COVID-19 related actions. It is of note that June 1 is the official beginning of the campaign season. Despite moving to a zoom meeting format, candidate meet and greets and fundraisers are alive and well.

As for COVID-19, the five person staff of WABA is doing well. While it is definitely not business as usual, weekly staff conference call meetings and lots of phone calls and emails has kept us moving in the same direction. If Wisconsin numbers (new cases, deaths, negative test results, etc.) continue to improve, we hope to be back in the office on June 9th utilizing special sanitation procedures.

For the most part, crops are planted in Wisconsin. However seed beds and growing conditions have been far from ideal. Warm weather and a little dry spell would be a very welcome sight.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The 2020 membership renewals are coming in. Thus far 53 have renewed! If you know someone who should be a member of MACA, give me a call so we can discuss.

## SHORT NOTES



- The June issue of the MACA Water Update by MACA's Water Consultant Steve Taylor focused on Hawaii and a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on a case from Maui, Hawaii that could have huge implications for agriculture in the MACA region. The [update](#) explains both issues in greater detail.
- Some new 'stay-at-home' styles thanks to COVID-19...The new casual look of **Matt Wagner**:



- The before and after look of **Jerry Miller** - he's not a robber, just wearing his mask:



- Thanks and best wishes to **Chris Lind**. Chris has been the contact at **Mauser**. He had been an employee for many years at Mauser before becoming a consultant to them in 2018 and had been a member of the MACA D&E Committee. Anytime I contacted Chris he was able to answer my question or refer me to the appropriate person.
- The **MACA Office** continues to be closed due to the corona virus and will continue to be indefinitely as that is the order for St. Louis County which is where the office is located. Michelle, MaryEileen and I are all working from home. Please continue to mail or call the office as we are checking email and

the phone. There may be a delay, but we are doing our best. If for some reason you don't get an answer - please call my cell - **314-706-4322**.

- **Nutrien Ag Solutions** private label Loveland is making a hand sanitizer these days. Various size quantities are available.
- A quick update: **Ally Ringeisen**, **SDSU** student and a **2019 MACA YLSP** recipient said, "It has been a whirlwind but one thing I have learned through all this is the importance of adaptability and resiliency."
- Greg Welsh, formerly with CNI, called in May. He's doing well in his new position with Earlybird Feed & Fertilizer and sends greetings to all.

## CALENDAR

### 2020

**June 15-18** - MACA Quarterly Meetings, see schedule above, via electronic communications!

**July 4** - MACA offices closed for Independence Day

**July 31** - Board of Directors Conference Call

**September 8-10** - **MACA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO**

**November 11-12** - MACA Quarterly Meetings, St. Louis, MO

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

**"Those who said it cannot be done  
are usually run over by those doing it."**

~ Will Rogers



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