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MATT EWERS
MACA
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Matt Ewers serves as MACA's Secretary/Treasurer. He understands teamwork as he has five brothers and three sisters. He's married to Mimi, a

April - Signs of spring are appearing and none too soon. It's been a busy month for MACA and it doesn't look like it will slow down. The Crop Production Issues (CPI) committee met several times as they reviewed the Young Leader Scholarship Program applications. After careful review and discussion the 10 winners were selected and are listed below. The CPI committee also met to discuss and develop the final plan for the video "MACA in Motion." In the meantime, plans are coming together for the Annual Meeting in Chicago; the memberships continue to come in as are requests for CropLife Ambassador Network members to speak with school children. Won't you consider taking a couple of hours to help tell the story of agriculture and the benefits of crop protection products to ensure a safe and reliable food supply in the U.S.?

Sincerely,



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STATES UPDATES

Michigan - "At the Capitol, they're working on the new budget, and proposed fee increases for about everything the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development does...from pesticides to feed, fertilizer and even food inspections, along with the Groundwater tax," reports **Jim Byrum, President of**

ballerina. After college he worked for five and a half years with the Dole Company based in Central America. After that he moved to Spokane to spend time with his dad, Bert, who started the business - Inland Empire Distribution Systems, Inc. (IEDS) - in 1983 with the intent to serve the ag industry.

Matt was hired as the VP Business Development and partner.now three brothers - Jim, Dan and Matt run the business. He started his professional career as a Product Development Engineer for Carrier Transicold, a division of Carrier Corporation, where he designed equipment and components for the transport refrigeration industry for global markets. Matt holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Washington State University, a Masters of Business Administration from Brenau University, and a MBA in Finance from Gonzaga University. (Now you see why he's treasurer and looks at how things are built.)

CALENDAR

2015

June 15 - MACA Executive Committee Meeting, St. Louis, MO

June 16 - MACA Committee Meetings in am, St. Louis, MO

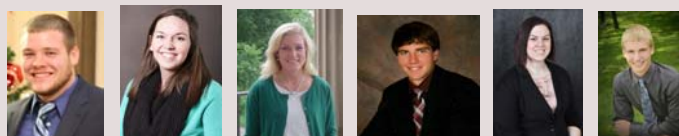
Michigan Agri-Business Association. They are working to change the manner in which the Groundwater Tax is collected, as well as the enforcement of that collection.

There's no new regulations it's just fees all day every day. Farmers and dealers know spring is coming, but we are concerned about fertilizer movement, or lack thereof, and even some indecision by farmers on what crops to plant. We may start early here with some sugar beet planting as early as next week.

OHIO - "OABA has been spending a lot of time working on nutrient application legislation in the Ohio General Assembly," writes Christopher Henney, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ohio AgriBusiness Association. The Ohio Senate Bill 1 will limit the application of nutrients on frozen, snow covered and saturated ground, as well as when significant precipitation is imminent. All the Ohio agricultural organizations, including OABA, support the legislation after much work with the bill sponsors. Henney added, "We were able to get the commercial fertilizer portions of the bill to match our 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification program language and are pleased many of our retailers are already in a good position to comply with the legislation.

YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2015 Young Leader Scholarship Program recipients include:



Featured left to right: Connor Sible, Cameron Mann, Allie Ferguson, Brett Heronimus, Sarah Schalm and Matthew Pederson.

- **Illinois** - Connor Sible is majoring in Crop Science: FieldCrops Concentration/Chemistry. He's interning with DuPont Pioneer.
- **Indiana** - Cameron Mann is an Agricultural Communications and Ag Sales and Marketing. She'll be interning with Dow AgroSciences.
- **Iowa** - Alexandra Ferguson is an Agronomy major and will intern at Pioneer Corn
- **Kansas** - Samuel Knauss is an Agronomy/Plant Path, Applied Genomics/Biotechnology student who'll intern with Monsanto.
- **Minnesota** - Brett Heronimus is a Plant Science/Integrated Pest Management in Cropping Science who's interning with Syngenta.
- **Missouri** - Chelsey Kroese is a

June 17 - MACA Board of Directors Meeting, St. Louis, MO

August 7 - MACA Board of Directors conference call

September 8-10- MACA Annual Meeting, Hilton Chicago, Magnificent Mile Hotel, Chicago, IL

September 11-13 - MABA Outlook Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

November 4 - MACA Quarterly Committee Meetings, St. Louis, MO

November 5 - MACA Board of Directors Meeting, St. Louis, MO

December 8-10 - CPM Short Course and MCPR Trade Show, Minneapolis Convention Center.

Biochemistry/Sustainable Agriculture major who's interning with DuPont Pioneer.

- **Nebraska** - Sarah Schalm is working on her degree in Agricultural Education and plans to intern with DuPont Pioneer.
- **North Dakota** - Matthew Pederson is pursuing a Crop & Weed Science/Agribusiness major and will work for Riverview Dairy this summer for his internship.
- **South Dakota** - Isaac Popp is studying Agriculture Science/Agriculture Business and will intern with Thurston Inc.
- **Wisconsin** - Carly Edge plans to pursue an Agronomy/Ag Business Management and Global Health degree. This summer she'll be at Syngenta Seed for her internship.

ANNUAL MEETING

The ***Path Forward for Agriculture*** is the theme for the 2015 MACA Annual Meeting set September 8-9-10, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Chicago/Magnificent Mile Suites, 198 East Delaware Place, Chicago, IL 60611. The key note speaker will be **Charlie Arnot**, CEO, The Center for Food Integrity. The Center is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building consumer trust and confidence in today's food system. More details next month!

CROPLIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK



With temperatures in the 70's one day and 40's the next, spring is taking its time rolling in this year. Spring is such a pretty time of year. The trees are blooming,

plants are pushing up from the ground in lovely shades of green, everything is growing and so is our list of teacher's requesting classroom visits. We have so many wonderful opportunities to get ambassadors into the classroom. Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, is always a popular time for requests but there are many more dates listed. Please check the website and seize this fabulous opportunity to get out of the office and into classrooms full of inquisitive children. You will be surprised how much you will enjoy speaking.

So far in 2015 we have reached more than 640 students. The presentations have ranged from single class to large group fair type opportunities. Teachers love ambassadors coming in to reinforce or introduce their units. Students love the change of pace and the information the ambassadors have to share. Currently we have 19 ambassadors working out dates for presentations with teachers and 11 open requests. They are listed below:

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I would also like to welcome two new ambassadors: **Justin Greer of Helena Chemical Company, Bowling Green, Kentucky and Stephanie Ross, Dow AgroSciences, Mankato, Minnesota.** We are very happy to have them join us.

This is my last news update, as many of you know my family is moving to Kansas City, so I would like to say Thank You to all for making the last three years so pleasant. I have enjoyed the time that I have worked for MACA. You are all a uniquely wonderful group of people. Farewell.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." ~ Chinese Proverb.

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WATER ISSUES

"For decades, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) has been the law of the land generally establishing how EPA regulates chemicals," says Steve Taylor, MACA Water Consultant. A hearing was held by Congress on March 18th on legislation (S.697) to reform TSCA. S.697 is seen by many as good legislation based on the latest science. However, the rub for many environmental groups is that it mostly prevents States from regulating chemicals on their own. The legislation has 16 cosponsors which includes 8 Democrats and 9 Republicans. With such a bi-partisan list of cosponsors, TSCA reform has a fair chance of moving forward but it is certainly not a sure thing.



Democrat Senator Joe Manchin noted how he helped to mediate the compromise after nearly two years of deliberations and negotiations. He stated that this bill "proves that bipartisan compromise can still work in Washington when people are committed." However, Democrat Senator Barbara Boxer is the ranking member of the EPW Committee and it is rumored that Sen. Boxer has said that killing this bill will be her legacy in the Senate. In her official statement, Senator Boxer said the bill "fails to provide the protections needed and is worse than current law." Senator Boxer has introduced a competing bill.

The response of environmental groups has been mixed. More than 450 environmental and health organizations and nearly a dozen attorneys general have objected to the bill primarily raising concerns over preemption of state regulations. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) seems to discredit S.697 claiming that the chemical industry paid \$69 million in 2014 to lobby legislators on TSCA. At the hearing however, while EWG testified that States should have more authority, they seemed to indicate that they would not push this position to the point that it would cause bipartisan support for the bill to collapse. The EWG stated "it has taken more than a decade to get to the point on Capitol Hill where both Republicans and Democrats have compromised, enabling S. 697 to fix the biggest problems of TSCA. The need to reform this law is urgent." Some environmental groups have been shriller; however, stating the new bill would "make chemical companies far richer and your family far less safe from toxic, disease-causing chemicals that contribute to cancer, autism, reproductive harm, obesity, and more."

Again, this issue is important to MACA members because TSCA provides EPA the fundamental methodology by which it implements chemical regulations in the U.S.

SHORT NOTES

- **Terry Kippley, MACA's 1999-2000 President, Aceto's Senior VP**, called in early March to catch up on MACA. Great to hear from him!
- Congratulations to **Alan Ayers, Bayer CropScience**, on being elected the chair of the **Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC)**. MACA is a member of CTIC.
- Our condolences to the family of **V.R. "Swede" Roskam** who passed away on Friday, March 13th. Swede served as the **1982-1983 MACA President**, while working at **Oil-Dri Corporation** and continued to stay involved for many years. He also served as the volunteer helping with the newsletter. **Swede** with **Char Sine** and **Al Strohmaier, CropLife**, at the 2000 MACA Annual Meeting. All three served as **MACA Presidents - Char 1994-1995, Al in 2007-2008 and Swede in 1982-1983**.
- **Duane Mol, MACA 2004-2005 MACA President**, with **CPS** stopped in St. Louis for a visit earlier this month. Great to see him and get an update on industry issues.
- The **Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC)** reports that in 2014, a record 9,874,300 pounds of pesticide containers were collected and recycled, an 8 % increase over 2013. This was the fifth year in a row that



recycling exceeded eight million pounds. Since 1993, over 153 million pounds of pesticide containers have been collected and recycled as a result of pesticide manufacturing industry funding of the ACRC.

- Thanks and best wishes to **Diane Orf, CropLife Ambassador Program Manager**. Diane and her family are moving to Kansas City. It's been good to have her in the office and managing the ambassador program.

2015 MACA Annual Meeting
September 8-10, 2015
Hilton Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel
Chicago, IL

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