Mid America CropLife Association works to research
public issues relating to crop production
and to work together to improve the crop lifecycle
via health, safety and public education.

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June -The rains continue, but the sun shines and crops are growing throughout the Midwest. Baseball is again underway, so it must be summer!

The Quarterly Meetings will be held Tuesday morning June 16 and then the board meeting on June 17. Following the committee meetings, please plan to join the group for the St. Louis Cardinals vs. MN Twins baseball game. It looks like the group who has reserved tickets will have a great time!

Mark the dates on your calendar for the 2015 MACA Annual Meeting September 8-10 in Chicago, Illinois. The registration brochure was mailed out May 28. Hope to see you at one of the upcoming events!

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BOARD PROFILE

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MEETING NOTICE

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) quarterly meetings will be held on **Tuesday, June 16, 2015 and Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the Hilton at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway,Saint Louis,Missouri,63102**. Make your plans to participate:

1. Register for the meeting by completing the form.
2. The committee meetings will be held Tuesday morning starting at 9:00 am and then the Cardinal's baseball game starts at 12:45 pm. Suite tickets for the Cardinals vs. Twins are $129/ticket including game admission, food and beverages. Please call or email the office to reserve and pay for the ticket. It will not be charged to your hotel room. Tickets are on a first come first served basis.
3. The board meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and will conclude by 11:00. Please plan your departures after that time.
4. Please extend a personal invite to someone from your company or someone you

Neil Timmerman serves as a member of the Board of Directors and is in his first year on the board. For the past 20 years he has worked for Helena Chemical Company and is currently the Division Manager - West Central Division, and based in Des Moines. He and his wife, Lisa, have two boys, Christopher - age 20 and Brandon age 15. Lisa also serves as the CEO of Family First Dental. When Neil's not working, you'll find him fishing, boating, motorcycle riding or most importantly enjoying time with family

CALENDAR

2015

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

June 16 - MACA Committee Meetings in the morning, baseball game to follow, St. Louis, MO

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

July 3 - MACA Office closed in honor of Independence Day.

July 4 - Independence Day

July 28-30 - InfoAg Conference, Union Station, St. Louis, MO

August 7 - MACA

know in the industry to attend the MACA meetings on Tuesday.

STATE UPDATES

Kansas - "The final pressing items in the Kansas Legislature circulate around passing a budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for finding roughly $400 million in new tax revenue to cover the projected budget gap for FY 2016," says **Randy E. Stookey**, esq., **Vice President & General Counsel, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA).**

KARA is working to educate our legislature on the taxes paid by the agricultural community and on the need to maintain sales tax exemptions currently in Kansas law. KARA is also working with our state department of transportation on possible amendments to state motor carrier regulation in order to allow increases in max gross weights for commercial motor carriers in Kansas on state controlled roadways.

KARA continues to work with our state department of agriculture and state department of health and environment to maintain our narrative approach to nutrient load reduction with EPA Region 7. We are also working with our state department of agriculture on Governor Brownback's 50-Year Water Vision.

As of last week, Kansas winter wheat jointed was at 98%, and condition was rated 27% good and 2% excellent. Corn is 78% planted and soybeans are 17% planted, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Kansas has received rain over most of the state, bringing average topsoil moisture to 69% adequate, and average subsoil moisture to 59% adequate.

Michigan - "There are proposals to raise fees on pesticides, fertilizer and feed as outlined last month," reports **Jim Byrum, President of Michigan Agri-Business Association**. Also under discussion is the repeal of prevailing wage statutes, road repair funding and education reforms are all on the table.
The key issues being worked on include the legislation outlined above, water quality issues and rail development.

Corn and soybeans are basically done, with dry bean planting ready to start...usually don't start planting until after the first of June. Crops look good, great corn stand, and the fruit crops holding up nicely, except for some problems in grapes.

Minnesota - "A rowdy session was gaveled to a close midnight May 18 amidst shouting by Democrats and Republicans and a Governor who promised a veto on a major education bill as he demanded universal pre-K education which neither the GOP House or the DFL Senate supported," says **Bill Bond, executive director, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association**. "As a result, it has
necessitated a special session.

Mandatory buffers with state government enforcement and penalties were passed with much controversy, pollinator issues raged but ag and business made some positive changes to extreme environmental policies. Outcome - too early to tell as the Governor may veto some of the bills and he also has line item veto authority - stay tuned. The special session and water issues will continue to be key issues.

MN Pollution Control Agency issued a major new water report getting much attention and starting new efforts to regulate ag. Also, a new bee center at the U of MN is now in play as winter bee kills are making news across the state.
90% of the field work is done with very favorable planting weather. Not long until the spraying starts.

Wisconsin - "What is happening at the state legislature... budget, budget, and budget... trying to make more with less," says **Tom Bressner**, executive director, **Wisconsin Agri-Business Association**. While the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature has worked through many issues, perhaps the biggest are still on the table with no solutions in sight. Those include transportation, education, and funding to the University system.

Board of Directors conference call

August 19-20 -Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association Annual Summer Meeting, Keystone Lodge & Spa, Keystone, CO

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 1-3 - ARA Conference & Expo, JW Marriott - Palm Desert, CA

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

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We are working hard to get more funding for rural roads and bridges. However, we will not win this battle. There just isn't enough money being designated to transportation to go around. We are also actively involved in amending our Implements of Husbandry laws, and high capacity wells regulations. Water quality and phosphorus issues continue to get more press and more attention.

As for spring field work, planting progress is well ahead of the last two years. Most of the corn, veggies, and potatoes are in the ground, soybeans are being planted, and hay is being cut. So far, the year is starting out very well.

ANNUAL MEETING

What does the future hold? What will be the challenges? Find the answers to these questions and more at the 2015 MACA Annual Meeting set September 8-9-10, 2015. ***"The Path Forward for Agriculture"*** is the theme for the meeting 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. Find out what Moms, Millennials and Foodies have to say about food issues! Other program speakers include Randy Parman, Helena Chemical Company; Brett Bruggeman, United Suppliers, Inc; and Tom Warner, Crop Production Services. They'll share their insights into the distribution channel. David Lehman, Managing Director, CME will discuss the Financial Shape of the Agriculture Industry.

Are you a golfer? Here's your chance to golf at the Harborside International Golf Club. If not golf, plan to check out the Chicago architecture via a river boat tour on Wednesday afternoon.

Have questions about your personal finances? Matt Gulseth and Kelly Olson Pedersen are ready to answer your questions and give you some tips Wednesday morning.

The registration program was mailed out on May 28 - so watch for it!

CROPLIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK

The CropLife Ambassador Network (CAN) spring campaign is slowly wrapping up. We have placed a lot of ambassadors in elementary schools to teach the students about modern day farming and how it relates to their everyday lives. And we have received positive feedback from both teachers and ambassadors on the presentations.

I have been able to attend a few presentations this year and I have really enjoyed seeing how the ambassadors are so excited and passionate to teach the youth about what they do. It has been so interesting to watch the students soak it all in and ask very interesting questions. I look forward to attending a few more in the fall.

A great and fun way to stay in touch with the program is following us on Facebook. Search for CropLife Ambassador Network. Soon we will be sending an email to take a survey to help us better our Facebook page. Please be on the lookout for the email with the survey and please take the time to fill out the quick survey. Your feedback is much appreciated.

You can reach out to me at any time at michelle@maca.org or call the office. I am in on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Currently, 58 members have renewed. The membership committee is working to finalize renewals with the remaining companies.

WATER ISSUES

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QUICK LINKS

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MACA 2015 Meeting Dates

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Send to a Colleague

"Here is a quick update regarding water issues in the Great Lakes," writes **Steve Taylor, MACA Water Consultant.**

Under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) with Canada, the annex 3 group has identified four industrial chemicals in the first group of Chemicals of Mutual Concern (CMC). None in this first group are pesticides. Regarding nutrients, annex 4 of the GLWQA intends to determine phosphorus concentration objectives and loading allocations for Lake Erie by 2016. The Great Lakes Commission has created the Lake Erie Nutrient Target (LENT) Working Group in response to the drinking water issue in Toledo. The purpose of the working group is to create a multi-jurisdictional action plan.

Between October 2014 and March 2015, EPA awarded over $29 million in Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants for programs that address nutrient-driven water quality problems. Most of the money was made available to support agricultural best management practices. State agencies received 45% of the funds and non-government organizations (NGOs) groups received 43% of the funding. Most of the NGO groups were local watershed councils and similar oganizations. Canada has committed $16 million for research and policy approaches related to nuisance algae in Lake Erie.

SHORT NOTES

- **Steve Gehrls** is the new National Account Manager for **Arysta LifeScience.**
- **Crop Production Services** is the First Facility Certified by ResponsibleAg. The CPS facility is in Hillsboro, Tenn.
- The new **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BASF Corporation is Wayne T. Smith.** They will be headquartered in Florham Park, New Jersey, effective May 1, 2015.
- **Agrilead, Inc.** announces the formation of a strategic alliance with KALO, Inc. of Overland Park, KS. Through the alliance, KALO will assume sales and marketing responsibility for the Agrilead NOVO Seed Care Prescription Management System and Agrilead's portfolio of seed care consumable products. There is no change in ownership at either company. As part of the alliance strategy, **Norm Wagoner** joined KALO as Manager, Business Development for Adjuvants and Seed Care, to provide continuity with existing customers and to transition seed care product knowledge to the expanded KALO team.
- XPO Logistics to acquire **Norbert Dentressangle SA**, a Leading Global Provider of Contract Logistics; Freight Brokerage and Transportation; and Global Forwarding Services. Norbert Dentressangle had purchased **Jacobson Companies** in July 2014.
- **Li**ke us on - FaceBook!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it."
~ Charles Swindoll

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

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