A monthly update from Bonnie McCarvel,
Executive Director of MACA

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September - We're on point as we count the hours until the 2018 MACA Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa which starts September 4. Come and learn about China, hear about the financial state of the industry and the industry panel featuring Albaugh, BASF and Helena. Golf will be at Talons of Tuscany - Dennis Albaugh's course which has 19 holes. The industry tour will feature the research at Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont™ research facility. The YLSP recipients will also be in attendance.

Here's wishing you time for a fun weekend and safe travels as you make your way to the Des Moines!

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CROPLIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK

We created an updated CAN mailer to send to our teachers and it worked! We mailed it out and already have started to receive requests! Please check your email for requests in your area and see if you can help out.

We would love to welcome new ambassadors. Please talk to your colleagues about joining the ambassador program. To join, visit http://ambassador.maca.org or email Michelle@maca.org. We also updated our handout to recruit ambassadors. If you would like some for your colleagues please let me know.

Please follow us and like us on Facebook: search for CropLife Ambassador Network.

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WATER ISSUES

"In my last update, I discussed the two-track process EPA is pursuing regarding the repeal and then replacement of WOTUS and what lies ahead for that process," says **MACA Water Consultant Steve Taylor**. Since then, a recent court ruling will require us to take a look back.

Steve Taylor
MACA Water Consultant

A federal district court in South Carolina recently heard a case challenging EPA's new rulemaking extending the effective date of the 2015 WOTUS rule. The South Carolina court vacated that rulemaking. The court found that EPA made an error in limiting the opportunity to comment on that new rulemaking and thus violated the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Basically, the Court ruled the comment period was not a 'meaningful' comment period. So, what does that mean? It means that, today, the old 2015 Obama era WOTUS rule is back in effect for 26 states, including the MACA region states of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. So, what is next? The Justice Department is reviewing the decision and all sides expect an appeal. And at the same time, all this could become moot if a federal district court judge in Texas grants a nationwide injunction request pending from three states.

MACA will continue to monitor and engage on this increasingly multifaceted and ever-changing issue.

YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (YLSP)

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We are so excited to meet the 13 student winners from the Young Leader Scholarship Program at the MACA Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. What an impressive group of students!

A Young Leaders lunch with their hosts is scheduled for Tuesday followed by a panel to get to know the students a little better. The students will attend a breakfast on Wednesday morning and learn more about MACA and how they can get involved. The students then have the option of attending the industry tour or golfing with MACA members. We look forward to meeting them and hope you will take time to talk with

them while at the annual meeting!

SHORT NOTES

- Changes continue.....**BASF** closed on a massive $9 billion asset buy from **Bayer** - a move that transfers four facilities and over 360 Bayer employees into BASF's growing Research Triangle Park footprint. Also included in the deal are several Bayer facilities - from its Paramount Parkway Innovation Center to its Bee Center in RTP. As for Bayer, the deal with Monsanto moves virtually all of its operation out of RTP and to **Monsanto's** hometown of St. Louis.
- Some follow-up from the Pollinator Educational Forum held in June. **Rick Welder's** wife planted some butterfly bushes in the backyard a couple of years ago and they do attract the butterflies. They harvested some monarch caterpillars and put them into daughter Claire's butterfly habitat. These little critters eat a lot! They have their first chrysalis with 5 more to go. Meanwhile, in Washington state, **Matt Ewers** serves on the MPO board providing guidance and issuing funding for roads and bridges in that region. Matt submitted to the staff a request to schedule an expert to enlighten the Board of Directors in the concept of replacing roadside grass with wild flowers for the purposes of improving the environment for pollinators. Matt was encouraged/fascinated with our field trip at Monsanto during the last MACA meeting. Finally, President **Gunther Kreps** returned home and went with his daughter to a library event the next day where they talked about pollinators. Amazing what happens!
- Congratulations to **Jason Paris**! He is the **UPI** Regional Sales Director for the Midwest.
- It's a small world.....board member **Rick Welder** ran into VP **Paul Edsten** while in Starbuck's in Bloomington, Illinois.

CALENDAR

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September 3 - Labor Day - Office closed

September 4 - 6 - **MACA Annual Meeting, Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Des**

Moines, IA

September 6 - MACA Annual Business Meeting, Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Des Moines, IA

November 7-8 - MACA Quarterly Meetings, Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO (Committees meet November 7 and the board November 8.)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse."

~ Florence Nightingale

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