



A monthly update from Bonnie McCarvel,
Executive Director of MACA

April 2020

April - What a difference a few days can make! Like all of you, the MACA staff is working in this new work world as a result of the corona virus. We are all trying to figure out how to navigate the many changes....but everyone is trying. So as we move forward, the most important thing is to remain calm, wash our hands, and check on our family, friends and neighbors to make sure they are safe and healthy. If not, step up and volunteer to help them get groceries, medicine or just talk with them. Many of you have experienced a snowstorm in which there was no power and travel was not possible. We have food, we have electricity, and travel can be done. We can and must rethink what we do and how we do it....but I know the MACA leaders will step up and meet the challenges presented.



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JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) quarterly meetings will be held **June 17-18, 2020 Location to be determined**. Please note the following:

- **Committee meetings** -Wednesday, June 17
- **Off site event** - Wednesday evening. Working on a Cardinals' baseball game!
- **Board meeting** - begins at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday morning and will conclude by 11:00. Please plan your departures after that time.

CROP LIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK



We were on track to reach so many students this spring, but we have all been hit with school closings. Thank you to all our amazing ambassadors who were scheduled to speak to schools. We will work with the teachers to

reschedule next school year. We can do this! We can still reach students next year.

We would like to welcome the following new ambassadors:

- Randy Beard - **Valent USA**
- Patrick Halde - **Helena Agi-Enterprises, LLC**
- Michael Lehman - **AMVAC**

If you're stuck at home but want to visit a farm check out our Facebook page for different fun posts to enjoy while at home. You can find us [here](#).

Please keep sending interested future ambassadors my way. They can send me an email at michelle@maca.org. They can also learn more or sign up online [here](#).



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Wednesday: 8 am - 2 pm

Thursday: 8 am - 12 noon



YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The 2020 class of the Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP) has been selected. To learn more about the program or how you can get involved please visit our website: www.maca.org/young-leader-scholarship-program or email Michelle at michelle@maca.org.

- **Elizabeth (Liz) Bland** from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale has a summer internship at Cass - Morgan County Farm Bureau in Jacksonville, IL.



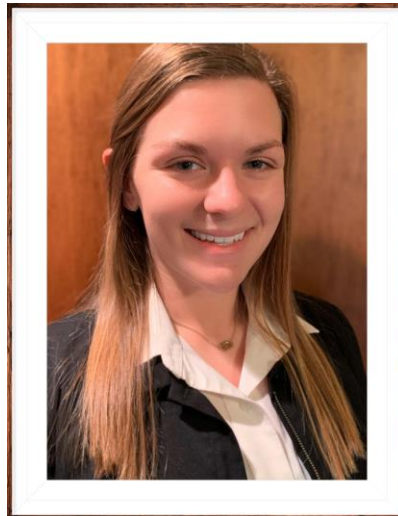
- **Emily Kuhn** from Purdue University will be interning at BASF in Champaign, IL.



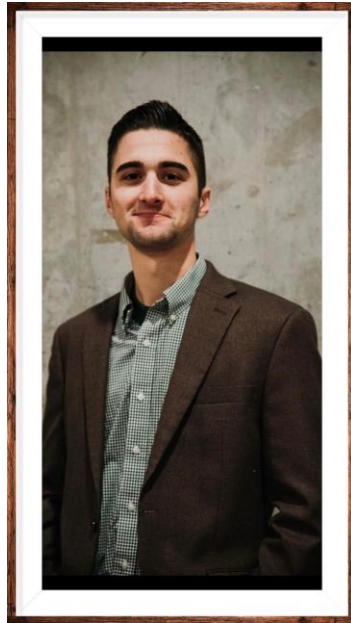
- **Mara Weis** from Iowa State University will be in Northern Iowa at Corteva Agriscience this summer.



- **Katelyn (Katie) Fross** from Kansas State University plans on being an intern this summer at Crop Quest in Montezuma, KS.



- **Darren Kulicamp** from Michigan State University has a summer internship with Noble Research Institute in Ardmore, OK.



- **Madilyn (Maddie) Smith** from the University of Minnesota has a summer internship with Fatted Calf in Mexico.



- **Abigail (Abby) Bertz** from the University of Missouri - Columbia will be an intern this summer at Bayer Crop Science.



- **Lily Woitaszewski** from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln has a summer internship with Corteva Agriscience working as an intern with Pioneer Seed.



- **Brendan Hanson** from North Dakota State University will be working for Winfield United as a Technical Seed Agronomist intern.



- **Madeline (Maddie) Weninger** from South Dakota State University plans on spending her summer with Mycogen Seeds in Wisconsin.

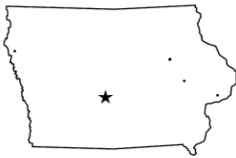


- **Ashley Nelson**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be a Soil Microbiology intern for Solum Inc..



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STATE UPDATES

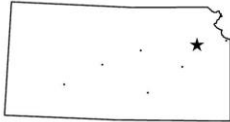


IOWA - "The Iowa legislature suspended the session for 30 days on March 16 and provided Governor Kim Reynolds with additional authority to manage the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. A number of emergency declarations have been made by the governor including identifying all crop production activities as essential," reports **Tyler Teske, Agribusiness Association of Iowa.**

Additional declarations supporting agricultural production: pesticide applicator licensing renewal period has been extended to the end of the year; movement of agricultural products has been helped with weight increases for trucks and waiver of hours of service regulations; CDLs will remain valid without meeting renewal requirements going back to mid-January. Within the industry, Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig is holding a weekly teleconference for the crop production industry and another for the livestock industry.

Many ag retailers tell us they have ceased face to face meetings with customers and some are isolating essential employees to mitigate any issues that may arise from employees who may contract the COVID-19 illness.

The Agribusiness Association of Iowa is continuing to communicate the message that it is in the vital interest of the country for the food production system in the United States to remain as uninterrupted as possible, and that we will, as much as possible, offer our full cooperation in any State and Federal guidelines and regulations put in place because of COVID-19.



KANSAS - "The Kansas legislature adjourned its regular session on Thursday, April 19, over a week before its regularly scheduled adjournment date over growing concerns of COVID-19 exposure," reports **Randy Stookey, JD, Sr. VP, General Counsel, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association**

(KARA). This shortened session prevented final legislative action on most bills. However, the [adjournment resolution](#) is scheduled to bring the legislature back on April 27, and allow one final week of possible action on bills some of which are important to agribusiness. The legislature did pass a budget for FY 2021, however, which fully-funded the state water plan.

Kansas law, for about the last 100 years, has granted county health officers authority to issue "quarantine/stay at home" orders. Eight counties have issued such orders in response to the COVID pandemic, with many more on the way. Most of these orders has specifically exempted *food cultivation and farming* as "essential businesses" in food production, but did not include agribusiness wholesalers and retailers. So, KARA has been involved in the challenging effort of contacting the county health office of each county in order to receive written clarification that our members are exempted as "essential business."

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

The 2020 membership renewals are coming in. Thus far 50 have renewed! If you know someone who should be a member of MACA, give me a call so we can discuss.

SHORT NOTES

- The [March issue](#) of the MACA Water Update by **MACA's Water Consultant Steve Taylor** focused on the review the WOTUS rules and shows MACA's role. The update provides details on water issues and the impact they have on the MACA region.
- The **MACA Office** is closed due to the corona virus. 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**. I expect the office will be closed until April 23 as the office is located in St. Louis County which has put in place a "stay-at-home" order.

- Are you looking for MACA-branded apparel and gifts? Then check out this link to for some MACA things.....[click here](#). Thanks to Lisa Klein, MMI, for her help with this.
- Congratulations and best wishes to **Randy Parman** on his retirement from **Helena**. The new Vice President, Northern Business Unit for Helena Agri-business is **Neil Timmerman**. Neil was previously the West Central division manager.

CALENDAR

2020

June 17-18 - MACA Quarterly Meetings, St. Louis, MO - ***note the date change!***

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

"A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."

~ unknown



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