



A monthly update from Bonnie McCarvel,
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MACA Monthly News January 2022

January – Welcome to 2022! We're getting ready for several things including the Quarterly Meetings in February, YLSP applications as well as the Long-Range Planning Team is meeting to review and update the plan. As you know, the last two years have been challenging, so it's time to review and update it.

Most importantly, I hope you'll make plans to join us for the Quarterly Meetings February 9-10 at the Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO. You have been missed and so we look forward to seeing you in person. Check out the details below.

Let's make 2022 a great year for MACA! A special thanks to the committee members, chairs and vice chairs plus the board of directors and officers. We couldn't do it without you!

FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The February quarterly meeting will be held in person at the Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO. The Committees will meet on Wednesday, February 9 with the Executive and D&E Committees meeting in the morning followed by a lunch and guest speaker, open to all members. The afternoon, the committee meetings continue for the D&E, Annual Meeting and PES. On Thursday, February 10 the board meeting will begin at 7:30 am and conclude by 11:00 am.

Since this is the first meeting in two years, an informal gathering is planned for Tuesday evening, February 8 and then on Wednesday evening, a "President Reception & Reunion" is scheduled. Click [here](#) for the tentative agendas, registration and hotel details.

YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are starting to come in for our next group of young leaders! We will pick winners at our February quarterly meeting.

How can you be part of this program? You can help us by getting your company to sponsor a donation to the Young Leadership Scholarship Program. We will take any contribution level but looking for at least \$1,000 from different companies to show support of the program and our future leaders.

The YLSP brings up to 13 future leaders from the Ag industry to the MACA annual meeting and helps spread the word of MACA at 14 different universities. All contributions are tax deductible and **very much** appreciated and your company will be recognized in various ways through MACA.

To learn more about this important program, please visit our website by [clicking here](#). To get started please, contact Bonnie at Bonnie@maca.org or 314-849-9446.

Thank you to our current sponsors: **AMVAC, Bayer CropScience, Corteva, FMC, GreenLeaf, Helm Agro, KALO, MFA, Morris Bixby, Robinson Logistics, Rosen's, Syngenta and Valent USA.**

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The 2022 membership dues invoices continue to be paid. Remember, members can pay until February 15, 2022. After that date there is a late charge fee. If you need a copy of the invoice, please let me know. Thanks!

SHORT NOTES

- **MACA** was one of 90 organizations to sign on to a letter regarding “Pending Agency Actions & Food Supply Chain Disruptions” on November 23. That letter was transmitted to US EPA Administrator Michael Regan and US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. The letter was in regard to EPA reviewing and considering registration changes for several herbicides that are systemically important to U.S. agriculture.
- The ‘**MACA Lunch & Learn**’ on November 9 featured Dr. Steven Bradbury from Iowa State University. (Upper right corner of photo.) His presentation was on the Monarch butterfly conservation policy. It was very timely and interesting as he walked the participants through the process the Fish & Wildlife Service uses to evaluate if the Monarch Butterfly should be listed as an endangered species, so this gives collaborators an opportunity to work together before the decision is announced in 2024.
- The December issue of the MACA Water Update by **MACA’s Water Consultant Steve Taylor** focuses on the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force (HTF) and the Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council (ANPC) report it developed called “American Agriculture’s State, Regional, and National Initiatives to Reduce Nutrient Losses in the Mississippi River Basin.” Check [here](#) for the update.
- Congratulations to **Bob West, FMC**, on his retirement! Bob has been with FMC for 31 plus years.
- The **Ag Container Recycling Council** has a new logo and an updated website. Check it out <https://www.agrecycling.org/>.
- Change continues within the industry. **Albaugh, LLC** of Ankeny, IA, and **Rotam AgroSciences Ltd.**, a company headquartered in Hong Kong and publicly listed on the Taiwan stock exchange, have entered into an agreement under which Albaugh will acquire all outstanding shares in Rotam through a merger between the holding company of Rotam and an entity in the Albaugh group of companies.

CALENDAR

- **Jan. 10-12** MABA Winter Conference & Trade Show, Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan,
- **Jan. 11-13** Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI.
- **Jan. 18-20** IFCA Winter Convention, Peoria, IL
- **Jan 18-20** RMAA 70th Annual Winter Meeting, The Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, CO.
- **Jan. 19-20** AGEXPO, Sioux Falls, SD.
- **Jan. 25-27** OABA Industry Conference Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris Hotel.
- **Jan. 25-26** Nebraska Agri-Business Exposition, LaVista, NE.
- **Feb. 8-9** Agribusiness Showcase & Conference, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA.
- **Sept. 6-8** **MACA Annual Meeting, St. Louis MO.**

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Everyone dreams but not everyone does.”
~Josiyah Martin