

MACA Members Vote to End Association Affiliation with NACA

Following the mail in vote of the general membership, MACA will terminate its state association affiliation membership with the National Animal Control Association (NACA).

Historically, all MACA members have been NACA members through MACA's state association affiliation membership. Following 2015 amendments to the National Animal Control Association's (NACA) bylaws however, MACA affiliated NACA members lost most of their NACA membership rights. President JT Taylor and Director Holly Bowie made repeated attempts to work with NACA officials to get MACA member's rights reinstated without success. In addition to Missouri, many states were similarly impacted. Despite the level of controversy however, the NACA Board of Directors did not re-consider their position.

The MACA Board of Directors discussed the situation at the November 1, 2016 board meeting. The Board discussed MACA discontinuing its affiliation with NACA and concluded that a change of this magnitude should be decided by the members. Taylor decided to exercise the provision in the association bylaws that allowed for a US Postal Service voting procedure. A letter of explanation and ballot was prepared and sent out to the most recent addresses MACA has for its members.

Ballots were required to be submitted by December 15, 2016. MACA Treasurer Carmen Skelly collected and tabulated the mailed in votes and the Board certified the results via an electronic vote. Of MACA's 166 members at the time of the vote, 86 members cast their vote. There were 62 votes in favor of ending MACA's affiliation membership with NACA, and only 24 votes to remain state affiliated members.

Taylor said he would notify NACA that MACA would not renew its affiliation membership for 2017

New Committees Will Offer Resources to Members and Guidance On Conducting the Business of the Association

MACA president J. T. Taylor has introduced two new committees whose duties will be to develop standard operating procedures for conducting association business, and for developing published policy papers on

a variety of topics that members might find useful.

These resources will be available through the MACA website in the near future, and Taylor said he hoped the members would contact him or the board with ideas for additional resources.

MACA Board of Director's Meet

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Golden Corral in Columbia.

Visit the MACA website for the agenda and prior meeting minutes!