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Five earn 2020 MACA Annual Awards

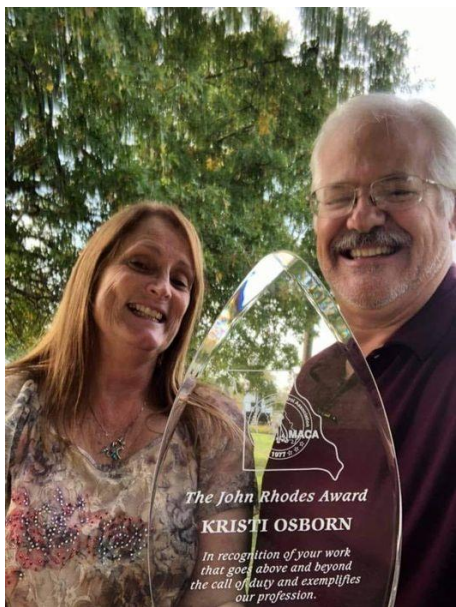
Four MACA Members and one Animal Control agency earned awards from MACA in October. Due to there not being a MACA Annual Conference, the individual awards to delivered to supervisors or individuals close to the award winners to be presented.

“Most of the awards had only one nominee” said Awards Committee Chair Matt Allen, “but we received five or six nominations for the same person for the ACO of the Year Award.”

ACO Matt Russo, of St Louis earned the ACO of the Year Award, while the Pause for Applause Award was awarded to ACO Ashely Hurst. The Veterinarian of the Year Award was earned by Dr Howard Pue, who served the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as Public Health Veterinarian and the Association as an instructor for the certification committee for more than two decades. The Outstanding Animal Welfare Agency was earned by Lee’s Summit Animal Control and Shelter, while the John Rhodes Award was awarded to retired Harrisonville ACO Kristi Osborn in recognition of her nearly 20 years of service to her community and the Association as a former Vice President and member of the Executive Board.

Matt Allen said there had been no nominations for Animal Care Provider of the Year so that award was not presented this year.

Nominations for the 2021 MACA Awards may be submitted online at maca1.net



Award Winners

Kristi Osborn, left, was presented the 2020 John Rhodes Award in October by MACA Director J. T. Taylor, while Matt Russo, right, was presented the ACO of the Year Award by his supervisor under the Arch in October.



MACA President Appoints Some Incumbent and Some New Members to the Board of Directors

Given the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference and subsequently the Annual Business Meeting, MACA President Kyle Shafer exercised his authority, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board, to appoint the 2020-2021 Executive Board. The Board had suspended the normal election procedures as outlined in the Bylaws and approved the President's authority to appoint board positions. The Vice Presidency and three board seats were left vacant in October when their terms expired.

President Kyle Shafer appointed incumbents Jamie Williams, to a three-year term, and Mark Hastings, to a two-year term. Director Dan St Lawrence had previously expressed a desire to continue serving on the Board but was not in attendance. With no other nominees, Shafer left St Lawrence's seat vacant pending confirmation that St Lawrence would still serve.

Vice President Holly Bowie's term also expired but due to work limitations she felt she could not serve in that capacity any longer. Matt Allen resigned his Director's seat to accept his nomination to be the Vice President. Shafer appointed Allen as V.P. then appointed Bowie to the Director's seat vacated by Matt.

Nominations for the 2021-2022 Executive Board may be submitted to the Nominations Chair online via maca1.net

Training Opportunities

Oct 13- The Animal Care and Control Continuum via MaSA-Live (Zoom). Contact MaSA 573-746-2565

Oct 19 – 22- Professional Develop course in Bedlington. Contact ACCA for details on specific classes presented in this program. 913-515-0080

Oct 28-29- ACO Certification Training by MACA in Lebanon MO. Contact Christine Kalish 314-951-1514

Nov 2-5- Shelter Tech Certification by ACCA.

Dec 14-18- Advanced ACO Certification by ACCA. Contact John Mays at 913-515-0080

Dec 21- Coping with Cultural Diversity in Animal Control via MaSA-Live (Zoom). Contact MaSA 573-746-2565

Jan 4-8- Basic ACO Certification by ACCA. Contact John Mays 913-515-0080

Surviving the Day- Officer Safety

According to nsc.org, 84% of work-related injuries are due to slip, trip and fall; lifting or over-extension, or impact with other objects or equipment related events. This remains true in most animal care and control accidents as well. While trying to capture strays or aggressive dogs, there are any number of slip, trip and fall dangers, not to mention the dangers of wrestling with a struggling animal.

Proper lifting technique training always says to bed with the legs, keep the back straight and hold the weight close to the body, however we oftentimes cannot hold an aggressive dog to us. The dangers we face are real, so remember to keep your situational awareness up front in your activities so that you Survive the Day!