

MACA Board Creates New MACA Award for Animal Shelter Workers

For many years, MACA has awarded deserving members and nominees with a variety of annual awards intended to recognize their outstanding service. In addition to the John Rhodes Award, Officer of the Year Award, Outstanding Shelter of the Year, Paws for Applause and the Veterinarian of the Year Award, the MACA Board created the Animal Care Specialist of the Year Award during the June 1, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

This new award will recognize the dedication, professionalism, and superior work efforts of a member assigned to shelter work and daily animal care. Directors Shari Pijut, Holly Bowie and Vice President Nycole Griffin sponsored the new award saying that while many Animal Control Officer's duties include providing daily animal care, shelter sanitization and other animal shelter duties, many animal care providers working in an animal shelter are not animal control officers and are often overlooked when considering the MACA Officer of the Year Award.

The criteria for the award and candidate nominations are now available on the MACA website. Director James Donovan, the Awards Committee Chair, and the Board of Directors are eager to see nominations for both this new award, and current awards. Nominations must be made via the MACA website before August 1, 2017, and all awards nominees will be posted on the website.

Reporting Continuing Education Training Hours is Certified Members Responsibility; Website Updated Twice Annually

For a number of years now, MACA membership and certification renewals have been set up on a twice a year cycle, due in either January or July. Along with certified officers having to renew their MACA certification every other year, they are also required to attend a minimum of 20 hours of Continuing Education training and to report those hours before their certification expires via the MACA website.

According to Certification Committee Chair Christine Portmann, most members submit their CEUs just before they renew their certification so she generally updates their CEU records on the MACA website twice a year as well. For this reason, the online records might not always reflect the member's actual CEU count until just before certification renewal is due.

"Any work-related training can be turned in for CEUs" Portmann said, but if someone is unsure if his or her training will be considered for CEUs, he or she can contact Portmann to find out, as well as see what his or her totals are. Continuing Education Training credits may be submitted through the Certification tab at MACA1.net, and it is recommended that they be submitted as they are earned.

Next MACA Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM in Columbia.

Meeting agenda is available at MACA1.net!

Conference Registration Now Online!

Registration for the 2017 Annual Conference is now available at MACA1.net!!!

MACA Annual Training Conference

September 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Oasis Convention Center

Ramada Plaza in Springfield, MO

Social Events

Daily Raffle Drawings

Scavenger Hunt

Awards Banquet

Networking Opportunities



Hear from LETI, ASPCA,

HSMO, Alley Cat Allies

HSUS, and more

Officer Survival

Animal Welfare and the Law

Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution

Trap-Neuter-Return

Disaster Preparedness and Response

Additional Training

Shelter Cleaning and Sanitation

Fit for Duty

Rabies and other Zoonotic Concerns

NIBRS, ACFA & MAAL Updates

Limited Scholarships Available

For more information about the conference, schedules, available scholarships, or to register, please visit our website:

www.maca1.net

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Board Seeks Candidates for Three Board Seats and the Presidency

Three Board of Directors seats and one Executive Officer seat will expire in September, 2017. Director Shawna Walker and the nominations committee are seeking candidates who are interested and capable of serving the membership.

President Taylor was elected in 2017 to fill the remaining one-year of resigned former President Hane's term. Similarly, Director Teresa Gilley was appointed to the Board to fulfill retired Director Allred's term, which was up in 2017, as well. Director's James Donovan and Mark Hastings' terms also expire in September.

In accordance with the MACA By-Laws, candidates for election to the Board of Directors or Executive Officers must meet specific criteria. Candidates must have a minimum of two (2) years-experience either as an employee or volunteer with a Missouri Department of Agriculture licensed facility; or as a public health official, veterinarian, law enforcement official, animal control officer or humane investigator.

Additionally, upon request by the Board, the candidate shall provide written verification of working a minimum of 250 hours during the two most recent years. Lastly, the candidate must be a current member in good standing and have been a member of the Association for the prior calendar year.

Nomination for Board or the President's election must be submitted through the website, at MACA1.net before August 1. All nominees will be posted on the website, vetted by the Nomination Committee and the Board will present a slate of vetted candidates before the Annual Business meeting in September.

Annual Conference returns to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2018. Stand by for news!

Four Scholarships Available for the 2017 Annual Conference

Scholarship Committee Chair Teresa Gilley is seeking applicants for the four 2017 Annual Conference scholarships which are currently available. There are two full scholarships available, which includes conference tuition and hotel room fees. Additionally, there are two partial scholarships available which covers the conference tuition.

Applicant must have been in the Animal Control/Welfare profession for a minimum of six months. Their employer or immediate supervisor must provide a recommendation letter on behalf of the applicant stating applicant's position title and if the applicant is a full or part-time employee. The applicant must also provide a copy of the organizations training budget. Applications should be submitted online through the MACA website and the application deadline is August 01, 2017.

Resources Tab Coming Soon for MACA Members at MACA1.net

With the association having voted to end its state affiliation with the National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA), the loss of access to NACA's website's online resources are no longer available. Many members used the NACA Resources tab to find such things as sample job descriptions, sample forms and procedures, guideline recommendations, and more.

The new formed Positions Committee is currently developing a variety of similar resources and will be making them available through a new "Resources" tab on the MACA website in the next few months.

MACA's position on some subjects, such as ballistic vests, training, use of traps, etc. will be prepared and up for discussion during a round table lunch discussion during the annual conference.