

Certification Committee to go on with Fall Certification Program

MACA Certification Chair Christine Kalish says plans are still underway for the Fall Officer Certification Program to be held in Lebanon, Missouri in October.

Scheduled for October 28 and 29 at the Cowan Civic Center, 500 Elm Street, Lebanon. The program will offer training in basic field services, basic animal shelter operations and the Animal Care Facilities Act, zoonosis and rabies Control training, daily animal care and much more. Following the intense two-day training, the ACO/HO Voluntary Certification Exam will be given.

According to Kalish, the certification committee has begun to offer a number of “games” which help attendees become better prepared for the exam. Similar to TV gameshows, these reviews have resulted in noticeable increases in overall test scores, Kalish said.

The training program will be held in the Cowan Civic Center ground floor training room. Kalish said catering was begin explored still but area hotel accommodations were listed on the registration forms.

Registration and information is currently available through the association website at www.maca1.net. Seats are still available.

Board Reviews Annual Awards’ Noms

Vice President Holly Bowie conducted the August Board of Directors meeting for President Kyle Shafer on August 4 via Zoom. The only item on the agenda was to selection of the 2020 MACA Award recipients.

In light of the cancelation of the 2020 MACA Annual due to the pandemic, the Board agreed that the annual awards were something that should continue to be presented. There had been a few nominations for various awards submitted prior to the August 1 submission deadline and Awards Committee Chair Matt Allen presented the nominations to the Board.

The Board selected from the nominations the most deserving nominee. The awards will be sent to the award winner’s employer to be presented to the winner in October. Allen said he was pleased with this year’s awards process.

Nominations for Board Members and Scholarship Applications continue to be Accepted thru October

Despite the 2020 MACA Annual Conference having been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Board of Directors will continue to accept nominations for the Board of Directors and Scholarship applications.

The Board suspended the rules for conducting elections as prescribed by the MACA Constitution and By-laws because no Annual Business Meeting will be possible in October. There will continue to be Board members whose terms of office will expire in October who need to be either re-appointed to the Board by the President or be elected. Under the suspension of rules and in accordance with presidential authority under the Constitution and By-Laws, President Shafer will fill from incumbent and nominated candidates the board seats vacated by expiring terms and resigning board members. Anyone interest in being considered for a Board of Director's seat should complete the nomination form on the website.

2020 Scholarship applications will be rolled forward for consideration for the 2021 Annual Conference and the Scholarship Committee will continue to accept applications. Mark Hastings stated if any member needed to apply for a training scholarship, applications are still available via the Association website.

Training Opportunities

Aug 16-19- Basic ACO Certification Training by MaSA in Peoria IL. Contact MaSA 573-746-2565

Aug 31-Sept 4- Basic ACO Certification Training by ACCA in Kankakee, IL. Contact ACCA 913-515-0080

Sept 9- OCAT Certification by MaSA in Pevely MO. Contact MaSA 573-746-2565

Sept 28- ProActive Animal Sheltering via MaSA-Live (Zoom). Contact MaSA 573-746-2565

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.

President takes Leave of Absence

President of the Association Kyle Shafer will take a leave of absence from his duties to the Association as he welcomes a child into his family. He will be away from St Charles Animal Control and MACA from early July until late September. The Board wishes Shafer and his family all the best.

In his absense, Vice President Holly Bowie will be assuming presidential duties.

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