



# MACA REPORTER

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## 2003-2004 MACA OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Andrea Holland, Sullivan

### **VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT**

Rick Thompson, Springfield

### **SECRETARY**

Pam Jackson, Moberly

### **TREASURER**

Cindy Stranghoener, Owensville

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Shara Meyer, Columbia

### **PAST PRESIDENTS**

Jammy Brandes, Cooper County

Lisa Westfall, Branson

Nancy Morr, Chesterfield

Lisa Thompson, St. Charles

Mary Ann McGrail, Retired

Donna Johnson, Retired

### **REGION I**

Pat Siekerman, Fenton

### **REGION II**

Alberta Talken, Raymore

### **REGION III**

Kathy Rogers, Rolla

### **REGION IV**

Brenda Hayes, Poplar Bluff

### **REGION V**

Janet Stemm, Joplin

### **REGION VI**

Glenda Atkinson, Cameron

### **REGION VII**

Jammy Brandes, Boonville

### **REGION VIII**

Marlys Beeler, Houston

### **REGION IX**

Patricia Cooper, Springfield

### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

Janet Gustin, Liberty

### **PROF. DEVELOPMENT DIR.**

Pam DeVault, Lee's Summit

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## A Word From the President

The MACA Board met at Tan-Tar-A the first weekend in March and I am happy to report to all of you, that the Annual Conference has been "put to bed"! (In layman's terms that means that we have all our ducks in a row and things are complete, except for those little last minute catastrophes that always seem to come up.)

Some important items that came out of the meeting were that we are having carrot cake on Tuesday and chocolate cake on Wednesday. (Ha! Ha!) But seriously, if you have not made your room reservations at Tan-Tar-A you need to get that taken care of. I am happy to report that our block of rooms is filling up nicely. Tan-Tar-A's reservation number is 1-800-826-8272. Also if you haven't made your Pre-Conference and/or Conference Registrations, you still have time to do that as well.

I just hope each of you are as excited about the upcoming Conference as I and the other Board Members are. We truly think we have something there for everyone. Whether it be in the sessions or in the Social activities for the week. I always look forward to seeing friends that I only get to see this one week of the year. And learning something new and useful to take back to the office.

I know that I have said this in every issue of the Reporter, how hard each Board Member has worked on their particular assignment for the Conference. But something I would also like to explain is that this has been a very difficult year for the MACA Board as well. We have had several "life-altering" changes on the Board this year. We have had a member diagnosed with cancer, a member have a baby, a member have surgery and a couple members who have had sick parents and even had the loss of a parent. But through all the adversity facing them at home and at work, they have continued to serve the MACA membership. And for that, I applaud them. People are always very quick to tell someone if they don't like something that is happening to them...this year at the Conference, if something happens that you think is wonderful, please find a Board Member and thank them for all their hard work.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Lake in May!

As Always,

Andrea

**MACA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003 - 8:30 A.M.

**MACA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003 - 9:30 A.M.

President, Shara Meyer, opened conference at 8:30 a.m. At this time Shara introduced the Executive Board and Officers. Shara thanked each board member for their hard work and dedication to MACA.

**CONFERENCE WELCOME**

Conference Co-Chairs Andrea Holland and Janet Gustin welcomed everyone to conference. Andrea discussed housekeeping items and Jan announced the new sale items available in the back of the Salon. Andrea then introduced the Tan-Tara-A representatives and they welcomed everyone and spoke of the many changes taking place at the resort, and some of the recreational activities available. They announced the addition of the new indoor water park, which will be open 2004.

**PRESENTATION OF BALLOTS**

Jammy Brandes presented the slate of officers and directors for the 2003 election as follows:

- President-Elect . . . . . Ricky Thompson, Springfield
- Secretary . . . . . Pam Jackson, Moberly
- Treasurer . . . . . Cindy Stranghoener, Owensville  
Lisa Thompson, St. Charles
- Membership Director . . . . . Janet Gustin, Liberty  
Vaunda Logan, Springfield
- Professional Development . . . . . Jammey Brandes,  
Cooper County Circuit
- Director . . . . . Pamela DeVault, Lee's Summit
- Region 1 Director . . . . . Pat Sickerman, Fenton  
Katherine Palladino Jackson, Chesterfield
- Region 9 Director . . . . . Patricia Cooper, Springfield

There were no declaration of candidacy received for director of Regions 3, 5, or 7. President, Andrea Holland will be appointing membership to these positions. All candidates were introduced to the membership. Voting on the contested races will be Wednesday morning May 21st from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. The uncontested races will be voted on by acclamation at Wednesday's Business meeting. Voting will take place in the hallway in front of Salon A.

**BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Cindy Stranghoener read the first reading of the proposed by-law amendment as follows:

Finances Article VIII: Section 3

Payments; "In order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, dues must be paid by March 15th of that year." This changes the deadline of May 1st to March 15th.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Shara Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Secretary, Janet Gustin, determined that there was a quorum present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Janet Gustin submitted the minutes from the May 2002 Annual Conference as printed in the Spring MACA reporter for approval. A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted by Brenda Hayes, Poplar Bluff, and second by Rita Fuller, Clay County. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Pam Jackson presented the Treasurer's report. The balance of the checking account was \$46,761.29. The balance of the Savings Account at the Columbia Credit Union was \$210.69. The balance of the CD at the New Era Bank was \$20,525.09. **With the total assets of MACA at \$67,497.07.** A motion was made by Kathy Jackson, Chesterfield to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was second by Lisa Westfall, Branson. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Andrea Holland reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and keep voices down during conference. Also sale items and guest meal tickets are available at the back of Salon.

**AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS**

Debbie Freise absent. Shara announced that the CCA plaques, Award of Merit and Outgoing Officers plaques are to be presented at the luncheon today. Also Andrea Holland will be announcing the appointment of the vacant Region 3, 5 & 7 Director positions.

**TECHNOLOGY**

Emily Buckmaster announced the new website design of www.macaonline.net. Pictures are needed for the photo gallery. Emily announced that the membership directory is in the process of being added to the website. For any clerks without internet access, a sign-up sheet is available at the back of Salon A. The membership director will be sending out a CD to the clerks without access.

**EDUCATION**

Pam DeVault recognized her education committee and thanked them for all their hard work. At this time she recognized Julie Johnson, Education Co-Chair and thanked her. Julie could not attend conference due to the tornado destruction in Pierce City.

Pam announced corrections to the conference book and encouraged everyone to complete the conference evaluations.

**LEGISLATION**

Albert Talken announced that OSCA and DOR will be having sessions on Thursday, May 22nd, and will present any new legislation affecting Municipal / Circuit Courts.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Vaunda Logan presented the membership totals for MACA. Currently MACA has 496 members. The membership directory will soon be available on the web. Please sign up at the back of Salon A if you need the membership directory mailed to you on a CD. Also, the current membership listing is available at the back of Salon A, if you have any changes, please see Vaunda Logan.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NEW CLERKS)**

Cindy Stranghoener announced that the New / Advanced Clerks session will be held in Columbia, MO this year on September 11 & 12, 2003. Registration information will be mailed to membership this summer.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Nancy Kinsey - No report

**HISTORIAN**

Glenda Atkinson has the historical information set up in the back of Salon A.

**SOCIAL**

Julie Hohe announced all the social activities available this week as follows:

Tuesday, May 20th,	Ozark Princess Cruise
Wednesday, May 21st	Indoor Volleyball
Thursday, May 22nd,	Mardi Gras Social

Door prize tickets are attached to conference books. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

**VENDORS**

Aline Hollinger announced that there will be a joint luncheon with the vendors this year in Windgate Hall. This is also where you will receive your conference giveaway from MACA. Aline also stated that several of the vendors have door prizes to give-away at social. Vendor booths will be open from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tabled Amendment: Article VII: Committees-Nominations

Addition: This committee will be responsible for all requests for absentee ballots from the membership.

A motion was made by Wanda Lowe, Rogersville, to remove the motion from the table. The motion was second by Michael Holmes, Moline Acres, and the motion carried.

Discussion: Jammey Brandes made several recommendations concerning this matter. Absentee Ballots will be requested by members not able to attend conference.

Jammey suggested that the member would request an absentee ballot, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope, so the ballot can be mailed to them. The ballot would be notarized and returned to the nominations committee. Several issues would still need to be addressed, such as paid membership dues.

At this time, a motion was made by Rita Bovinett, Dellwood, to bring the motion back for discussion and to be presented to membership as a by-law change next May. The motion was second by Susan Keyser, Clayton. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS****BY-LAWS  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

Finances: Article VIII, Section 3, Payments

**"In order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, dues must be paid by March 15th, of that year."** This proposal would change the deadline from May 1st to March 15th.

A motion was made by Jammey Brandes, Cooper County, to approve the proposed by-law amendment changing the membership due date to March 15th of that year. The motion was second by Mary Ann Otto, St. Genevieve. The motion carried.

**NOMINATIONS**

A motion was made by Andrea Holland, Sullivan, to approve the uncontested races, President-Elect, Ricky Thompson and Secretary, Pam Jackson by acclamation. The motion was second by Aline Hollinger, Fredericktown and the motion carried.

At this time the nominations committee presented the affidavit of election results to President, Shara Meyer for presentation.

(Affidavit attached)

The following list of successful candidates in each category of contested races are as follows:

Treasurer:	Cindy Stranghoener
Membership Director:	Janet Gustin
Professional Development:	Pamela DeVault
Region (1) One Director:	Pat Stiekerman

Open director positions 3, 5, & 7 will be appointed by Andrea Holland.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jammey Brandes, Cooper County, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. The motion was second by Vaunda Logan, Springfield. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gustin  
MACA Secretary

**BY LAW AMENDMENTS**

Who appoints the members for the Nominations Committee?

**BY-LAW**

Pg. 14; **NOMINATIONS:** states the committee members shall consist of an active member from each region. **EXECUTIVE BOARD** shall appoint the members.

**BY-LAW**

Pg. 6; **PRESIDENT:** states it is the duty of the president to appoint committees.

**POLICY / PROCEDURE**

Pg. 5; **PRESIDENT:** shall appoint a chairperson for each standing committee and make all committee appointments.

**POLICY / PROCEDURE**

Pg. 20; **NOMINATIONS:** States the committee shall consist of a representative from each Region. The president shall appoint these members.

**\*\*One of the By-Laws need to be changed, and the P/P to follow.**

Mass mailings to all members of MACA under the website **MACAONLINE.NET** must be preapproved by the Board of Directors. The request shall be made to the Board in writing and notice of the Board's decision will be given within 48 Hours.

**COMEDY CITY SOCIAL**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004**  
**7:30 - 11:00 P.M.**

Come and join the fun when MACA presents  
**"COMEDY CITY".**



The whole family will enjoy this evening of laughter.  
 Have your picture taken like the Hollywood Stars.  
 Enjoy popcorn and the cash bar.  
 With a little luck you may win an Oscar  
 (Drawing for door prizes after Comedy City).

**MACA 2003 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 12-31-2003**

**INCOME:**

MACA 2002 Dues .....	70.00
MACA 2003 Dues .....	11,778.00
MACA 2004 Dues .....	3,395.00
Conference Guest Fees .....	275.00
Conference Registration Fees.....	37,836.45
Interest .....	121.25
Promotional Sales .....	1,239.00
Misc. Income .....	1,644.10
Nametags .....	368.00
CCA Plaque Reimbursement .....	810.00
Pre-Conference Fees .....	2,030.00
Prof. Development Fees .....	4,060.00
Speaker Reimbursements.....	500.00
Vendor Fees .....	1,500.00
Vendor Meal Payments.....	3,500.00
Contingency .....	8,690.68

**\$77,817.48**

**EXPENSES:**

Annual Conference .....	53,149.64
Association Expenses .....	12,182.21
Committee Expenses .....	286.39
Education Committee .....	566.14
Newsletter .....	5,025.30
Pre-Conference.....	1,793.38
Professional Dev. Seminars .....	3,654.48
Regional Development .....	983.34
Misc. Expenses .....	176.60

**\$77,817.48**

**EQUITY / ASSETS Statement:**

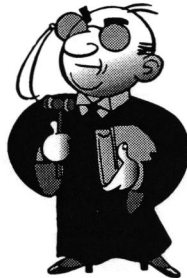
Bank of Sullivan Checking Account	
(as of 12/31/2003) .....	\$39,613.09
CD @ New ERA Bank.....	20,839.87
Columbia Credit Union Savings Account.....	212.54

**Total Assets**

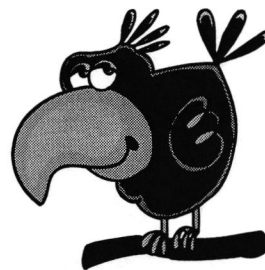
**\$60,665.50**

**JUDGES WELCOMING  
WEDNESDAY  
MAY 26, 2004**

MMACJA, The Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges' Association, cordially invites all MACA members to a Reception at the Lodge of the Four Seasons - Toledo Room, on Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a cash bar.



**EARLY BIRD WALKS**



Meet at the Windjammer Spa Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. for the Early Bird Walk. For each morning you meet to walk, you will get a chance to enter a drawing held on Friday for THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM BASKET. You may even find a nest of goodies each morning you meet.

**2004 PLAQUE RECIPIENTS**

**October**

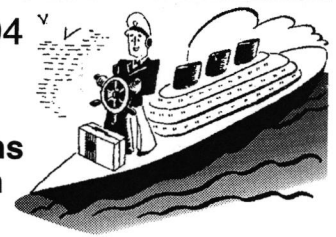
- Elliot, Donna - City of Battlefield
- Giovanni, Carollo - Festus Municipal Court
- Jennings, Donna - City of Bonne Terre
- Seebach, Sharon - City of DesPeres
- Weppner, Lisa - City of Eldon
- Witte, Diane - Wentzville Municipal Court

**March**

- Bartley, Billie Sue - City of St. Joseph
- Behrens, Janice Ann - City of Richmond Heights
- Bennett, Sandra L - City of St. Peters
- Cooper, Patricia Gay - Springfield Municipal Court
- Wis, Sandra K - City of St. Ann
- Lye, Cynthia Denise - City of Nevada
- Hildreth, Mona Lee - City of Bourbon
- Keyser, Susan E - Clayton Municipal Court
- Knabe, Kari Kesler - City of Platte City
- Long, Mary Ella - City of Lake St. Louis
- Lorton, Ginny Lee - City of Hazelwood
- Potter, Bonnie Cheryl - City of Fenton
- Renz, Amy M - Randolph Municipal Court
- Russell, Victoria (Vicki) M - North Kansas City
- Sharpe, Tammy Lee - City of Elsberry
- Steininger, Kimberley - City of Gladstone
- Stille, Becky Christine - City of Old Monroe
- Summers, Londa Renee - City of Oronogo
- White, Octavia Ann - Springfield Municipal Court
- Wimpey, Cheryl Lynn - State of Missouri Court Clerk

**OZARK PRINCESS LAKE  
CRUISE**

Tuesday, May 25, 2004  
7:00 p.m.



**Please make reservations  
at the activities desk in  
the Main Lobby**

*(we will need at least 20 people to "set sail").*

Prices for reservations made on  
Monday, May 24, 2004

\$11.50/adult    \$5.50/under 12    Free/under 3

Prices for reservations made on  
Tuesday, May 25, 2004

\$12.50/adult    \$6.00/under 12    Free/under 3

**DOOR PRIZES NEEDED...**

If you would like to donate one or more door prizes for the annual conference, please contact Alberta Talken, Region II Director, at 816-331-1712 or you may bring the item(s) on Monday at check-in. All donations are greatly appreciated and you will be recognized for your generosity.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**

If you would like to help out during the social events at the conference, please contact Alberta Talken, Region II Director at 816-331-1712.

