



June 12, 2013

TO: Staff in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR)

FR: CANR Staff Advisory Committee (SAC): Chris Kapp (chair), Terri Badgley, Jill Cruth, Adriana Feldpausch, David Main, Julie Moore, Ellen Schueller, Sally Shaw, Erin Taylor, Aaron Walworth, Rene Wilson and Kris Hynes as CANR Dean's Office Liaison

RE: Accomplishments for July 2012 to June 2013

The Staff Advisory Committee for the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has completed another successful and productive year. "Staff" is defined as APSA, APA, CTU, 1585/999, Off-campus and farm managers. Formally organized in 2003, the individuals elected to the SAC committee are charged with addressing issues, concerns and opportunities on behalf of staff in CANR through direct communication to the Dean. The committee welcomed our newest members Sally Shaw and Aaron Walworth.

#### **Created a SAC Facebook Page**

To increase visibility and enhance communication, the staff advisory committee has created a Facebook page. Please check it out and be sure to hit the "Like" button!

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/CanrStaffAdvisoryCommittee?fref=ts>

#### **CANR Dean's Search**

After a search failed to result in the hiring of a new Dean, the SAC sent a letter to Provost Wilcox outlining concerns for the support and leadership of the College.

#### **Budget Reductions Impacts**

With the large number of layoffs behind us, improving morale and job satisfaction and securing any needed professional development was still first and foremost in SAC's planning for the future.

#### **Events**

The committee planned several successful events we'd like to highlight. They included:

- October 25, 2012 – Over 100 attended the Harvest Gathering at Demmer Center which included a "fall" photo-opt with Sparty, great food, gift bags for everyone who attended and we heard from guest speaker Dr. Rick Foster, W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Food, Society and sustainability.
- December 2012 – CANR Toys for Tots Drive. We are excited to share with you the total number of toys collected for the Toys for Tots Drive this year is 454! This is an 11% increase over last year's collection! We also received \$295 in monetary donations. Since the CANR Staff Advisory Committee first started collecting for Toys for Tots in

2010, we have collected a total of 1187 toys and \$525! Thank you everyone for your generosity. We made the holidays much brighter for many, many local families.

- January 2012 -- The SAC distributed more than 500 tickets to staff members for the Jan. 27 and Mar. 3 Michigan State University women's basketball games. A strong interest in these games quickly depleted our share of tickets. Great family fun!
- April 17, 2013 -- The College Advisory Committee along with the SAC planned a spring outdoor gathering and welcome reception for Dr. Poston. Faculty and staff were released from work to be able to attend this special opportunity to welcome Dr. Poston and network with your colleagues.

### **CANR Outstanding Service Awards**

The Outstanding Service Awards given for 2013 are listed below. The award winners received a plaque along with a monetary stipend. The committee recognized the uncertainty of funding and was especially pleased that even during these tough economic times, the Dean's office felt strongly about allocating stipends. A reception was held on March 27, 2013, at the Demmer Center. Winners included:

- Outstanding Staff Award –Recipients were: Anne Brooks, Debbie Clark and Gary Powell.
- Outstanding Team Award – One team award is given out annually and recipients this year were from the Department of Entomology and included: Carolyn Devereaux, Janet Eschbach, Brooke Gallagher, Linda Gallagher, Heather Lenartson-Kluge, Courtney Smith and Barbara Stinnett.
- Monthly Staffer of the Month Awards July 2012- June 2013– Those recipients were:
  - June 2013 – Sue Monroe
  - May 2013 – Faye Watson
  - April 2013 – Gloria Ellerhorst
  - March 2013 – Karen Smith
  - February 2013 – Mary Ellen Pond
  - January 2013 – Linda Haubert
  - December 2012 – Sue Chatterley
  - November 2012 – Gail Hebert
  - October 2012 – Linda Estill
  - September 2012 -- Shelli Pfeifer
  - August 2012 – Anne Brooks
  - July 2012 – Mary Witchell

### **SAC Members – Thanks to Out-Going Members and Elections**

The Staff Advisory Committee would like to thank out-going members Jill Cruth and Sally Shaw and we welcome Rene Wilson from KBS. SAC is in the process of filling the vacancies with elections to be held in June with results announced in July/August 2013.