



June 1, 2015

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

FR: CANR Staff Advisory Committee (SAC): Chris Kapp (chair), Terri Badgley, Sandie Litchfield, David Main, Julie Moore, Colin Phillippo, Sharon Reasoner, Ellen Schueller, Rene Wilson, and Kris Hynes as CANR Dean's Office Liaison

RE: Accomplishments for July 2014 to June 2015

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 Sharon Reasoner (Zone 3) and Colin Phillippo (Zone 2).

SAC Website

We continue to increase visibility and enhance communication by upgrading our website. Our newest member, Colin Phillippo volunteered to take over website management and is doing a fabulous job! Be sure to check it out.

CANR's College Advisory Committee (CAC)

- SAC Co-Chair Terri Badgley was nominated by SAC, to represent all College support staff on the the Dean's Search and Rating Committee. This ensures staff engagement in the Dean search process, which is now well underway.

Monthly SAC Meetings

In 2014, the SAC team began meeting by webinar. Nothing beats a face-to-face meeting, which happens occasionally, but meeting online is a timesaver we've come to appreciate, especially in view of the distance some of our members have to travel to attend meetings on campus. The committee has also reduced the number of meetings to nine per year instead of monthly, as attendance in summer months is difficult due to vacations and ag-related job responsibilities that are in full-swing in the summer. The committee uses email during the summer months if something pressing develops.

Events

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

- December 2014 – 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 was 496! We also received \$310 in monetary donations. Since the CANR Staff Advisory Committee first started collecting for Toys for Tots in 2010, we have collected a total

of 2149 toys and \$1330! Thank you, everyone, for your generosity. We made the holidays much brighter for many, many local families.

- January 2015 – The SAC distributed complimentary tickets to staff members for January and February Michigan State University women’s basketball games. A strong interest in these games quickly depleted our share of tickets. Great family fun!
- April 15, 2015 – The College Advisory Committee and SAC hosted a Spring indoor picnic at the Pavilion, combining this annual SAC event with the annual CANR Faculty and Staff Awards reception. Dean Poston provided a brief College update and presented awards to faculty and staff. Kelly Millenbah presented an update, as well. Faculty and staff were released from work to be able to attend this special event and opportunity to visit with Dr. Poston and network with colleagues.

CANR Outstanding Service Awards

The Outstanding Service Awards given for 2015 are listed below. The award winners received a plaque along with a monetary stipend. The winners included:

- Outstanding Staff Award –Recipients were: Sue Chatterly, Gail Hebert, Nicole Kokx, Priscilla Martin, Janice Sheffey, and Rosa Soliz.
- Outstanding Team Award – One team award is given out annually and recipients this year were from the Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences. The team included: Calvin Bricker, Regina Centeno, Linda Colon, Lee Duynslager, Brian Graff, Laura Hones, Therese Iadipalo, Darlene Johnson, Debbie Williams, and Gary Zehr.
- Monthly Staffer of the Month Awards July 2014- June 2015– Those recipients were:
 - July – Sandy Bailey
 - August – Carol Fosburg
 - September – Deb Langdon
 - October – Kathy Delaney
 - November – Katie Frey
 - December – Michelle (Shelley) Redman
 - January – Heidi Macwan
 - February – Catherine Snider
 - March – Alicia Burnell
 - April – Julie Traver
 - May – Debbie Mault
 - June – Angelica Santos

SAC Members – Thanks to Out-Going Members and Elections

The Staff Advisory Committee recently completed the nomination and election process to fill vacant positions. Please join the SAC in thanking out-going member Erin Hill (Zone 2) for her years of service. Please also join us in thanking Terri Badgley (now Zone 2), Adriana Feldpausch (Zone 3), and Julie Moore (Zone 4) for staying on the committee to fill a couple of the vacant positions for which nominations were not received. Also, please extend a warm welcome to SAC newcomers Julie Lowman (Zone 1) and Sharon Reasoner (Zone 3).

SAC Members

Stay tuned... plans are currently in the works for a late summer (August, 2015) ice cream social event for all CANR support staff. Details to be announced via email in the near future!