

What is MAEE?

The Minnesota Association of Extension Educators (MAEE) is an organization of professional educators working in county, regional, and state positions within the University of Minnesota Extension. Chartered and organized in 1974, MAEE is *the voice of Minnesota Extension professionals*.

Eligible professionals may elect membership solely in MAEE, in one of the section associations, or both in MAEE and in a section. In Minnesota, we have sections that align with our professional expertise: MAEAP (agriculture professionals), MCNRA (community vitality, natural resources), NEAFCS—MN (family consumer sciences), and MAE4-HYDP (4-H youth development).

Your MAEE colleagues include:

- Extension Educators
- Program Directors
- Program Leaders
- Campus-Based Non-Tenure-Track Specialists
- Regional Directors



Katie Clark with Mary Laeger-Hagemeister notes, "MAEE is an excellent venue to learn about programs happening in other areas. This has led to work partnerships and enhanced my program area."



Chuck Schwartau (right) comments, "MAEE provides a camaraderie that supports its members in times of need and times of celebration for accomplishments." Bruce Schwartau says, "MAEE has helped me set professional goals and is also the fun-spirited organization within Extension."



Tim Arlt with Kim Asche says, "MAEE has been a great way to meet people, learn more about Extension administration and gain leadership experience that can benefit you throughout your career."

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MAEE Accomplishments

- ◆ Beginning January 2008, after many years of effort, MAEE secured dental insurance for federal employees establishing consistency with University Extension employees.
- ◆ In 2005, MAEE promoted and won a change in Extension policy to increase the length of non-renewal notice from a maximum of six months to a minimum of 12 months for field faculty who have worked more than 10 years. This made Extension consistent with non-Extension P&A employees at the University.
- ◆ MAEE has investigated the pros and cons of unionizing. After a lengthy process of inclusive discussion, MAEE chose to not proceed with a petition to join a union.
- ◆ MAEE worked with administration and employees during the last two rounds of lay-offs to identify and describe employee benefits and options at termination.

Find out more at:

<http://umn.edu/~extmaee>

Why should I join MAEE?

Join a community of peers who:

- ◆ Have regular face-to-face meetings with the Dean and Director to share our perspectives as educators and resolve issues of concern to us.
- ◆ Advocate for our employee benefits.
- ◆ Communicate with the legislature on our behalf.
- ◆ Network with colleagues across disciplines, capacity areas, and geographic regions.
- ◆ Organize and offer professional development workshops on timely topics featuring invited experts.
- ◆ Enjoy recognition for our professional efforts and programming via the awards and recognition program.

Get on the bus—the MAEE bus!



Membership Year: October—September

Yearly Dues: \$60.00

To join MAEE contact:

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Nancy Hegland knows that having the ear of Dean and Director Durgan is an important advantage of belonging to MAEE.

MAEE Structure

The MAEE has a board of directors that is comprised of the president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and past president, representatives of each geographic area, president of each section (MAE4-HYDP, MAEAP, MCNRA, NEAFCS-MN), and a representative of each standing committee.

The four standing committees are:

- ◆ Public Relations, Awards and Recognition;
- ◆ Professional Improvement;
- ◆ Employee Benefits; and
- ◆ Legislative.

All officers serve one-year terms, with the exception of the secretary, treasurer and geographic representatives (North, South, and Metro) who serve two-year terms.