

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
between
Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association, Inc. (MATA)
and
Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF)

MATA and MAEF share the mission of developing, supporting, and promoting agriculture education in Maryland. By using the strengths of each individual organization, strategies can be developed to maximize the potential to accomplish our joint missions. Both organizations work together to identify issues that are important in executing the missions and delivering a consistent message to our respective audiences. Pursuant to these goals, the following is agreed upon:

MATA

The Maryland Agriculture Teachers Association, Inc. (MATA) wishes to maintain its collegial working relationship with the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF). To that end, the MATA endorses, supports and will, upon request, provide appropriate assistance to MAEF through its High School and Postsecondary Agricultural Education Program Implementation Plan. Chiefly, the MATA endorses the five key areas of focus in the plan:

- Program Development
- Professional Development
- Program Information and Records
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention Networking
- Agricultural Literacy

Specifically, MATA will:

1. Provide leadership for new teachers and promote involvement in professional organizations
2. Provide a MATA representative to the MAEF Board of Directors
3. Provide a link on the MATA website to the MAEF website
4. Conduct and coordinate the Summer Conference
 - Organize and conduct workshops that reflect the needs of agriculture education in Maryland
 - Work with MAEF to help identify persons to inform about the conference.
 - Work together to coordinate an intern experience
 - Schedule time for MAEF to provide updates
5. Share knowledge about Ag. Ed. lesson plans with MAEF
6. Provide speakers or exhibits promoting Ag. Ed. in Maryland as requested
7. Endorse MAEF initiatives supporting funding and sponsorships

MAEF

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF) wishes to maintain its collegial working relationship with the MATA. Through its secondary/postsecondary education team and support staff MAEF endorses, supports and will, upon request, provide appropriate assistance to MATA.

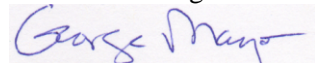
Specifically, MAEF will:

1. Provide a MAEF representative to attend MATA Board meetings
2. Assist in supporting MATA initiatives which may include clerical work and contracted Services
3. Assist in planning and the execution of the annual summer conference and other MATA professional development events
4. Provide link to MATA website on MAEF website
5. Provide discounted rates at MAEF events for teachers of Ag. Ed. as may be appropriate
6. Distribute Monday Morning Monitor and other updates on the MD Ag. Ed.
7. list serve
8. Support MATA by retaining archival records and providing a location to display
9. MATA awards
10. Share with MATA any teaching position openings and list them on the MAEF website
11. Help secure and manage interns for summer conference
12. Sponsor conference calls for MATA business as needed
13. Encourage those in Ag. Ed. to join MATA as an active, associate, affiliate, or
14. organizational member
15. Update teacher directory and make available online on MAEF websites
16. Update teacher list serve at least three times per year during the following months:
17. August, December, and May

This MOU will be reviewed annually by both organizations and revised as needed to remain beneficial to both organizations. This MOU will renew automatically and may be terminated at any time with written notification by either organization.

Signed:

MATA President
Michael Harrington



MAEF Executive Director
George Mayo

Date

January 28, 2016

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Year initiated 2015 - 2016

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