



Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Michigan Aquaculture Association's 2011 Annual Meeting, to be held February 8, 2011 at the Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan.

Sweeping change in Michigan's leadership ushers in new opportunities and challenges for Michigan's Aquaculture Industry. The Michigan Aquaculture Association is preparing to meet these opportunities with a positive outlook and a determination to help Michigan achieve its aquaculture production potential.

Please join us at the Kettunen Center for an informative day of discussion and presentations ranging from the Association's Aquaculture Development Strategic Plan to Pond Stocking and Certification Requirements for 2011.

Registration will begin at 7:00 am with the agenda running from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks will be provided with your registration. Overnight accommodations may be available at the Kettunen Center by calling: (231)829-3421. Other accommodations are available in Cadillac. For latest agenda updates and meeting times see <http://www.michiganaquaculture.com> Click on **2011 Annual Meeting** tab.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS - 2011

The Offices of **Vice-President**, **Secretary/Treasurer** and **Director** are open this year. Kent Herrick, Dave LaBomascus and Bob Baldwin will be seeking election for these positions. All Active and Sustaining Paid Members may also enter your name for the offices on the ballot by calling either the Secretary-Treasurer (231/834-7720 Dave LaBomascus) or Vice-President (231/796-2284 Bob Baldwin)

The President's Corner

First, I want to wish everyone a very merry holiday season and a happy New Year!

I would like to let everyone know that as of December 31, 2010, I have resigned as President of the Michigan Aquaculture Association. I had hoped to finish out my term for another year and finish the Strategic Plan, but my heart is just not in it.

The last year has been one of the most difficult in my life, I lost my life's partner in everything I've done in Aquaculture for the last 32 years. I'm still trying to deal with the loss and figure out what is important in my life and what, if anything, I need to direct my efforts in Aquaculture.

Michigan has great potential to be a leader in the industry, both on a national and a world scale. The sad thing is, we have not been able to convince anybody with the means and influence to do anything about it.

I came back to Michigan, my home State, 20 years ago to get my kids educated. I have accomplished that. I, naively thought we could establish an aquaculture industry here in Michigan after all the work on the Aquaculture Development Act, it has proved much harder than doing it in a third world country!

I need a time out. I'm going "south of the border" for a couple of months to get in touch with reality, reflect on where I've been, and try to determine where to go in the future. There is new promise in Michigan with the new administration, but that comes with a new list of uncertainties.

I am getting old, there are only a few battles left in this old body. Are they better spent here in Michigan, a state in need of a new industry, or a third world country in need of any industry? Most of my life has been spent developing the third world, I have been very successful doing that. I have spent more time here in Michigan with less results than any third world country I ever worked in! Very Frustrating!

So, to all of you who have supported my efforts, I thank you. I hope the next couple months brings into focus a way to move Michigan Aquaculture ahead. If not, I wish you all the best and I will always remember the good friends I've made along the way!

Saludos,
Russ Allen
President

MAA Board Action

The Board of Directors have filled the remaining portion of the Office of President with the appointment of Dan Vogler. The Board also appointed Jerry Kahn to the remaining portion of Director that Dan had held. These changes are effective January 1, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM:

Born October 12, 1948 to Donald and Joyce Garling, Donald Lee Garling, Jr. passed away September 27, 2010 at the age of 61.

Don retired from MSU in 2009 after 30 years of service as a professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Don along with Harry Westers had both encouraged and helped in fostering Aquaculture growth in Michigan since the early '80's. Our heartfelt condolences to his surviving family members.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **February 8, 2011 Tustin, Michigan. MAA Annual Meeting** For more information www.michiganaquaculture.com

- **February 11-12, 2011 the Ohio Aquaculture Association is having their Annual Banquet and workshops in conjunction with the N.C.R.A.C. regional meeting. Columbus Airport Marriot.** For more information and registration contact Julie Strawser-Moose moose.14@osu.edu

- **February 15 -17, 2011 Ron Kinnunen is leading a Seafood HACCP course in Baraga, Michigan at the Ojibwa Casino Resort from 2/15-2/17. There is also a 1-day internet course on the 17th. Please contact Ron in regards to the necessary**

certification requirements for processing seafood and/or additional information at Ph/Fax 906/226-3687 or email kinnune1@msu.edu

- **The 2011 Wisconsin Aquaculture Conference will be held on March 11 & 12 at the Country Springs Hotel and Water Park in Pewaukee. There will be a listening session on the new DATCP rules on Thursday from 1-3 p followed by a WAIAC meeting from 3-5p. On Saturday, after the conference, Peter Fritsch, Rushing Waters Fisheries, will give a tour of his farm starting at 2pm.**

(Please visit their website for more information at www.wisconsinaquaculture.com)

MAA CURRENT OFFICERS

President: Dan Vogler *

Harrietta Hills Trout Farm - 231/389-2514

Vice-President: Bob Baldwin

Aqua Springs - 231/796-2284

Secretary-Treasurer: Dave LaBomascus

Stoney Creek Fisheries - 231/834-7720

Director: Kent Herrick

Aquaculture Research Corp. - 734/323-7498

Director: Jerry Kahn *

Cedarbrook Trout Farms - 989/724-5241

* Midterm change due to Russ Allen resignation

NOTE:

MSU - Aquatic Animal Health Lab has moved, now located at 177K National Food Safety & Toxicology Center East Lansing, Michigan. Ph: 517/884-25024 Fax 517//432-2310
Web: healthfish@cvm.msu.edu

Trout Census and Ag Census reports are now being collected. If your have received your forms, please fill out and return to respected units.

See you all at the Annual!