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SAEA Annual Meeting

On behalf of the SAEA leadership team, I thank all who participated in the 2015 annual meeting in Atlanta. SAEA continues to build on its wonderful legacy of providing fantastic academic engagement, professional network opportunities and events that showcase and support agricultural economic students. The meeting was well attended with 164 faculty, 125 graduate students and 112 undergraduate students. These numbers show continued solid participation from our members and students compared to last year. Comparing 2015 annual meeting attendance to 2014 shows a slight dip from faculty (down 1.8%) and undergraduates (down 11%). However we experienced a record increase in graduate student attendance rising 31.5% from last year.

I express gratitude to all of the volunteers and committee chairs that made the annual meeting a success. As always, Jeff Jordan did a great job in coordinating all of the meeting logistics, including facilities, meals, and receptions. Thanks also to John VanSickle who assisted with the planning and coordination of the annual meeting program. I extend special thanks to Dan Petrolia for providing invaluable service in organizing the selected paper submission and review process and to Jody Campiche for coordinating the projectors, computers and other IT support. We switched to tracks for this year's conference and hope that everyone found this organizing change beneficial. Lastly, special thanks to Michael Best who has provided fantastic leadership organizing the quiz bowl competition. Many thanks to Michael, the quiz bowl advisors for each of the participating schools, and all who volunteered to serve as moderators, judges, or computer operators for the quiz bowl competition.

SAEA continued with the transition from invited paper to invited symposia sessions. Many thanks to Marco Palma, Andrew Muhammad and Nathan Smith who graciously agreed to organize invited symposium sessions for the annual meeting. Each of these sessions focused on topics of interest to a broad segment of our members.

Business Meeting Update

Membership remains solid, with 623 total members as of January 2015. This figure does not include memberships joining through AAEA which should push our total to an estimated 700 members. Financially SAEA remains strong. The Association income statement for January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 indicated income of \$147,325.45 and expenses of \$155,208.25. Expenses were up slightly as a result of our transition to a publishing house for our journal and our commitment to supporting students at the annual meeting. Our investment account, total assets, experienced a slight decline shrinking from \$190,435.01 to \$189,347.29 at the end of the 2014. The Association has no liabilities.

Special Recognitions

During the annual meeting, SAEA was pleased to offer both lifetime and early-career recognitions. Colleagues recognized for career achievements with the SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award were Curtis Jolly (Auburn University), Gene Nelson (Texas A&M University) and Mike Woods (Oklahoma State University). We appreciate their significant

contribution, mentorship and leadership to further SAEA's mission and our profession. SAEA also recognizes young faculty that have distinguished themselves with the Emerging Scholar award. These awards are designed to highlight the work of high-performing early-career professionals—within 7 years from having received a terminal degree. The 2015 honorees were Nathan Hendricks (Kansas State University), Gregory Colson (University of Georgia), and Richard Volpe (California Polytechnic State University). Please join me in congratulating these outstanding early career professionals. Also please nominate our colleagues for the 2016 annual meeting (see the call for nomination in this newsletter). All SAEA awards presented during the conference are listed at the end of this newsletter and on our association's website.

Journal Update

At the meeting in Atlanta, Andrew McKenzie and Krishna Paudel, editors of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* (JAAE), reported that the journal handled 123 manuscripts during 2014, 71 of which were new submissions. The average turnaround time for manuscripts was 68 days. The 2014 award for Outstanding JAAE Journal Article was presented to Henry W. Kinnucan and Li Gong for their article titled, "Goodwill and Export Promotion Dynamics." Five members have rotated off the editorial council. These are Keith Coble, Keith Fuglie, Jayson Lusk, Sophie Thoyer, and Ted Schroeder. These individuals are being replaced by Michael Adjemian, Sandra Hoffman, Subal Kumbhakar, Fabien Prieur, and Glynn Tonsor. Henry Kinnucan continued to serve as Associate Editor. Please join me in thanking those who are rotating off the editorial council for their service to JAAE. Many thanks as well to the incoming members of the editorial council for their willingness to serve.

The JAAE partnership with Cambridge University Press started in 2015 as SAEA seeks to move the Journal to a new level of recognition. The Executive Committee and JAAE Editors believe that working with a prestigious publishing company will facilitate our goal of eventually having the JAAE indexed in Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI) Web of Knowledge while also maintaining the financial viability of our journal. With the publication of our first issue in 2015, JAAE has moved to an open access format. We believe that this format will raise the profile of JAAE to a wider audience. We are the first major agricultural economics journal to move to this format and are excited about leading the way for our profession. SAEA and Cambridge University Press are in the process of launching an educational effort to inform members about the expanded benefits offered through this new partnership.

Leadership

Finally, I would like to thank Barry Barnett, Past-President, and Dan Petrolia, Director, who each completed their terms at the 2015 annual meeting. We appreciate your service to the Association. We are delighted to welcome Jeff Gillespie, Louisiana State University, as President-elect and Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University, as a new Director. As officer elections approach this summer, please think about possible nominees. We will be electing a President-elect and one Director. Each will serve a three year term. If you have nominations, please send them to me or any other member of the Executive Committee. Also, if you are interested in serving on an SAEA committee (listed later in this newsletter), please contact me at rainey@uaex.edu

Please mark your calendar now for next year's annual meeting, which will be held in **San Antonio, Texas February 6 – 9, 2016.**

Ron Rainey SAEA President

Award Winners at the 2015 SAEA Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

SAEA Lifetime Achievement Awards

Curtis Jolly, Auburn University
Gene Nelson, Texas A&M University
Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University

Emerging Scholars Awards

Nathan Hendricks, Kansas State University
Gregory Colson, University of Georgia
Richard Volpe, California Polytechnic State University

Outstanding Extension Program Awards

Oklahoma State University OK Quality Beef Program

Outstanding Journal Article

Henry W. Kinnucan and Li Gong. "Goodwill and Export Promotion Dynamics." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 46,1 (February 2014): 73-88.

Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award

Michelle Segovia, Texas A&M University. "Measuring Consumer Acceptance and Willingness-To-Pay for Specialty Tomatoes: Impact of Product, Taste, and Health Features." Marco Palma, Advisor.

Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award

Leonardo Francesta, Texas A&M University. "Addressing Practical Issues in Designing Weather Insurance Contracts for Risk Management Applications in Developing Countries." Dmitry Vedenov, Advisor.

Outstanding Poster Awards

First Place – Gavin Henry, Christopher Boyer, Andrew Griffith, James A. Larson, Aaron Smith and John Mulliniks, University of Tennessee. "Risk and Returns for a Spring- and Full-Calving Beef Herd Grazing Tall Fescue in Tennessee."

Second Place – Stephen Amosson and Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University and Bridget Guerrero, West Texas A&M University. "The Economic Impact of Agribusiness in the High Plains Trade Area."

Third Place – Rezzgar Mohammed and Wuyang Hu, University of Kentucky. "Do Low-Income Households Spend Less on Dairy Products than High-Income Households?"

Quiz Bowl Tournament Winners

First Place – Leopards. Brian Glover, Fort Valley State; Andrew Johnson, Purdue; Carl Wombie, Clemson; Elizabeth Blinn, Purdue.

Second Place – Seahawks. Mary Davis, Virginia Tech; Michael Kline, Wisconsin River Falls; Nate Trull, Kentucky; Kaitlyn Wilson, Arkansas Monticello

Third Place – Bulldogs. Katie Fisher, Texas A&M; Zachary Sharp, Clemson; Haley Meitner, Iowa State; Kaitlyn Winters, Purdue

Call for Emerging Scholars Awards

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting nominations for the 2016 "Emerging Scholar" awards. These awards are designed to highlight the work of high-performing early-career professionals in our profession. To be eligible, an applicant must, by May 8, 2015, be no more than 7 years from having received a terminal degree. Previous Emerging Scholar award winners are not eligible to be nominated again. Nominations are encouraged from both within and

outside the Southern region of the United States. Each institution, however, is limited to no more than two nominations. Nominees need not be current members of the SAEA.

Those selected for this award will be expected to present in an invited symposia session at the 2016 annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, February 6 - 9. Presentations may be empirical or conceptual and can address topics related to research, extension, or instruction. All presentations are expected to be of high quality and to address issues on the frontier of knowledge in a given subject matter area. Recipients of the Emerging Scholar awards will be recognized at the SAEA business meeting and will receive a \$250 honorarium.

Nominations must include a brief statement (no more than one page) regarding the nominee's qualifications, a one-page presentation proposal, and a two-page curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted via an e-mail attachment sent to Jeffrey Gillespie at Louisiana State University (jmgille@lsu.edu) with "Emerging Scholar Nomination" as the subject. **Nominations must be received by May 8, 2015.**

2016 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2016 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in San Antonio, Texas, February 6-9, 2016

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – San Antonio, Texas

When – February 6 - 9, 2016

Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

2015-2016 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work our association performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on our committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees in the future please contact Ron Rainey at rrainey@uaex.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Deacue Fields, Auburn University (2016); Jody Campiche Oklahoma State University (2017) Carlos Carpio (2018), Texas Tech University.

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Bill Herndon (2016), Mississippi State University; Jeffrey Jordan (2017), University of Georgia; Mike Woods (2018), Oklahoma State University.

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Matt Fannin (2016), Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Glynn Tonsor (2017), Kansas State University; Steve Klose (2018), Texas A&M University.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Forrest Stegelin (2016), University of Georgia; Joshua Detre (2017), MedComp Sciences; Lurleen Walters (2018), Mississippi State University.

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Andrew Griffith (2016), University of Tennessee; Luis

Ribera (2017), Texas A&M University; Esendugue Greg Fonsah (2018), University of Georgia.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Ram Acharya (2016), New Mexico State; L. Lanier Nalley (2017), University of Arkansas; David Willis (2018), Clemson University.

Poster Committee: [Dmitry Vedenov](#) (2016), Texas A&M; Kalyn Coatney (2017), Mississippi State University; Nathan Smith (2018), University of Georgia.

Undergraduate Committee: Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University, Chair; Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University; Glenn Ames, University of Georgia; Sierra Howry, Angelo State University; Joey Mehlhorn, University of Tennessee at Martin; Mohammed Ibrahim, Ft. Valley State University; Michelle Mullins-Santiago, Sam Houston State University, Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas; Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University; Mikael Sandberg, Flagler College; John Siebert, Texas A&M University; Robert Stark, University of Arkansas-Monticello; Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech.

JAAE Editors: Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University (LSU) and LSU AgCenter; Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas.

JAAE Editorial Council: Michael Adjemian, Economic Research Service; Jeffrey Alwang, Virginia Tech; Kym Anderson, University of Adelaide; Sandra Hoffmann, Economic Research Service; Kaliappa Kalirajan, Australian National University; Subal Kumbhakar, SUNY Binghamton; Craig Landry, University of Georgia; Ashok Mishra, Louisiana State University; Rudy Nayga, University of Arkansas; Fabien Prieur, LAMETA - Université Montpellier 1 and INRA James Richardson, Texas A&M University; Alexander Sarris, University of Athens, Greece; Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; Benjamin Senauer, University of Minnesota; Loren Tauer, Cornell University; Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University.

Nominating Committee: Past-President, Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University; President, Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas; President-elect, Jeff Gillespie, Louisiana State University.

Social Planner for 2016 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

IT/AV Committee for 2016 Meetings: Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University.

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