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The 2018 SAEA annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida was exceptional! There were 418 attendees, including 164 faculty / career professionals, 139 graduate students, and 115 undergraduate students. This represents the second highest number of attendees on record and the highest number of graduate students ever. Undergraduate student attendance and participation in the Quiz Bowl remains strong.

I want to thank all of the committee chairs, committee members, and the SAEA Board for all of their hard work in planning a successful meeting. Special thanks goes to a number of people, including but not limited to the following. As he has graciously done for many years now, Jeff Jordan did an excellent job coordinating the meeting logistics, including receptions, meals, facilities, and general planning. John VanSickle helped in coordinating the meeting, as well as handling the program logistics. Carlos Carpio coordinated the selected paper and poster submissions and the review process. Luis Ribera and Susana Ferreira coordinated the computers, projectors, and other information technology support during the meeting. Members rolling off SAEA committees this year include Carlos Carpio, Mike Woods, Steven Klose, Lurleen Walters, Greg Fonsah, David Willis, Nathan Smith, and John Michael Riley, each of whom played an important role in the success of the meeting.

The Quiz Bowl competition was a tremendous success under the leadership Committee Chair Maria Bampasidou, as well as the Quiz Bowl advisors for each of the participating schools and the many volunteers who moderated, judged and/or helped with IT support for the Quiz Bowl. Thanks to all of you for your service to the SAEA! I want to thank Todd Davis and the Southern Farm Management Extension Committee for organizing the Pre-conference Financial Outlook session and Andrew Muhammad for organizing an outstanding invited symposium session on Agricultural Trade. Each of these sessions focused on pertinent issues for our membership.

The SAEA has had an extraordinary increase in membership and participation. Paid membership increased by 31 in 2017 to 366 paid members. We also document those who have participated in SAEA activities but are not current members. We had 437 of those participating professionals, bringing our total membership and active participants to 828, an increase of 237. The SAEA income statement for January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, showed income of \$124,130.04 and expenses of \$96,084.73. End-of-2017 total assets of \$261,168.67 were up significantly from end-of-2016 total assets of \$208,251.82. The SAEA has no liabilities.

The SAEA was pleased to offer recognition for both lifetime achievement and early career achievement in agricultural economics. Individuals receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award were Dr. Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee; Dr. Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University; and Dr. Darrell Bosch, Virginia Tech University. Each has provided outstanding contributions to the profession and to the SAEA and we thank them for those contributions. The presentations at the breakfast honoring their achievements during the annual meeting from each participant were unique and inspiring. Emerging Scholar Award winners were David Ortega, Michigan State University; Naveen Adusumilli, Louisiana State University; and Abigail Okrent, USDA Economic Research Service. Each made research presentations at the Emerging Scholars session. Congratulations to the Lifetime Achievement Award and Emerging Scholar winners!

At the annual SAEA meetings, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian reported that 198 manuscripts were handled in 2017, 109 of which were new submissions, up from 98 in 2016. The average turnaround time was 47 days. The

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Outstanding Journal Article Award for an article published in 2017 in the JAAE was presented to Kent Kovacs and Alvaro Durand-Morat. JAAE Members rotating off the JAAE Editorial Council are Michael Adjemian, Sandra Hoffman, Subal Kumbhakar, Fabien Prieur, Glynn Tonsor and Henry Kinnucan – Associate Editor. They are being replaced by Wade Brorsen, Danney Campbell, Jill Hobbs' Wuyang Hu, Ric Scarpa and Chen Zen. I want to thank all of these individuals for their service to the JAAE.

I want to offer special thanks to a number of people. First, I want to thank Ron Rainey for filling in and providing an overview of my Presidential address at the annual meeting. Jeff Gillespie completed his term as Past President at the February meetings. During his year as Past President, he provided leadership in the selection of the professional awards. Thank you, Jeff, for all you have done for the SAEA over the past several years. Lisa House completed her term as President at the February meetings. During her year as President, she provided excellent leadership in coordinating and initiating many activities of the SAEA, too many to list here. Thank you, Lisa, and I look forward to continuing to work with you this year in your position as Past President. Carlos Carpio completed his term as Director at the February meetings. We appreciate his strong leadership in this very important role over the past three years. I am pleased to welcome Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University, as our President-Elect, and Michael Vassalos, Clemson University, as Director, to the SAEA leadership team. Each will serve three-year terms. If you have nominations for officers or interest in serving on an SAEA committee for 2018-2019, please contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee. My email address is DF014@uark.edu. Please mark your calendars now for next year's annual meeting, to be held January 31 - February 5, 2019, in Birmingham, Alabama. Let's make 2019 another record-setting year!

**Deacue Fields, SAEA President**

## **2019 SAEA Annual Meetings**

Make your plans now to attend the 2019 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, January 31 - February 5, 2019.

**What – SAEA Annual Meeting**

**Where – Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, AL**

**When – January 31- February 5, 2019**

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

## **Award Winners at the 2018 SAEA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida**

### **Emerging Scholars –**

David Ortega, Michigan State University  
Naveen Adusumilli, Louisiana State University  
Abigail Okrent, USDA Economic Research Service

### **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Kim Jensen, University of Tennessee  
Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University  
Darrell Bosch, Virginia Tech University

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### **Academic Quiz Bowl winners –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Patriots – Mitchel Stringer (Mississippi State University), Carolyn Lofredo (Auburn University), Addie Stone (Clemson University) and Erica Rogers (University of Kentucky)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bengals – Jessica Brown (Mississippi State University), Andrew Hall (Clemson University), Amber Beers (University of Florida) and Gage Patton (University of Georgia)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Falcons – Valerie Regan (Texas A&M University), Troy McDonald (Texas A&M Commerce), Meri Beth Day (Auburn University) and Amanda Higgins (Oklahoma State University)

### **Teaching of a Course Award**

Mathew Interis, Mississippi State University. AEC 4233 Environmental Economics

### **Extension Award**

*Individual:* Dr. John Robinson, Texas A&M University. “Cotton Marketing Programs in Texas.”

### **Outstanding Dissertation**

Eunchun Park, Oklahoma State University. “Three Essays on Insurance and Options in Agricultural Economics.”

### **Outstanding Thesis**

Kindra Williamson, Texas A&M University. “An Empirically- and Theoretically-Based Model of the Market for Pollination Services”

### **Outstanding JAAE Article**

Kovacs, Kent and Alvaro Durand-Morat. “The Influence of On- and Off-Farm Surface Water Investment on Groundwater Extraction from an Agricultural Landscape.” *JAAE* 49, 3 (August 2017): 323-46.

### **Poster Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nathan Kemper, Jennie S. Popp and Rodolfo Nayga, Jr., University of Arkansas. “A Query Theory Account of a Discrete Choice Experiment under Oath.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Timothy Woods and Mahla Zare Mehrjerdi. “Local Food Purchasing Frequency by Locavores across Market Channels – Implications for Local Food System Development.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Florence Lwiza and Sidonia McKenzie, Kansas State University. “Resource Use Changes with Biogas Technology Adoption.”

### **2018-2019 SAEA COMMITTEES**

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, please contact Deacue Fields at [DF014@uark.edu](mailto:DF014@uark.edu). We are in need of committee members for any Committee that does not have a currently listed member with a term date of 2021

**Selected Papers Committee:** Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019); Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020); Michael Vassalos, Clemson University (2021).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019). Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020).

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**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** John Westra, Louisiana State University (2019), Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020)

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019); Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020).

**Masters Thesis Award Committee:** Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019); Michee Lachaud, Florida A&M University (2020).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019); Ryan Williams, Texas Tech University (2020)

**Poster Committee:** Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky (2019); Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University; Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University.

**JAAE Editorial Team:** Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian, University of Kentucky. Associate Editor Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University.

**JAAE Editorial Council:** Jabir Ali, Institute of Cooperative and Corporate Management, India; Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University; Danny Campbell, University of Stirling, Scotland; Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University; Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University; Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida; Jill Hobbs, University of Saskatchewan, Canada; Wuyang Hu, Ohio State University; Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee; Ani Katchova, Ohio State University; Nicole Mason, Michigan State University; David Orden, Virginia Tech University; Michael Popp, University of Arkansas; Marc Ribaud, USDA-ERS; Ric Scarpa, Durham University, United Kingdom; Jesse Tack, Kansas State University; Renato Villano, University of New England, Australia; Nick Vink, Stellenbosch University; Chen Zen, University of Georgia; Yuquing Zheng, University of Kentucky.

**Nominating Committee:** Past-President Lisa House, University of Florida; President Deacue Fields, University of Arkansas; President-Elect Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University.

**Social Planner for 2019 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2018 Meetings:** Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University; Michael Vassalos, Clemson University.

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020).

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