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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Plans are proceeding for the 2008 SAEA annual meetings to be held in Dallas, TX, February 3-6. As you may recall, numerous changes were made in the meeting format at the 2007 Mobile meetings. Evaluation of these changes by the membership was favorable, so we will continue with the same format as in 2007. For those of you not in attendance, the June 2006 SAEA newsletter outlined these changes. This year's Invited Papers sessions will be coordinated by President-elect Bill Herndon, Mississippi State. Valentina Hartarska, Auburn, has graciously agreed to coordinate the Selected Papers sessions and Michael Popp, University of Arkansas, will coordinate Selected Poster submissions. Calls for these events and for the various SAEA Awards, coordinated by Past-president Damona Doye, Oklahoma State, appear later in this Newsletter. And expect another excellent social on the Tuesday evening of the 2008 meetings. This event will be organized by Larry Falconer and Jeff Jordan, so plan to attend the entirety of the SAEA 2008 meetings!

The SAEA Executive Board met in Charleston, S.C. on June 15 and discussed several items of business pertaining to the strategic direction of SAEA. One of these items was the accumulation of funds in the Association's investment account in excess of \$100,000. This surplus has been accumulated over the years and is presently in excess of \$10,000. (Of course, the accounts must be continuously monitored and are subject to market fluctuations.) The Board has decided to focus use of these excess funds to support efforts to increase participation of undergraduate and graduate students at the annual meetings and other association activities. Exact programmatic approaches to achieve this goal are being assembled by a sub-committee headed by Larry Falconer, TAMU, with input from undergraduate and graduate committee members. In addition, Stanley Fletcher, UGA and Larry Falconer investigated the prospect of establishing an SAEA Foundation to receive funds that individuals or groups may wish to contribute to further SAEA activities. It was decided that because SAEA is a 501c(3) organization this was not necessary; tax deductible donations currently can be made to SAEA with specific designations. You will be hearing more regarding this opportunity to advance SAEA in future newsletters.

The Executive Board also has decided to make a concerted effort to expand SAEA membership. This effort will entail three initiatives: 1) Establish SAEA liaisons in each state to secure increased membership within their state; 2) Target new PhD and MS graduates receiving degrees from or accepting positions at traditional SAEA universities; 3) Increase membership and participation from 1890s universities. I will be in charge of the first two initiatives and Al Parks, TAMU-Prairie View, has agreed to head up a task force to address the third initiative.

Finally, thanks to Jeff Jordan, Treasurer and Wojciech Florkowski, Secretary, UGA, for their superb work keeping the finances and communications in such excellent order. SAEA could not function without this. Hats off to you for your continuing efforts.

Sincerely,

H. L. Goodwin
President

Academic Quiz Bowl Competition at the SAEA Annual Meeting in Dallas!!!

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Dallas! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for a record turn-out of schools and student participants. Plans are also in the works to host a graduate program recruitment fair which would provide graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. If you have any questions about these plans, please contact James Sterns, Student Section faculty advisor, P.O. Box 110240, 1183 McCarty Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-0240, Ph. 352.392.1826 ext. 222, FAX 352.846.0988, E-mail jasterns@ufl.ed. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Details will be provided in the September Newsletter.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Award: To recognize significant and enduring contributions in scholarship or public service to southern agricultural economics. Scholarship would entail teaching and research, while public service would embrace not only extension but all other outreach activities in government and agribusiness. This award recognizes individual distinguished contributions to the profession over a career.

B. Nature of the Award: The award shall be called "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award." The winners of the award shall be announced annually with the awards presented at the annual meetings of the SAEA. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate and a free membership to the Southern Agricultural Economics Association for the remainder of his or her life.

c. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must have completed at least 25 years of professional service and must have made significant contributions to the profession. This award is in recognition of one's contribution to southern agricultural economics throughout a professional career. The award may be given posthumously. The recipient need not live (or have lived) in the southern region, but must have been a member of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at some time in his or her career.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be made by SAEA members and/or agricultural economics and related departments.

Nominations will consist of the following:

1. A statement, not longer than two double-spaced pages, summarizing the contributions in scholarship (teaching and/or research) and/or public service (extension and other outreach activities including such activities in government or agribusiness) to southern agricultural economics throughout the nominee's professional career.
2. A detailed resume of the nominee.
3. Copies of not more than three published works which exemplify research contributions of the nominee and a brief summary of other works which provide tangible evidence of the nominee's contributions to southern agricultural economics; and/or summaries of courses taught, topics covered, formal evaluations of teaching, and not more than three tangible examples of teaching aids or other tangible examples of extension or outreach program materials exemplifying the nominee's contributions in public service to southern agricultural economics.
4. Letters indicating contributions the nominee has made to southern agricultural economics (maximum of 3).
5. A synopsis of the candidate's career suitable for publication in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. See examples in the August issue of the *JAEE*.
6. The Selection Committee for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award shall be composed of the Past-President of the SAEA and three members of the SAEA, not on the executive committee, to be appointed to staggered three-year terms by the President. The Past-President will chair the selection committee and will be the liaison between the selection committee and the SAEA executive committee.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Mail **four copies** of nominations for **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by **September 14, 2007** (postmarked, 1st class mail, no faxed nominations will be accepted) to:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Awards: To recognize significant contributions of individuals to the profession of agricultural economics, to bring such contributions to the attention of the profession, and to facilitate firsthand sharing of such contributions through the annual SAEA meetings.

B. Nature of the Awards: The "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Awards for Distinguished Professional Contributions" are made annually and recipients share their award-winning contributions with the membership at SAEA annual meetings. More than one award may be made each year in each category based on the judgment of evaluation committees concerning the significance of nominated works. Committees shall not be obligated to make awards if no nominee is judged deserving. Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition.

C. Award Categories: Awards are considered for distinguished contributions to the profession in the following categories:

- ☞ **Outstanding *JAAE* Article**
- ☞ **Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award**
- ☞ **Distinguished Extension Program Award**
- ☞ **Outstanding Master's Thesis Award**
- ☞ **Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award**

D. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must be SAEA members and actively involved in the area for which the work is nominated. The contribution nominated may be the work of a single individual or group of individuals. In the case of group awards, one-half or more of the contributing individuals must be SAEA members actively involved in the area of the nominated work. Graduate students must be student members of the SAEA.

E. Selection Criteria: Selection of award winners will be made by committees appointed by the SAEA President except for the Outstanding *JAAE* Article where the selection committee is composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. Criteria used in the selection process include:

1. Relevance and importance of topic, problem, or issue addressed;
2. Application of appropriate economic principles, methods, and concepts;
3. Appropriate use of logic, scientific approach, method, or process;
4. Contribution of results and/or process to advancing the agricultural economics profession; and
5. Transferability of achievement to professional development of other economists.

F. Award Winner Responsibilities: Acceptance of an award carries a commitment on the part of the award winner(s) to attend and share this work, in person, with other members of the profession at the SAEA annual meeting when the award is given. Award recipients are expected to summarize and highlight their accomplishments in a poster presentation at the annual meeting. Poster session guidelines will be made available to award recipients.

G. Notification: Award winners will be notified at least 30 days before the annual meetings.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

A. Outstanding *JAAE* Article

1. *JAAE* articles appearing in the December 2006 through August 2007 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. No nominations are required.

B. Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the teaching of a course of instruction.
2. A brief resume of economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of course covered by nomination.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and description of teaching aids or materials supporting nomination (e.g., VHS videotape sample of nominee's teaching would be helpful).
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

C. Outstanding Extension Program Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the extension program nominated.
2. A brief resume of extension economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of the extension program nominated.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and extension program materials supporting nomination.
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

D. Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

1. A thesis must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the thesis was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Master's degree during the 2006-2007 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, thesis advisor(s), thesis title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each fifteen Master's theses or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2006-2007 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible theses, departments must limit consideration to theses in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$200 accompanies the award.
5. Four copies of a thesis must be submitted.

E. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

1. A dissertation must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the dissertation was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. during the 2006-2007 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, dissertation advisor(s), dissertation title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each twelve doctoral dissertations or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2006-2007 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible nominations, departments must limit consideration to dissertations in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$300 accompanies the award.
5. Four copies of a dissertation must be submitted.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Mail **four copies** of nominations for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association **Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards** by **September 14, 2007** (postmarked, 1st class mail, no faxed nominations will be accepted) to:

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SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 2-5, 2008

Dallas, Texas

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: The purpose of an organized symposium is to stimulate discussion of a single theme or problem related to agricultural economics. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcomed and encouraged. The emphasis on audience discussion and participation distinguishes a symposium from a selected papers session. **Proposals in the areas of Extension/Outreach and Teaching/Learning are strongly encouraged.** At least one participant must be a SAEA member. If not, a check for \$30 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of SAEA.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2008/> no later than Friday, September 14, 2007. The website will be open for submissions after July 15, 2007. The proposal must include the following items: name, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address of the organizer and the symposium title. Proposals are limited to three pages in length, including the cover page (single or double spaced, 12 point font). Questions regarding submission format for organized symposia should be addressed to **Dr. Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University, Agricultural Economics, PO Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762, Phone 662/325-2750, Fax 662/325-8777, E-mail herndon@agecon.msstate.edu**

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposium organizer. All proposed participants must agree to be at the meetings, **prior** to submitting symposium proposals. The time allotted to selected symposia will be one hour and 45 minutes, of which at least 45 minutes should include open discussion with the audience. Abstracts of selected symposia will be published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Proposal Submission Format:

Page 1:

Organizer: (please include address, phone number, and E-mail address).

Title: Tentative Symposium title.

Abstract: Summary of "Justification and Description" from pages 2 and 3; 100 words maximum.

Moderator and Participants: Names, affiliations, titles, and viewpoints to be represented, for **all** participants. Addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses must also be included for **all** participants.

Format: Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

Pages 2 and 3:

Justification and Description: Why is this topic timely and appropriate? What is the purpose to be served? What are the unique dimensions offered by the proposal?

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

February 2-5, 2008

Dallas, Texas

CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural economics are welcomed (more papers on the subject areas of teaching and extension are especially welcome). Papers presented or published previously are not eligible. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member. If not, a check for \$30.00 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SAEA. No member may submit more than one proposal as senior or sole author.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2008/> no later than Friday, **September 14, 2007**. The website will be open for submissions after July 15, 2007. The proposal must include the name, affiliation, address, phone number, and E-mail address of all authors, the title of the paper, and the subject area(s). Proposals are limited to two pages in total length (in addition to the cover page) and should be single-spaced, using a 12 pitch font.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by reviewers from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to authors. If you would like to volunteer to be a Topic Leader or a Reviewer for one of the subject areas, please contact Dr. Valentina Hartarska, Department of Ag. Economics & Rural Sociology, 210 Comer Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36830; E-mail: hartavm@auburn.edu, Phone: 334-844-5666.

SAEA requires the author of an accepted paper to post an electronic version of the final paper in the *AgEcon Search* website by **Friday, January 11, 2008**. Final manuscripts should not exceed 20 pages in total length (including figures, tables, and references) and must be double spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper. Please see the back cover of a recent issue of the *J. of Agric. and Appl. Econ. (JAAE)* for other format guidelines. Final versions of abstracts (50 words or less) must be submitted by **Friday, January 11, 2008**. Abstracts of selected papers will be published in the *JAAE*. Authors failing to meet the above January 11th deadline will not have their abstract published in the *JAAE* and will be pulled from the program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Valentina Hartarska, Department of Ag. Economics & Rural Sociology, 210 Comer Hall, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36830; E-mail: hartavm@auburn.edu, Phone: 334-844-5666.

Submission Format:

I. Proposal format (No authors' names in proposal)

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| a) Objectives | c) Data and Methods | e) Discussion |
| b) Background | d) Results/Expected Results | |

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 2-5, 2008

Dallas, Texas

CALL FOR SELECTED POSTERS

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting proposals for posters to be presented at the 2008 annual meeting to be held February 2-5, 2008 in Dallas, Texas.

Eligibility: Posters on all topics of agricultural and applied economics are welcome. Previously presented or published posters are ineligible. Only one submission per sole or senior author will be considered. At least one author must be an SAEA member. Otherwise, include a check made out to SAEA for an annual membership (\$30 regular or \$35 international).

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- (a) relevance to members of the Association;
- (b) importance of the work;
- (c) quality of the work;
- (d) clarity of communication.

Authors of selected posters will be given information on poster preparation for presentation at the SAEA meeting. Presented posters will be judged and winners will be announced at the SAEA awards ceremony. Abstracts of selected posters will be published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Submission information:

Poster proposal should be posted at <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SAEA2008/>. The website will be open for submissions after July 15, 2007. Questions can be directed to Selected Poster Session Chair: Dr. Michael Popp, Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, 217 Ag Building, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701; Phone: 479-575-6838, E-mail: mpopp@uark.edu

A poster submission should include the following:

1. The title of the poster; the name and affiliation of each author along with the address, phone number, and E-mail of the corresponding author; an abstract of no more than 50 words; and the subject matter and primary audience that most closely relate to the poster content.
2. A proposal of no more than two, single-spaced pages and a font size of at least 12 points. In narrative form, include (a) the problem statement and importance of work, (b) data and methods, (c) major results and implications, and (d) references.

Submissions must be posted no later than Friday, September 14, 2007.

**Submissions must be posted by
Friday, September 14, 2007.**

Food Distribution Research Society - 2007 Annual Conference

Call for Research Reports, Updates, and Posters

The society invites submissions of Research Reports and Research Updates for the Annual Conference, to be held November 3-7, 2007, in New Orleans. The conference theme is "Knowledge, A Strategic Input in Food Distribution," will be explored in major sessions that will examine a variety of topics.

Research Reports are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts in any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail. Reports will be evaluated and accepted on the basis of one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. Presentations of research reports will be limited to 20 minutes each.

Research Updates are synopses of research or educational work (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one page description of the update. Presentations of updates will be limited to 10 minutes each. For more information visit our website, <http://fdrs.ag.utk.edu/>

Direct questions about Research Update and Research Report submissions to:

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All materials should be postmarked no later than June 29, 2007. Authors will be notified about the status of their submissions by August 31, 2007.

Posters

Posters should highlight research projects, teaching programs, and agricultural and food marketing issues. The maximum poster dimensions are four feet high by six feet wide, and posters should be attachable with pushpins to the backboards provided. Posters will be on display Monday during the conference, Poster authors should be present to answer questions about their posters Monday for one hour before the reception and banquet.

The deadline for poster submissions is June 29, 2007. Email an abstract, maximum 250 words, to fdrsposter@towson.edu . For more information, contact

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Authors will be notified of acceptance by August 31, 2007.

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