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It was great seeing everyone in Orlando. I hope everyone found the meetings productive and enjoyable. I enjoyed the warm and sunny weather of central Florida. Attendance at this year's meeting was on par with last year. We had 163 faculty, 88 graduate students and 93 undergraduates for a total of 344 in attendance. Thanks to all for attending.

Special thanks to Jeff Jordan for coordinating all of the meeting activities, including facilities, meals, receptions. I'd also like to thank Marilyn Slocum and Debra Belvin for staffing the registration desk. Marilyn, who also assists Jeff with various aspects of the meeting, is retiring this year. On behalf of the association, I'd like to thank Marilyn for her work over the years and wish her well in her retirement. The association certainly appreciates the time and dedication that Marilyn has provided the association during her career. I'd also like to thank John VanSickle who assisted with the planning and coordination of the meeting for this year's conference.

We had 173 selected paper submissions this year with 166 accepted for presentation. Special thanks to Saleem Shaik who stepped up to help out with the selected papers this year, and agreeing to remain on the committee to assist with the transition to the new selected paper chair.

We also had 49 excellent selected poster presentations this year. Our First Place poster award went to Basu Bhandari, Jeffrey Gillespie, and Guillermo Scaglia at Louisiana State University for their poster titled "Analysis of Pasture Systems to Maximize the Profitability and Sustainability of Grass-Fed Beef Production." Second Place went to Tun-Hsiang Yu, James A. Larson and Burton English at the University of Tennessee for their poster titled "Assessing the Cost of Supplying Alternative Dedicated Energy Crops for Biofuel Production in Tennessee." Third Place went to Samuel Zapata, Carlos Carpio, Olga Isengildina-Massa, and Ronald Lamie at Clemson University for their poster titled "Producer Willingness to Pay for the Services Provided by an Electronic Trade Platform: The Case of MarketMaker." Congratulations to all our poster award winners!

We had another terrific year for our quiz bowl competition. A total of 93 undergraduate students from 15 schools were represented with 88 competing in the quiz bowl. Thanks to all the advisors and everybody who volunteered and contributed to the success of this year's program. A total of 30 teams competed, with First Place going to team "The C Notes", Second Place went to team "Opportunists", and Third Place to team "Company Men". Many thanks to Corey Miller at Mississippi State University for coordinating the quiz bowl competition.

Our journal editors will be completing their term this year. On behalf of the association I want to thank Mary Marchant, Darrel Bosch and Michael Wetzstein for doing an outstanding job these past three years. Just this past year alone they edited 165 manuscripts, of which 87 were new submissions. The average turnaround time was only 51 days, which is an outstanding accomplishment. I also would like to introduce the incoming editors, Krishna Paudel and Andrew McKenzie. We appreciate their willingness to serve the association.

In other journal news, we had four members rotating off the editorial council, David Pannell, Jeff Jordan, Wes Harrison, and William Liefert. They will be replaced by Kathleen Segerson (Resource and Environmental Economics), Jeffrey Alwang (Growth and Development), Benjamin Senauer (Consumer Behavior and Food Policy), and Kym Anderson (International

Trade and Development). The 2012 *JAAE* Outstanding journal article award was given to Ding and Peterson for their article: "Comparing the Cost-Effectiveness of Water Conservation Policies in a Depleting Aquifer: A Dynamic Analysis of the Kansas High Plains."

Association membership is holding steady, with total membership at 716. The association remains in good shape financially. Total assets, which include our investment and checking accounts, were \$170,218.84 as of December 31, 2012, with no liabilities. This is up from \$164,000 in 2011. The 2012 year-end income statement indicated income of \$111,270.59 and expenses of \$120,632.88. Expenses exceeding income is mostly the result of annual meeting registrations not coming in until December. The association also spent more in 2011 on quiz bowl students, and a one-time expense of approximately \$4,000 to purchase projectors for the meeting so that each session would have a projector on hand. Annual meeting costs also continue to rise.

Expect to see another change to the invited papers at next year's annual meeting. We continue to struggle with receiving an adequate number of invited paper proposals. Consequently, we are continuing to experiment with these sessions. Please see the call for proposals later in the newsletter for details. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, or anyone on the board.

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. Finally, let me thank Darren Hudson, past-President, Parr Rosson, President, and Duncan Chembizi, Director, for providing great leadership for the association this past year. I also want to welcome Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University as President-elect, and Deacue Fields, Auburn University as a new Director.

I am in the process of filling several committee openings. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, which are listed later in this newsletter, please contact me at rwharri@lsu.edu.

I look forward to serving as your president this year. Please feel free to provide input to the executive committee related to your ideas about the direction and operation of our association. We have a great group of members and I feel certain we will have a very successful year.

Thank you for your support of the SAEA and our activities, and please mark your calendars for next year's meeting, which will be held in Dallas, February 1-4, 2014.

Wes Harrison, SAEA President

Award Winners at the 2012 SAEA Meeting in Orlando, Florida

SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award

David Bessler, Texas A&M University
Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University
Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University
Charles Moss, University of Florida
James Novak, Auburn University

Outstanding Extension Program Award

Damona Doye, Eric DeVuyst, Jody Campiche, Darrell Peel, David Shideler, J.C. Hobbs, Rodney Jones, JJ Jones and Roger Sahs. Oklahoma State University Drought Response Team.

Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

Richard Woodward, Texas A&M University

Outstanding Journal Article

Ding, Ya, and Jeffrey M. Peterson. "Comparing the Cost-Effectiveness of Water Conservation Policies in a Depleting Aquifer: A Dynamic Analysis of the Kansas High Plains." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 44,2 (May 2012): 223-234.

Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award

Francis Annan, Mississippi State University, Jesse Tack Advisor. "Spatial Pattern of Yield Distributions: Implications for Crop Insurance"

Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award

Jennifer Twyman, University of Florida, Carmen Deere Advisor. "Intra-Household Distribution of Assets and Wealth in Ecuador."

Quiz Bowl Tournament Winners

1st: "C-Notes" - Justin Benavidez, Texas A&M, Wes Steenburgh, Virginia Tech, Corie Wilson, Tennessee Tech

2nd: "Opportunists" - Ryan Clark, Fort Valley State, Adam Hancock, Kentucky, Andrea Morris, Georgia

3rd: "Company Men" - Will Maples, Arkansas, Andrew Perry, Missouri, Thomas Samant, Florida

Photos from the Annual Meeting

Photos taken by Dr. Wojciech Florkowski at the annual meeting have been posted at:

<http://saea2013annualmeeting.shutterfly.com/pictures/8>

Photos can be download by clicking on the thumbnail and choosing the "Download picture" option.

Invited Papers Changed to Invited Symposia

At its meeting in February 2013, the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Board of Directors voted to change the invited paper sessions into invited symposia sessions for the 2014 annual meeting. Invited symposia participants are encouraged, *but not required*, to produce papers that can be considered for publication in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)*. Invited symposia papers can be submitted to the *JAAE* for publication consideration using the standard submission process. At the annual meeting, the primary difference between invited symposia and organized symposia sessions is that invited symposia will be featured more prominently in the annual meeting program and granted time slots with fewer competing sessions.

Call for Invited Symposia Proposals

The SAEA is soliciting proposals for Invited Symposia sessions at the 2014 annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, February 2-4, 2014. The SAEA seeks proposals that will be of broad interest to its members and that address emerging economic and policy issues relevant to rural communities, farmers, agribusinesses, consumers, resources and the environment, policy and food safety/nutrition.

Topics should be of importance to one or more of the research, extension, and instruction missions. Proposals that are forward-looking, and focus on policy, conceptual, methodological, and/or pedagogical issues relevant to the profession are strongly encouraged. Proposals should include a session title and topics to be covered with preliminary presentation titles, presenters, and discussants, as well as a brief rationale for the session and its importance to the southern region.

Please list names and affiliations of the moderator, presenters, and discussants with the submission. No more than four people should be proposed as presenters and/or discussants. It is the organizer's responsibility to correspond with and keep all participants informed. *Proposals should be submitted via an e-mail attachment* sent to Barry Barnett at Mississippi State University barnett@agecon.msstate.edu

The deadline to receive Invited Symposia proposals is May 10, 2013.

Call for Emerging Scholars Awards

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting nominations for 2014 "Emerging Scholar" awards. These awards are designed to highlight the work of high-performing assistant professors (3-5 years of experience) in our profession. Nominations are encouraged from academic institutions 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 a paper at the 2014 annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, February 2-4. The papers will subsequently be published in the proceedings issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. Papers may be empirical or conceptual and can address topics related to research, extension, or instruction. The papers 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 paper proposal, and a two-page curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted via an e-mail attachment sent to Barry Barnett at Mississippi State University barnett@agecon.msstate.edu

Nominations must be received by May 10, 2013.

2014 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at the 2014 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Dallas, Texas, February 1 – 4, 2014.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas

When – February 1-4, 2014

Why – Opportunities to network and share your work.

Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2014 meetings and the meeting site.

2013-2014 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 please contact Wes Harrison at rwharri@lsu.edu. Please note we are in need of members for Committees that do not have a member where the term expires in 2016.

Selected Papers Committee: Osei Yeboah, NC A&T State (2014); Jon Biermacher, Noble Foundation (2015).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Patricia Duffy (2014), Auburn University; Kerry Litzenberg (2015), Texas A&M University

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Gordon Groover (2014), Virginia Tech; Larry Sanders (2015), Oklahoma State University; Matt Fannin (2016), Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Bailey Norwood (2014), Oklahoma State University; John Park (2015), Texas A&M University.

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Valentina Hartarska (2014), Auburn University; Lurleen Walters (2015), Florida A&M University.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Krishna Paudel (2014), Louisiana State University; Jose Lopez (2015), Texas A&M University, Commerce.

Poster Committee: Olga Murova (2014), Texas Tech University; Swagata “Ban” Banerjee (2015), Alabama A&M University;

Undergraduate Committee: Corey Miller, Mississippi State University, Chair; Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University; Glenn Ames, University of Georgia; Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University; 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, University of Florida; John Siebert, Texas A&M University; Robert Stark, University of Arkansas-Monticello; Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech

Nominating Committee: Past-President, Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; President, R. Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University & LSU AgCenter; President-elect, Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University.

Social Planner for 2014 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia

IT/AV Committee for 2014 Meetings: Deacue Fields, Auburn University

Incoming JAAE Editors: Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas.

JAAE Editorial Council: Jeffrey Alwang, Virginia Tech; Giovanni Anania, University of Calabria; Kym Anderson, University of Outside Adelaide; Jean Paul Chavas, University of Wisconsin; Patricia Duffy, Auburn University; Barry K. Goodwin, North Carolina State University; Catherine Kling, Iowa State University; Carl Johan Lagerkvist, Swedish University of

Agricultural Sciences; Jayson Lusk, Oklahoma State University; Kenneth H. Matthews, Jr., Economic Research Service, USDA; Gopinath Munisamy, Oregon State University; David Pannell, University of Western Australia; James W. Richardson, Texas A&M University; Jutta Roosen, Technische Universitaet Muenchen; Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; Benjamin Senauer, University of Minnesota; Jason Shogren, Iowa State University; Dawn Z. Thilmann, Colorado State University.

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