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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### SAEA SURVEY

I received the SAEA membership survey today (September 15) that was prepared by President-Elect **Kimberly Jensen** (University of Tennessee). You either have received or will receive the membership survey in the near future. Please participate in the survey. Your input is essential to the current and future success of the SAEA.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

**Chung "Charlie" Huang** (University of Georgia) was the co-editor of the *JAAE* from 1996 through 1998. Beginning in 1996 and continuing until the present day, Charlie maintained the *JAAE* web site at the University of Georgia. After 9 years of service to the SAEA, Charlie is stepping down as keeper of the web site. The web site will move to the new editor, **Henry W. Kinnucan** (Auburn University). Thanks, **Charlie**, for a job well done!

### ANOTHER NOTE OF THANKS

As I stated in the June Newsletter, I appointed three **Blue Ribbon Task Forces** in May to consider 2 questions. First, what are the major reasons contributing to the declining SAEA membership? Second, are there specific SAEA product or service offerings that would be appealing to SAEA members and potential members and would encourage membership in the SAEA? I want to thank all members of the **Task Forces** for their insightful input. Their insights will be shared with the membership after the **SAEA SURVEY** is completed.

SAEA Director **Charles Hall** (University of Tennessee) chaired the **Extension Task Force** composed of **Damona Doye** (Oklahoma State University), **Bill Herndon** (Mississippi State University), **Jim Novak** (Auburn University), **Joe Outlaw** (Texas A&M University), **Derrell Peel** (Oklahoma State University), **Nathan Smith** (University of Georgia), **Tony Windham** (University of Arkansas), and **Tim Woods** (University of Kentucky).

SAEA Director **Michele Marra** (North Carolina State University) chaired the **Research Task Force** composed of **Mark Cochran** (University of Arkansas), **Darren Hudson** (Mississippi State University), **Sherry Larkin** (University of Florida), **Mary Marchant** (University of Kentucky), **Tom Marsh** (Kansas State University), **Anya McGuirk** (Virginia Tech University), **Paul Mitchell** (Texas A&M University), **Andrew Mohammad** (Southern University), **Roland Roberts** (University of Tennessee), **Eduardo Segarra** (Texas Tech University), **Dan Tilley** (Oklahoma State University), **Mike Wetzstein** (University of Georgia), and **Hector Zapata** (Louisiana State University).

SAEA Director **Randall Little** (Mississippi State University) chaired the **Teaching Task Force** composed of **Barry Barnett** (University of Georgia), **Ernie Bazen** (University of Tennessee), **Lisa House** (University of Florida), **Eluned Jones** (Texas A&M University), **Robert Nelson** (Auburn University), **Bryan Schurle** (Kansas State University), **David Schwiekhart** (Michigan State University), and **David Willis** (Texas Tech University).

### **SAEA 2005 LITTLE ROCK MEETINGS**

Make your plans now for attending the SAEA annual meeting to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on February 5-9, 2005. The SAEA registration and meetings will be held in The Peabody Little Rock ([THE PEABODY LITTLE ROCK](#)), Three Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. All associations (except Horticulture & Plant Pathology) will register and hold meetings in The Peabody and Statehouse Convention Center (which is connected to The Peabody). Rates are single or double \$115, triple \$120, and quadruple \$120. For reservations call 1-800-PEABODY (1-800-732-2639) or fax the hotel at 501-375-4721, ask for Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, or SAAS, group rate. The deadline for hotel registration at the group rate is noon, January 14, 2005. Further information on accommodations is available at the SAAS web site [http://www.saasinc.org/LittleRock2005/LittleRock\\_MainPg.asp](http://www.saasinc.org/LittleRock2005/LittleRock_MainPg.asp). Please note that SAAS has arranged something new this year -- Several special and exciting tours/excursions of Little Rock and Arkansas. See the SAAS website for details on the following activities:

Skeet Shooting Adventure  
Little Rock Sightseeing  
Marlsgate Plantation & Shopping

Hot Springs National Park Adventure  
Petit Jean Mtn & Museum of Automobiles  
Pampering Mystery Tour & Massage

**Larry Connor** (University of Florida) has agreed to be the **Headline Speaker** in the area of **Teaching** on Tuesday morning of the Little Rock meetings. His contemplated topic is "how to manage a teaching program with survival in mind." **Larry** is the former Dean for Academic Programs at the University of Florida. His provocative style and "tell it like it is" demeanor insure that we will be treated to an insightful and thought provoking session.

We are planning a Tuesday evening event similar to those held at the last several meetings. This event has been well received and presents an opportunity for socializing with colleagues throughout the profession.

### ***JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS***

**John Penson**, Editor of the *JAAE*, has submitted the *JAAE* to ISI Web of Knowledge for possible inclusion in their Science Citation Index. We will let you know if the *JAAE* is accepted by ISI.

**REMINDER:** Beginning **July 1, 2004**, submissions to the *JAAE* should be sent to: **Henry W. Kinnucan**, Editor, *JAAE*  
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President

# Candidates for SAEA Officers

## President-Elect

**Damona Doye**, Regents Professor and Extension Economist, Department of Agricultural Economics. Ph.D., Iowa State U (1986); M.S. (1981) and B.S. (1980), Oklahoma State University.

**SAEA Service:** 1st Vice-President (1997-98); 2nd Vice-President (1996-97); Extension Awards Committee (2002-2004).

**AAEA Service:** Extension Section Past-President (2004-05), President (2003-04), President-elect (2002-03), board member (2000-present); Choices Editorial Board (2003); Communications Working Group (2001-02); Extension Awards Committee chair (2000-02); Extension Committee (1988-92, 1996-1999). **Other Service:** Co-chair, Southern and North Central Extension Triennial Conference (2004); WAEA Extension Career Awards Chair (2004); Southern Extension Farm Management Committee (1986-2004), chair (1993-95), vice-chair (1991-93), secretary (1989-91); NC-191 Farm Information Systems (1995-99); North Central Farm Management Committee (2003-04); Oklahoma Banker's Association Ag Committee Advisor; National Cattlemen's Beef Association IRM committee (2002-04). **Awards:** Big 12 Faculty Exchange (2002); SAEA Distinguished Extension Program (2002 and 1997); National Association of County Agricultural Agents Learning Module National Finalist (2001 and 2000); Iowa State U Outstanding Young Alumna (1997); Oklahoma Association of Agricultural Extension Agents Outstanding State Specialist Award (1997); Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Distinguished Service Award (1995).

**Program Activities:** Extension Farm Management Specialist. Author or co-author of more than 300 publications on farm financial management, record-keeping, leasing, integrated resource management, management information systems, enterprise analysis, and agricultural finance. PI or co-PI on approximately \$1,638,000 of funded projects and participant in an additional \$1,894,000 of funded projects. 45 papers, posters and presentations at professional meetings. Supervisor of state program providing one-on-one assistance in developing farm financial plans since 1999. Polish/American Extension Project (1992). Guest lecturer in Farm Management and Agricultural Finance classes. Honors thesis advisor (2002), undergrad research scholar advisor (2000-01). Alpha Zeta advisor (1986-88, 1998-2000). Taught Agricultural Finance (1991-92).

**At the end of your term, what changes/new initiatives would you like to help create?**

The survey currently being conducted should provide insights into member and non-member priorities. I will look to it for guidance on new initiatives for SAEA. Maintaining or increasing membership is obviously important. The challenge is to maintain a strong organization that meets the professional development needs of a diverse membership at a reasonable cost. Membership retention and recruitment depends on having meaningful activities and services. Shrinking agricultural colleges mean a smaller traditional academic population so the incentive for drawing in economists outside academia has never been greater. A review of the features of professional associations in other agricultural and social science disciplines might stimulate ideas for member benefits that could lead to growth. A listening/brainstorming session at the annual meeting for members to discuss issues with the SAEA board would be a channel for gathering input regularly. As long as we continue to meet with SAAS, we need to explore better ways to collaborate in offering joint sessions with other associations. We should also look for new ways to take advantage of technology to facilitate professional communication and research dissemination through virtual workgroups, meetings or sponsored webcasts, for instance.

Our traditional offerings remain important. Professional associations play an important role in the ongoing career development of members (students, faculty and non-academic professionals). Publications and meetings provide outlets for peer review and publicize new knowledge. They also stimulate individual and team pursuit of scholarship and effective research and instruction. Undergraduate and graduate student activities provide opportunities for budding agricultural economists to become familiar with the profession. Meetings also offer opportunities for networking to build relationships for future collaboration. Newsletters and awards ceremonies recognize current and historical contributions to the profession and society. Preserving the best traditions while also being vigilant for opportunities to improve on past activities is key.

**Mark J. Cochran**, Head and Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, Co-Chair Division of Agriculture Environmental Task Force, University of Arkansas. B.S. New Mexico State University (1974), M.S. and Ph.D., Michigan State University (1976 and 1982). **SAEA Service:** SAEA Research Membership Task Force, 2004; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president, 1994; Editorial Council SJAЕ, 1989-92; Reviewer for JAAE/SJAE, 1982 - 1995.

**AAEA Service:** Past service includes the Outstanding Masters Thesis Selection Committee; Reviewer for AJAE; Topic Leader for Risk & Uncertainty Section, Selected Papers; Reviewer & Moderator for Selected Paper Sessions. **Awards:** Arkansas Cotton Achievement Award, 1999; John W. White Outstanding Team Research Award, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

**Research:** Area of Specialization – production economics, risk management, environmental economics, computerized decision aids; Over 150 publications and invited presentations, including 33 refereed journal articles and book chapters; 10 computer software packages including Generalized Stochastic Dominance (requested by researchers in 16 countries and 9 disciplines), COTMAN, an expert system for cotton management in use in 14 states and ESPI, a phosphorus index employed in Arkansas and Oklahoma to guide land applications of poultry litter; Over \$2 million in extramural funding for research projects. **Teaching:** Have taught several courses including introductory micro and macroeconomics, mathematical programming, natural resource economics, agricultural issues and graduate research seminar. **Other Service:** National Co-Chair, User Group, Research, Education & Economics Information System (REEIS), CSREES, USDA 2002-Present; President, Arkansas Chapter of *Gamma Sigma Delta*, 1993-94; Faculty Advisor Agricultural Business Club, 1994-95; President, Southern Regional Risk Project S-232, 1989-90 and many university committees.

**At the end of your term, what changes/new initiatives would you like to help create?**

I have always viewed the function of professional associations like the SAEA to be: 1.) Enhance the effectiveness in our research, teaching and extension missions; 2.) Promote the relevance of our discipline; 3.) Recognize and encourage excellence in our activities; and 4.) Professional development of its members. The size of the membership of the SAEA has become a serious concern. The time has come for the SAEA to re-evaluate the functions that it provides relative to other organizations with similar services. Better communication and coordination with other organizations may help the SAEA define its niche and how it may better serve a broader base of potential members. The SAEA should pursue initiatives which would improve its ability to provide relevant services to its members. Intellectual exchanges on the necessary adjustments to our teaching programs that account for changes in technology, teaching styles, globalization and creative partnerships across and industry should be a major goal of the Association. The SAEA should continue to build programs that share information, insights, and methodological advances on relevant research and extension topics. However, the SAEA could do more by establishing workshops and sessions that might facilitate effective grantsmanship for nationally competitive funding programs that require multi-state, multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary approaches. The increasing importance of these grants and the declining role of more traditional regional projects should create opportunities for the SAEA to facilitate and coordinate for its members. The SAEA might explore how to coordinate with other associations to better provide these services. We probably also need to re-assess how our activities are encouraging the professional development of both our members and the graduate student population in the region. More graduate students should be attracted to participate in the SAEA. Special sessions or events for these students, if appropriately attended, could be a useful means for their professional development.

## Director

**Stanley M. Fletcher**, Professor and Director, National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, The University of Georgia. Ph.D., North Carolina State University, 1981; M.S., Oklahoma State University, 1975; B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1973. **SAEA Service:** Editorial Council and reviewer *SAEA* and reviewer *JAAE*; Invited Paper Discussant, 1992, 2005; Reviewer and Moderator for Selected Papers Sessions; Poster awards (honorably mention, 2000; and 1st place, 2003 and 2004); Moderator Invited Paper Session, 2002. **AAEA Service:** Reviewer *AJAE*; Reviewer and Moderator for Selected Papers Sessions; Principal Paper Discussant, 1999. **Awards:** 2004 Elected to Fellowship in the American Peanut Research and Education Society, 2004 APRES Dow AgroSciences Award for Excellence in Research, 2004 American Peanut Council's Peanut Research and Education Award, 2002 Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Faculty Award – University of Georgia, 2000 President's Award for Excellence in Research and Communication, Food Distribution Research Society, 1993 National Peanut Council's Peanut Research and Education Award, 1992 Georgia Peanut Research and Education Award. **Honors:** 2004-05 President, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology; Participant, ESCOP's Leadership Development Program. **Service Activities:** Active member in the Southern Region's international trade research committee (S-1016), Chair, executive committee, chair of project renewal;

### **At the end of your term, what changes/new initiatives would you like to have helped create?**

Upon examining the proposed changes and initiatives of the recently elected officers, these activities need to be continued and enhanced. An organization can spread itself thin and not do a very good job on some outstanding initiatives. The current activities need to be continued, but in the process they may need to be adjusted. Communications is critical to the survival of an organization. Not just communications among the members but also to the stakeholders. Southern agriculture is different from the agriculture in the rest of the nation. SAEA needs to be proactive in communicating the science that addresses the issues that are impacting Southern agriculture. This communication is more than just communicating among ourselves but to our stakeholders like industry personnel and policy makers. This arena is one that I want to see more fully implemented during my term if elected.

**Dixie Watts Reaves** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech, where she began her career in 1993, following the completion of her Economics Ph.D. program at Duke University. Her teaching/extension position at Virginia Tech represents the attainment of a goal that she set for herself after receiving her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics at Virginia Tech (in 1986 and 1989, respectively): to some day return to her alma mater and become a part of the teaching/advising environment that she had so much enjoyed as a student. Dixie has served on the SAEA Teaching Award Committee (1999-2002) and the JAAE Editorial Council (1996-1999). **Teaching:** Dixie's position at VT is heavily oriented towards teaching. Her current course load includes Economics of the Food and Fiber System; Farm, Cooperative, and Agribusiness Management; Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management; Cooperatives and their Impact on the Human Condition; Internships in Agricultural Economics; and a first-year experience course for Ag Econ majors. She also serves as the Chair of the undergraduate program and as academic advisor for about 50 undergraduate AgEcon majors. **Extension:** Dixie's extension activities have focused in three primary areas: agribusiness youth education; market planning; and the economic impacts of changing tobacco programs. She has made hundreds of presentations in state, national, and international forums, including presentations in Great Britain, South Africa, and Spain. She works closely with the Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives to host its annual youth conference, and she chaired the National Institute on Cooperative Education in 2003 and 2004, hosting it on the Virginia Tech campus. **Awards:** Outstanding Faculty Member, Virginia Tech AgEcon/NAMA Club, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98; primary author, AgEcon Department's winning nomination for the University Exemplary Department Award for Advising, 1997; Club award was renamed the "Dixie Watts Reaves Outstanding Faculty Award" in 2004; College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Certificate of Teaching Excellence, 2001; Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2003; Alumni Award for Excellence in Advising, 2003; Food Distribution Research Society Emerging Leader Award, 2002. **Other Service:** Advisor, Virginia Tech AgEcon/NAMA Club, 1994-1997, 1998-present; Advisor, Sigma Alpha, 1993-present; Co-founder and Advisor, MANRRS, 1995-2002; President-elect, Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS), 2003; numerous departmental, college, and university curriculum committees.

### **At the end of your term, what changes/new initiatives would you have helped create?**

Given my interest in (and emphasis on) undergraduate education, I would like to continue to grow the interest in teaching/learning sessions at the annual meeting. I would also like to work with the undergraduate contest coordinators and our member universities' AgEcon Club advisors to increase participation of undergraduate students in SAEA's program areas. Undergraduate students are our next generation of leaders. Therefore, whatever we can do to enhance their understanding of economics and their participation in our organization's activities can be thought of as an investment in our future.

## SAEA Balloting Instructions

The SAEA is offering an **electronic voting** option this year to encourage more participation by the members. Instructions for completing the electronic ballot are as follows: an electronic mail ballot will be sent to all members having email addresses on file with the SAEA. The electronic mail ballot should be completed and returned to President Kilmer's secretary to maintain confidentiality <BBrandrianasolo@ifas.ufl.edu>. All ballots will be checked to ensure that each member only votes once and that only current members participate in the process. President Kilmer will appoint a tellers committee composed of two SAEA members from Florida. All ballots will be given to the tellers committee in such a manner to ensure the confidentiality of the voting process. The tellers committee will give the results of the election to President Kilmer who will verify the counts as per the SAEA constitution.

Voting by the **traditional mail ballot** remains an option. To exercise this option, please print this page and return the ballot to the address shown.

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### OFFICIAL BALLOT 2005-2006 SAEA OFFICER ELECTION

**VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE IN EACH OFFICE BY MARKING  
AN "X" IN THE SPACE BESIDE THE NAME OF YOUR CHOICE:**

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Mark Cochran \_\_\_\_\_

Damona Doye \_\_\_\_\_

#### Director

Stanley Fletcher \_\_\_\_\_

Dixie Reeves \_\_\_\_\_

**BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY  
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**Suggestion for future officers**

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# Southern Agricultural Economics Association 2005 Membership Renewal/Application

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**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** (Based on age on or before January 1 of year applying): Full benefits and voting rights open to those who are at least 55 years old.

? 55-59 \$275            ? 65-69 \$195  
? 60-65 \$225            ? 70+ \$150

## **NORTH AMERICA (U.S. Canada, Mexico, and Caribbean)**

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# 2005 SAEA ANNUAL MEETINGS

Little Rock, Arkansas

February 5-9, 2005

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**TITLE OF POSITION:** Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics (Agribusiness)

**POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:** This is a twelve month, tenure track research and teaching position involving decision science applications, in particular to the problems facing small and medium enterprises (SME's) in the global food and fiber industry. Research may be pertinent on a variety of topics including (but not limited to) those faced by Kentucky firms: strategic marketing and management, contracts, risk management, entrepreneurship, principal agent issues, as well as problems faced by exporting food and fiber products, issues involved in food and fiber processing and adding value to raw agricultural commodities, issues of importance to the input supply industry, and government regulations.

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The co-hosted annual meetings of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA) and the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) will be held at the Key Bridge Marriot Hotel, Arlington, Virginia on April 7-9, 2005. The program committee welcomes papers on a wide range of topics including all aspects of regional modeling, international trade, resource utilization, environmental quality, transportation systems, tourism and recreation, economic impact analysis, urban and rural economic development, location of economic activity, land use planning and regulation, regional migration, labor markets, regional development issues and policy, and public finance and investment analysis. If you are interested in organizing a session or panel, please contact Cynthia Rogers, 2005 Program Chair at [crogers@ou.edu](mailto:crogers@ou.edu). The deadline for submitting abstracts is December 17, 2004. Both the SRSA and MCRSA sponsor student paper competitions in conjunction with the meetings. For additional information please visit the SRSA's website (<http://www.regionalscience.org/srsa/>) and the MCRSA's website (<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/>).

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