



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

C. PARR ROSSON, III, President
Texas A&M University
Agricultural Economics
MS 2124
College Station, TX 77843
979/845-3070
979/847-9378 (fax)
prosson@tamu.edu

R. WES HARRISON, President-Elect
Louisiana State University
LSU AgCenter
Ag Economics and Agribusiness
230 Martin D. Woodin Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-5604
225/578-2727
859/257-7290 (fax)
WHarrison@agcenter.lsu.edu

DANIEL PETROLIA, Director
Mississippi State University
Agricultural Economics
316 Lloyd-Ricks-Watson, Box 5187
Mississippi State, MS 39762
662/325-2888
662/325-8777 (fax)
petrolia@agecon.msstate.edu

DUNCAN CHEMBEZI, Director
Alabama A&M University
Agribusiness
PO Box 700
Normal, AL 35762-0700
256/372-4970
Duncan.chembezi@aamu.edu

MARCO PALMA, Director
Texas A&M University
Agricultural Economics
MS 2124
College Station, TX 77843
979/845-5284
979/845-7444 (fax)
mapalma@tamu.edu

DARREN HUDSON, Past-President
Texas Tech University
Agricultural & Applied Economics
MS2132
Lubbock, TX 79409
806/742-2864
806/742-1099 (fax)
Darren.hudson@ttu.edu

MARY MARCHANT, Co-Editor
Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Virginia Tech
Agricultural Economics
311 Hutcheson Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061
540/231-1674
540/231-7417 (fax)
mmarchan@vt.edu

DARRELL BOSCH, Co-Editor
Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Virginia Tech
Agricultural Economics
308 Hutcheson Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061
540/231-5265
540/231-7417 (fax)
bosch@vt.edu

JOHN VAN SICKLE, Secretary
University of Florida
Food & Resource Economics
1185 McCarty Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611-0240
352/392-1881 (x221)
352/846-0988 (fax)
sickle@ufl.edu

JEFFREY L. JORDAN, Treasurer
University of Georgia
Agricultural & Applied Economics
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1797
770/228-7231 (x106)
770/228-7208 (fax)
jjordan@uga.edu

As we zip into fall, I want to note some important deadlines. Please remember to **submit papers, posters and symposia for the SAEA meeting, the deadline is approaching!** We hope to have great submissions and a great meeting. Orlando is one of our 'choice' venues and I know that Jeff Jordan has been organizing a great set of social events for our undergraduate and graduate students, the faculty and industry partners as well.

Included in this newsletter are the bios for the candidates for President-Elect and Director. We have an excellent slate of candidates for both positions. You will receive instructions for voting soon, so please examine these bios closely and exercise your right to vote! The Association needs and wants good leadership to help deliver the kinds of programs our membership has come to expect.

More undergraduate participation at the meetings has been a growing trend and we want to see that continue in Orlando. Between the social events and the quiz bowl, there are many opportunities to visit with and recruit these students. Please consider participating in the Recruitment Fair. It only costs \$100 and offers an opportunity to recruit some excellent students.

Also please remember, the deadline for awards nominations is quickly approaching. I hope you will consider nominating worthy candidates for awards. These awards are special for the recipients and their departments, and represent the collective recognition of our Association of important accomplishments by our members.

Remember to renew your membership. Membership in SAEA is low cost and represents a good value for the money spent. I hope you will renew your membership. As we have discussed on many occasions, getting students to the meetings is one of our priorities, so please encourage and support your students.

Finally, be sure to vote for President-Elect and Director. Their vitae and vision statements are at the end of this newsletter.

I hope to see all of you in Orlando!! I am anticipating a great event and large attendance.

C. Parr Rosson, III
President, SAEA

What – SAEA Annual Meeting
Where – Wyndham Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida
When – February 2-5, 2013
Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration will begin December 1, 2012.

Organized Symposium and Paper and Poster submissions will close at midnight, September 14, 2012. Award nominations are due by September 14, 2012. Get your submissions in by the deadline! Refer to the June 2012 newsletter for details on how to make a submission or link to the SAEA website at

<http://www.saea.org/meetings/2013/papers.html>

The Wyndham Orlando Resort is an excellent venue for our meetings. All SAEA sessions and the Quiz Bowl Competition will be held at the Hotel. This is our most popular venue for these meetings. Plan now to attend and share your work.

**ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING
IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA IN 2013!!!**

Undergraduates and Student Advisors! Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Orlando! 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.

We are again planning on hosting a graduate program **Recruitment Fair** which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. The Recruitment Fair Registration Form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Travel grants are available for all undergraduate students participating in the Quiz Bowl. If you have any questions about these grants or about the competition, please contact **Dr. Corey Miller**, Student Section Faculty Advisor, Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 5187, Mississippi State,, MS 39762, Phone 662/325-0848, Fax 662/325-8777. Also note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

Student Reception Monday night. All graduate and undergraduate students are invited to the reception on Monday night, February 4, 2013. The reception will follow the Business Meeting and will start at 7pm.

2012-2013 SAEA COMMITTEES

The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank the following volunteers who are serving on SAEA committees:

Selected Papers Committee: Osei Yeboah, NC A&T State (2013), Saleem Shaik, North Dakota State University (2013), Mike Gunderson, Purdue University (2014); Jon Biermacher, Noble Foundation (2015).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Michael Wetzstein (2013), University of Georgia; Patricia Duffy (2014), Auburn University; Kerry Litzenberg (2015), Texas A&M University

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: John Van Sickle (2013), University of Florida; Gordon Groover (2014), Virginia Tech; Larry Sanders (2015), Oklahoma State University.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Ani Katchova (2013), University of Kentucky, Bailey Norwood (2014), Oklahoma State University; John Park (2015), Texas A&M University.

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Ellene Kebede (2013), Tuskegee University; Valentina Hartarska (2014), Auburn University; Lurleen Walters (2015), Florida A&M University.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Steven T. Yen (2013), University of Tennessee, Krishna Paudel (2014), Louisiana State University; Jose Lopez (2015), Texas A&M University, Commerce.

Poster Committee: Kenrett Y. Jefferson Moore (2013), North Carolina A&T University; 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, Darren Hudson, Texas Tech; President, Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; President-elect, C. Parr Rosson, Texas A&M University; H.L. Goodwin, University of Arkansas; Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University

Social Planner for 2013 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia

IT/AV Committee for 2013 Meetings: Dan Petrolia, Mississippi State University

JAAE Editors: Mary Marchant and Darrell Bosch, Virginia Tech

JAAE Editorial Council: Giovanni Anania, University of Calabria; Jean Paul Chavas, University of Wisconsin; Patricia Duffy, Auburn University; Barry K. Goodwin, North Carolina State University; R. Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University A&M College; Jeffrey L. Jordan, University of Georgia; Catherine Kling, Iowa State University; Carl Johan Lagerkvist, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences; William Liefert, Economic Research Service, USDA; 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; Jason Shogren, Iowa State University; Dawn Z. Thilmanny, Colorado State University

SAEA President-Elect Nominations

Mary C. Ahearn is a Senior Economist with the Economic Research Service, USDA (1978 – present). She received her Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Oregon State University in 1984, her M.S. in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1978, and her B.S. in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida in 1975.

Research: Ahearn's current research focuses on issues of farm and rural linkages, including local foods, farm financial performance, and farm household well-being. Past research has included rural health care and education, rural poverty, and environmental indicators and valuation. She has authored or co-authored more than 50 ERS publications, more than 20 journal articles, 14 book chapters, presented numerous research papers at professional meetings and USDA venues, and provided numerous briefings to government officials. Currently, and in the past, she has served as a co-PI with university researchers on major research projects.

Outreach: Ahearn makes numerous presentations to groups each year. Recently, these included presentations at USDA's annual Outlook Conference, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's annual agricultural conference, the Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, and USDA's Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee. Ahearn currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. Past international outreach efforts have included presentations to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Data Strategies Roundtable, the UN-Wye Group on Farm and Rural Household Well-Being, and the EU Pacioli Group on Farm Accountancy.

Data and Indicator Development: Since 1985, Ahearn has made sustained contributions to the development of various economic and environmental indicators of the farm sector. She established USDA's farm-level based household income indicators. Underlying these activities has been the development of primary survey data, including farm-level household and business data through USDA's Farm Costs and Returns Survey and the Agricultural and Resource Management Survey. At various times, she had responsibility for USDA's Costs of Production Survey, the Cropping Practices Survey, and Farm Land Value Survey. She was part of the USDA team to design the integration of the CPS and FCRS to create the present-day ARMS.

USDA Leadership and Service: As a Senior Economist, Ahearn regularly leads and contributes to informal teams of researchers. She has more than 15 years of formal management experience at USDA managing research sections and branches, as well as serving in management positions in the administrator's and division offices. She currently serves as co-chair of the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Research and Data Subcommittee. She has served on the Editorial Board of ERS' magazine, *Amber Waves*.

Professional Association Leadership and Service: Co-Chair 2002 SAEA Selected Paper Competition. Member of the NBER's Conference on Research in Income and Wealth. AAEA Board of Directors, 1993-96; AAEA Economic Statistics Committee Chairperson 1990-92, 2005-08, and 2010-11; AAEA Executive Committee, Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section, 2004-06; AAEA Finance Committee Chairperson, 1995-96; and Chairperson, AAEA Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics 1987;. Society of Government Economists, Executive Secretary, 1985. Editorial Councils: *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 2004-2006; *Agricultural Economics*, 1994-2000; *Review of Agricultural Economics*, 1995-98.

Awards: Numerous (>25) Certificates of Merit, Economic Research Service, USDA. Outstanding Public Issues Education Program Award for *What the Public Values about Farmland*, 2005, Farm Foundation. Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Poster Award, 2003. Choices, AAEA Honorable Mention, 2012.

Vision for SAEA: Our institutions are facing budget challenges in varying degrees. As budgets tighten and our various work units shrink in size, professional interaction through our professional societies becomes even more

important to members. Hence, one goal I would have would be to maintain the quality of the traditional services of the SAEA to its members. At the same time, SAEA needs to be constantly reevaluating how dues are spent and quality is assured. I trust that this is an ongoing exercise with the able and competent Officers and Journal Editors. I would simply continue to make continuous quality evaluation and improvement a priority.

The South is a wonderfully diverse region in terms of agricultural production, rural development, population growth, and culture. So, my second goal for the SAEA would be to capitalize on that diversity by being more relevant to a wider group of professionals—industry, government, and any other workplaces outside of the 1862 system. Reduced membership and meetings attendance is an outcome of not being relevant enough to warrant members allocating their funds, and especially their time, to the SAEA. This is not a new observation. Improvements are best implemented at the margin through the development of the program content, invitation of speakers, collaboration with other professional organizations or specialized centers. Meeting location is another lever to attract and retain members; for example, meetings located in Washington, D.C. and/or program content focused on policy would attract more USDA professionals. But, other (all) meeting locations offer opportunities to widen the audience by capitalizing on the links between the topics in which we specialize and the current economic interests of the local area.

SAEA President-Elect Nominations (continued)

Barry J. Barnett is Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University. He received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics in 1993 and his B.S. in agricultural economics and B.B.A. in finance in 1984, all from the University of Kentucky.

Research: Barnett's research focuses on risk management and public policy. He has conducted research and written extensively about agricultural insurance programs in both developed and developing country contexts. He has published 33 journal articles, 7 book chapters, and more than 75 other research publications including items published by the World Bank, OECD, and USAID. Google scholar lists over 1,200 citations of Barnett's publications.

Teaching: Barnett currently teaches M.S. level microeconomic theory and research methods. He has previously taught undergraduate microeconomic theory and agricultural public policy.

Outreach: Though he does not have a formal extension appointment, Barnett has authored or co-authored several outreach/extension publications. In addition, he regularly makes presentations to producer groups on crop insurance and agricultural policy issues. He has testified before the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, advised the Risk Management Agency regarding various aspects of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, and made invited presentations on agricultural risk management topics to audiences in ten countries around the world.

University Leadership and Service: Barnett has served on many faculty senate, graduate school, college, and departmental committees including chairing several search committees and serving on committees with responsibilities for promotion and tenure, curriculum, strategic planning, and intercollegiate athletics. While on faculty at the University of Georgia he served as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honorary Society and as faculty advisor to the Alpha Zeta Agricultural Honorary Society.

Professional Leadership and Service: Barnett currently serves as an Associate Editor for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and previously served on the editorial council for the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. In 2008, Barnett, along with Keith Coble, organized the Applied Risk Analysis section of the AAEA. He recently completed a term as chair of the section. He has served as both project chair and program chair for the regional project SCC-76, "Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources." He has reviewed manuscripts for 19 different journals and research proposal submissions for both NSF and NIFA. He regularly reviews selected paper/poster submissions for both the AAEA and SAEA and has served on various committees for both of these professional associations.

Awards: Selected participant, Academic Leadership Development Program, Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium, 2011-2012. Research Award of Merit, Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society, Mississippi State University, 2010. Inducted as a member of the Honors Faculty, Mississippi State University, 2010. Honorary Member, Aghon Agricultural Honorary Society, University of Georgia, 2005. Honorary Member, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, University of Georgia, 2005. Outstanding Faculty Member Award, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, 2004. Outstanding Faculty Member Award, Agricultural and Environmental Economics Undergraduate Club, University of Georgia, 2004. Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Mississippi State University, 1999. Teaching Award of Merit, Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society, Mississippi State University, 1999.

Vision for SAEA: Historically the SAEA has had two primary functions – publication of the *JAAE* and the annual meeting. My vision for the Association is to increase the marginal benefit that members receive from these two functions. We should strive to increase citations of *JAAE* articles by both continually improving the quality of articles published and making the journal readily accessible. With regard to the latter, I applaud the efforts of the current Association officers and journal editors to make *JAAE* articles available on AgEcon Search in a timely manner. While we are a regional association, we strive to publish a nationally and internationally recognized journal. Thus, I also support the increasing regional (within the United States) and international diversity of those serving on the *JAAE* editorial council. Our annual meeting must continue to provide an important venue for agricultural economists

(especially, young professionals and graduate students) to present their work. However, with the proliferation of specialized sub-disciplinary meetings it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract top scholars to annual meetings of general agricultural economics associations. While I am not proposing that the SAEA adopt sections, I do think we must be more intentional about organizing sessions at the annual meeting that are built around specific sub-disciplinary interests. This may, for example, involve increased coordination with the many regional research and extension projects sponsored by the Southern experiment station and extension directors. I would also support an increased effort to solicit invited papers from top scholars around the world.

SAEA Director Nominations

Deacue Fields, III, is an Associate Professor/Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (DAERS) at Auburn University. He also serves as Coordinator for the Alabama Farm Analysis Program. His educational background includes: Ph.D., Louisiana State University (2002); M.S., University of Missouri – Columbia (1995); and B.S., Southern University (1993).

Outreach: Fields' outreach and extension efforts focus on agricultural business management and marketing for primarily for the horticultural sector. He works directly with producer groups on food marketing strategies and evaluating consumer preferences and has provided over 100 presentations to producers, agribusiness and industry groups over his career. Fields serves as Coordinator of the Alabama Farm Analysis program and he serves as the departmental liaison for the Agricultural Business community in the state and region. Some of his agribusiness affiliations are listed under Professional Leadership and Service below.

Research: Fields' primary research focus is horticultural economics with emphasis on food marketing, consumer product research, economic impact analysis, agricultural entrepreneurship, and agribusinesses management strategies. He has published 12 journal articles, a number of refereed bulletins and abstracts, a book chapter, and numerous research publications, abstracts, and research papers for professional meetings. He has been PI or Co-PI on \$2.9 million total research and outreach grants.

Teaching: Fields teaches two courses per year. He teaches Agricultural Business Management and Agricultural Economics Internships. He serves as an annual Guest Lecturer for courses in Animal Science and Horticulture. He serves as the Advisor for the Ag. Student Council. Fields has directed 1 PhD dissertations, 5 MS theses, and presently directs a PhD and a MS student.

Professional Leadership and Service: SAEA - Distinguished Extension Program Award Committee Chair (2010), Selected Paper Section Organizer, (2007, 2011); Food Distribution Research Society – *Journal of Food Distribution Research*, Proceedings Editor (2009-2012), Vice President for Education (2012); AAEA - **Committee On the Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics**, Chair (2007-2009), Outreach Committee (2011 -), Membership Committee (2012), Mentoring Task Force (2011 -); Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Advisory Board (2010-); Alabama Council of Cooperatives, Board of Directors (2011 -); Alabama Agribusiness Council (2003 -); CSREES (NIFA) – 5 National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Panels (2004-2006, 2010), Panel Manager (2006);

University Leadership and Service: College of Agriculture - Strategic Planning Committee (2012), Diversity Committee (2010 -), Agriculture Student Council, Permanent Advisor (2008-), Ag. Ambassadors, Senior Faculty Advisor (2006-2008); DAERS Curriculum Committee (2004 -); Auburn University Academic Program Review Committee (2010-2012); Auburn University Federal Credit, Vice Chairman Union Board of Directors (2012 -), Nominating Committee, Chair (2007-2012) , Investment Committee (2004-2012); Student Insurance Committee (2006-2009).

Awards: Auburn University Agricultural Council, Excellent Advising Award, (2009); Special Recognition for Service, AAEA COSBAE (2009); Distinguished Service Award, Hanover Homecoming Foundation, Hanover, Jamaica (2008); Top Ten Most Read Journal Article of 2008, *HortTechnology* (2009); Faculty Honoree, Auburn University Camp War Eagle (2006); Auburn University Student Government Association, College of Agriculture Outstanding Faculty Member Award (2005); Outstanding Intensive Entrepreneurship Trainee, Marion Ewing Kaufman Foundation (2004).

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

The state of our economy and environment with volatile commodity markets, escalating input costs, climate change and natural resource challenges has increased the demand for the scholarly products and services that our profession can deliver. Based upon this demand I would like to see the association improve linkages and directly address some of the needs of agricultural businesses and industry stakeholders. This can be accomplished through inviting stakeholders to

be more active in the association as well as encouraging SAEA members to be more active in stakeholder functions. This industry outreach will benefit SAEA by improving professional relevance, attracting nontraditional members, increasing employment opportunities for students, and increasing industry sponsorship and support

A new initiative that I would like to promote relates to creating an environment that promotes and encourages quality integrated multistate collaboration for extramural grant funding. I would like to see the organization set priorities and be proactive in developing integrated (teaching, research and extension), multistate teams that can effectively compete for extramural funds. Members of the association would be more aware of the components of a sound collaborative effort. The resulting projects would provide prominent impacts for our public and private constituents within the region. This type of valuable collaboration should lead to increased student and professional involvement in the association.

SAEA Director Nominations (continued)

Dr. Jose A. Lopez serves as an Assistant Professor of Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Texas A&M University – Commerce, where he engages in teaching, research, grant writing, and service and outreach activities. He obtained a B.B.A. in Finance and Management from Ave Maria College in 2001, a M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University in 2004, a M.S. in Statistics from Texas Tech University in 2008, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University in 2009. Dr. Lopez’s doctoral dissertation is on demand related issues regarding meat consumption at the table cut level in the US and Mexico. His analyses and econometric approaches are considered highly innovative by his peers; he received the 2008-2009 Outstanding Dissertation Award at Texas Tech University. He is considered to be among the top graduate students from the Agricultural Economics Department, Texas Tech University.

Teaching: At A&M-Commerce, Dr. Lopez teaches from three to four graduate and undergraduate classes per semester; so far he has taught eight different classes. He already graduated his first graduate student and will be graduating two more by August 2013. At A&M – Commerce, he recently received the 2011 Student Recognition Award for Teaching Excellence. In addition to his invaluable contribution to teaching, Dr. Lopez has published several peer-reviewed papers and articles.

Research: Dr. Lopez research has been in areas such as consumer behavior, meat demand analysis, international trade, survey sampling techniques, and simulation analysis. Dr. Jose Lopez recently published an article in the *Journal of International Agricultural Trade and Development* entitled “Understanding Mexican Meat Consumption and Imports at the Table Cut Level.” The study is the first to consider eighteen meat cuts to analyze Mexican consumers’ responsiveness to price changes, and it helps United States exporters in estimating future and current Mexican meat demand at the table cut level. He is currently working on several papers, including the economic impact of Huanlongbing on the California Citrus Industry, a profitability analysis of using dairy-waste products in flowering greenhouses, the economics of foliar fungicides for wheat production, an analysis of protein sources in the Mexican diet, and the dairy industry’s derived demand for feed grains. At A&M – Commerce, he recently received the 2012 Provost Award for Research and Creative Activity. Since he began working at A&M-Commerce, Dr. Lopez has collaborated in key grants for the University.

Outreach: Dr. Lopez is part of the Beginning Farmer and Rancher team and has been giving training seminars in Spanish to beginning farmers and ranchers. Through outreach programs and training activities, the beginning farmer project has made a positive contribution to the community and society by helping future farmers and ranchers become successful. Dr. Lopez has also collaborated in the LOGIS project with the College of Business and Entrepreneurship, this project seeks to provide A&M – Commerce students with first-hand experience and knowledge of multicultural and diversity understanding as well as enhance A&M - Commerce students’ learning from a global perspective. Dr. Lopez keeps an active role seeking external funds for A&M – Commerce and engages in departmental service as Graduate Coordinator, Search Committee Member related to job position announcements, College Committee Member for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) on Human Subjects Protection, Committee Chair for the Agricultural Science Department Schedule of Classes. He also serves as a Committee Member for the SAEA PhD Dissertation Award as well as Reviewer and Moderator for Selected Papers at the SAEA Annual Meetings. Dr. Lopez has also served as reviewer for the Texas Journal of Agriculture and Natural Resources (TJANR).

Dr. Jose A. Lopez Vision for SAEA: To promote multidisciplinary collaboration among various agricultural professionals and southern associations. It is an honor to be nominated for a director position at the SAEA. It is through its prestige and high quality standards that SAEA encourages many scientists to submit their research findings, from years of hard work and dedication, in its JAAE; and for an increasing number of professionals from all over the world to attend its annual meetings and network with national and international scientists. As a Director, I support SAEA to maintain its standards of excellence while keeping up its efforts of offering its JAAE in a convenient, easily accessible, and timely fashion. I also advocate the idea of SAEA holding its annual meetings in collaboration with other southern agricultural associations such as the Southern Conference of the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) and the Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA). With an increasing number of universities receiving less federal assistance, it is becoming harder for faculty to find funds for their students and for

themselves to travel, to attend and to participate in annual meetings. Collaborating with southern agricultural associations allow faculty from the various agricultural fields to share traveling expenses for their students and for themselves. As it becomes harder and more competitive to find travel funds, working together and collaborating will become more and more critical and key to keeping an increasing number memberships and participants for years to come. There is potential, at the annual meetings, to overlap sessions from the various Agricultural Associations and promote interdisciplinary participation and discussion. I would also like to see SAEA more aggressively incorporating technology in its annual meetings. For example, I would like to see SAEA activities at its annual meeting in live video streaming and/or filming the plenary, the invited and the selected paper sessions; and making them available via AgEcon Search. This would allow members who are unable to attend the annual meeting to have access to the presentations. Finally, I also believe in networking and support the idea of having several agricultural professionals networking and discussing their ideas in a professional and relaxing environment. Such environment promotes both research and project ideas to flow naturally. Hence, in addition to the importance of attending SAEA annual meetings to disseminate research findings and ideas, I also envision SAEA developing creative ways to encourage faculty and students to attend to its annual meetings purely motivated for a desire to network and collaborate among the various agricultural professionals. I look forward to contribute with creative ideas for the continuous success of SAEA.

Voting Procedures for SAEA 2013 Officer Elections

All members in good standing will receive an e-mail message with voting instructions by the end of September. For your vote to count, you must be a member in good standing (i.e., current in dues paid) as of September 30, 2012. All ballots must be posted between October 1 and October 31, 2012 to be counted.

Do you have suggestions for future officers? Submit those suggestions to an Executive Committee member.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 2-5, 2013

Orlando, FL

RECRUITMENT FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

SAEA ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL RECRUITMENT FAIR

Sunday and Monday, February 3rd and 4th, 8am to 4pm

School/Agency/Business: _____

College/Department/Division: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Department Head/Chair:

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Graduate Program Coordinator or HR Director (if different from Contact Person):

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Fee for registering & participating in the Recruiting Fair is \$100.00. Please make checks payable to: SAEA or go to www.saea.org and pay by credit card. If paying by card, please also send this form by mail. Mail to the address listed below. Note: The registration fee will be used to help defer the costs of providing refreshments during the recruitment fair. Our intention is to place all refreshments at the back of the room, forcing students to walk past your displays in order to access them.

Please Return this form and payment by **January 20, 2012** to:

Jeffrey Jordan, Treasurer, SAEA

Dept. of Agric. & Applied Economics

1109 Experiment Street, University of Georgia

Griffin, GA 30223-1797

Tel: (770) 228-7231 x.106 FAX: (770) 228-7208 E-mail: jjordan@uga.edu

**Southern Agricultural Economics Association
Membership Renewal/Application**

_____ New Member _____ Update my address

A Rolling Membership was instituted in 2011. Your membership runs from the calendar day your dues are received to the same calendar day of the following year. Journal subscriptions begin with the next issue after payment is received. No purchase orders or phone orders accepted.

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Agency/Company/University: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SAEA Membership Category (check one):

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 years of age = \$275

_____ 65-69 years of age = \$195

_____ 60-65 years of age = \$225

_____ 70+ years of age = \$150

UNITED STATES

_____ \$30

_____ \$10 - Special Student Rate

Tax deductible donation to support SAEA student activities \$ _____

INTERNATIONAL (all other countries)

_____ \$35

Payment may be made online using Discover, MasterCard or Visa at www.saea.org then click on 'payment' and follow instructions (if paid online, do not send this form by mail)

OR

Make check payable in \$US to **Southern Agricultural Economics Association** and mail with this form to the address below

Jeffrey Jordan, Treasurer, SAEA

Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics

University of Georgia, Griffin Campus

1109 Experiment Street

Griffin, GA 30223-1797

Phone (770) 228-7231, x.106; Fax (770) 228-7208

Email: jjordan@uga.edu

Website: www.saea.org