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I hope your fall semester is off to a great start! Our journal editors, Andrew McKenzie (U. of Arkansas) and Krishna Paudel (LSU), and the SAEA Executive Committee have been busy this summer with transitioning the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* to its new home at Cambridge University Press. Our SAEA website will soon feature a link to the new online submission system for JAAE manuscripts. Should you have any questions about this transition please feel free to contact me, Wes Harrison (LSU) who is chairing our journal transition committee, or the editors.

Please note the **September 15, 2014 deadline** to submit proposals for selected papers, posters and organized symposia for the 2015 annual meeting to be held January 31-February 3 in Atlanta. September 15 is also the deadline to submit nominations for lifetime achievement awards and various professional contribution awards (Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award, Distinguished Extension Program Award, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, and Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award). Information about submissions and nominations can be found at <http://www.saea.org/nomination/>

The success of our annual meeting depends on you! Please share your work by submitting a paper and/or poster proposal, nominate deserving individuals for awards, and plan on attending the annual meeting. Atlanta should be a great venue. Jeff Jordan has been busy organizing locations for our various annual meeting events.

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 good leadership to help deliver the outstanding services and programs that our members have come to expect.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, undergraduate attendance at our annual meeting has increased dramatically in recent years. This is largely due to the great work of our undergraduate committee and the many quiz bowl advisors who bring students to compete. We would like to see this growth in undergraduate attendance continue in Atlanta. Getting students to our annual meeting is a great way to introduce them to our profession. Please encourage your department to participate in the graduate studies Recruitment Fair. It only costs \$100 and provides an opportunity to interact with some outstanding students and share information about graduate study opportunities at your university.

Finally, remember to renew your membership. Membership in SAEA is inexpensive and represents a great value for the money spent. Renewal is easy using the "Payments" button at the top of the SAEA webpage (<http://www.saea.org>).

I look forward to seeing all of you in Atlanta!

Barry Barnett, SAEA President

What – SAEA Annual Meeting
Where – The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia
When – January 31-February 3, 2015
Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration will begin December 1, 2014. Paper, poster and organized symposia submissions are now being accepted and will close at midnight EST, Monday, September 15, 2014. Award nominations are due by September 15, 2014. Begin planning now to attend and share your work. Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2015 meetings and the meeting site.

The deadline to book at group rates is Friday, January 16, 2015, 5:00 pm

HOTEL

The Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: 404-659-1400

[Click here for hotel/lodging information.](#)

ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA IN 2015

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Atlanta! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for another 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.

If you have any questions about these plans, please contact **Michael Best**, Undergraduate Committee Chair, Tennessee Tech University, Cooleville, TN 38501, Phone 931/372-3154, Email: mbest@tntech.edu. **Travel grants are available** for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Also note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

2014-2015 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 Barry Barnett at barnett@agecon.msstate.edu Please note we are in need of members for Committees that do not have a member where the term expires in 2017.

Selected Papers Committee: Dan Petrolia, Mississippi State University (2015) Jon Biermacher, Noble Foundation (2015); Deacue Fields, Auburn University (2016); Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2016); Jody Campiche Oklahoma State University (2017).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Kerry Litzenberg (2015), Texas A&M University; Bill Herndon (2016), Mississippi State University; Jeffrey Jordan (2017), University of Georgia.

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Larry Sanders (2015), Oklahoma State University; Matt Fannin (2016), Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Glynn Tonsor (2017), Kansas State University.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: John Park (2015), Texas A&M University; Forrest Stegelin (2016), University of Georgia; Joshua Detre (2017), Louisiana State University..

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Lurleen Walters (2015), Mississippi State University; Andrew Griffith (2016), University of Tennessee; Luis Ribera (2017), Texas A&M University.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Jose Lopez (2015), Texas A&M University, Commerce; L. Lanier Nalley (2016), University of Arkansas; Ram Acharya (2016), New Mexico State; David Willis (2017) Clemson University.

Poster Committee: Swagata “Ban” Banerjee (2015), Pennsylvania State University; Jody Campiche (2016), Oklahoma State University; Dmitry Vedenov (2016), Texas A&M University; Kalyn Coatney (2017), Mississippi State University.

Undergraduate Committee: Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University, Chair; Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University; Glenn Ames, University of Georgia; Sierra Howry, University of Wisconsin – River Falls; 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, Flagler College; John Siebert, Texas A&M University; Robert Stark, University of Arkansas-Monticello; Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech.

JAAE Editors: Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University (LSU) and LSU AgCenter; Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas.

JAAE Editorial Council: Jeffrey Alwang, Virginia Tech; Kym Anderson, University of Adelaide; Keith Coble, Mississippi State University; Keith Fuglie, Economic Research Service, USDA; Kaliappa Kalirajan, Australian National University; Craig Landry, East Carolina State University; Jayson Lusk, Oklahoma State University; Ashok Mishra, Louisiana State University; Rudy Nayga, University of Arkansas; James Richardson, Texas A&M University; Alexander Sarris, University of Athens, Greece; Ted Schroeder, Kansas State University; Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; Benjamin Senauer, University of Minnesota; Loren Tauer, Cornell University; Sophie Thoyer, Montpellier SUPAGRO.

Nominating Committee: Past-President, R. Wes Harrison, Louisiana State University& LSU AgCenter ; President, Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University; President-elect, Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas.

Social Planner for 2015 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia

IT/AV Committee for 2015 Meetings: Jody Campiche, Oklahoma State University

SAEA President-Elect Nominations

Jeffrey M. Gillespie is the Martin D. Woodin Endowed Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota in 1993 and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Economics from Auburn University in 1986 and 1988, respectively.

Research

Gillespie's research focuses primarily on production economics and farm management issues related to U.S. animal agriculture industries: livestock, dairy, poultry, and freshwater aquaculture. His work has dealt primarily with farm profitability, efficiency, adoption of technology, and response to risk. He has authored or co-authored 80 journal articles and 133 other publications (experiment station, departmental, popular press, etc.) not including published abstracts. He has presented 105 papers and posters at professional meetings and made 32 miscellaneous presentations at other venues such as experiment station field days.

Teaching

Gillespie teaches an undergraduate Introduction to Agricultural Economics course and graduate courses in Operations Research Methods in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Production Economics. He serves as Undergraduate Coordinator for Agricultural Business and has directed or is currently directing the theses and dissertations of 20 graduate students in Agricultural Economics.

Outreach

Gillespie and colleagues annually publish cost and return estimates for Louisiana beef, dairy, forage, and crawfish production. In addition, he routinely publishes his research results in outlets such as magazines and online publications that are directed to user groups.

University Leadership and Service

At the university level, Gillespie serves on the LSU Faculty Senate. He has served as President of LSU Gamma Sigma Delta, Chair of the LSU College of Agriculture Dean's Teaching Conference, and as a member of numerous university and college committees. At the department level, Gillespie serves as the Undergraduate Coordinator. He has served as Chair of the Undergraduate Committee, Chair of the Graduate Committee, Chair of the Graduate Qualifying Examination Committee, Chair of the Professional Activities and Development Committee, Advisor to the undergraduate Agribusiness Club, and as a member of numerous departmental committees.

Professional Leadership and Service

Gillespie served as editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, Program Chair and Project Chair of SERA-IEG-31 Economics and Management of Risk in Agricultural Resources, as Chair of the Selected Poster Committee for AAEA, and as a member of several committees with SAEA and AAEA. He has served as a reviewer for 38 different journals.

Awards

Article of the Year, *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*; Research Certificate of Merit, LSU Gamma Sigma Delta; LSU Distinguished Faculty Award; LSU Student Government Association Outstanding Teacher Award; LSU College of Agriculture Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award; LSU Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award; Tiger Athletic Foundation President's Award; Teacher Merit Honor Roll Award, LSU Gamma Sigma Delta (9 years); Quality of Communication Award, Food Distribution Research Society; Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award; First place poster, SAEA; First place poster, AAEA; Third place poster, AAEA.

Vision for SAEA

Three major SAEA functions are publishing the *JAAE*, holding the annual meetings, and rewarding professional excellence. The *JAAE* has been a very important outlet for my work. I am pleased with the efforts of its editors over a number of years to improve it and have it eventually indexed with Thomson-Reuters. As President, I would

continue to work with and support the editors in facilitating its eventual indexing, as indexing will be essential to continued *JAAE* progress considering current academic trends in evaluation. I applaud the Board's recent decision to have the *JAAE* published by Cambridge Press as an open access journal and decisions by the editors and Board to internationalize the Editorial Council. As Editor, my vision for the *JAAE* was that it would continue to be an excellent outlet for research of interest to SAEA members and the agricultural profession as a whole, encouraging submissions from regional, national and international sources. This continues to be my vision for the *JAAE* and would be a base upon which I would make decisions regarding the *JAAE*.

The SAEA annual meetings have traditionally been well-attended and in my opinion are among the best professional meetings in agricultural economics. As President, I would work tirelessly and pay attention to the details to ensure that these meetings continue to be well-run and are of value to the membership. The opportunity to present research, the provision of an excellent venue for young professionals including graduate students to present, the quiz bowl and other undergraduate events, the opportunity to award excellent work, and fun social events are vital components of a successful meeting. In the current environment of increased emphasis on multidisciplinary, multistate research, especially in grantsmanship, the annual meeting provides a natural venue for fostering such interaction via our unique association with SAAS and the other disciplines that are represented at the annual meetings. I would have an interest in reaching out to the other associations to identify areas of shared interest and perhaps develop sessions around those issues. This could either highlight multidisciplinary work or foster the development of such work, improving grant opportunities for members.

John R. C. Robinson is Professor and Extension Economist/Cotton Marketing in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. He received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics in 1993, in addition to M.S. (1987) and B.S. (1983) degrees in entomology, all from the Texas A&M University.

Research

Robinson does not have a formal research appointment, but has supported his current extension program with applied research in the areas of crop marketing, crop insurance, risk reducing production technologies, and transportation/logistics. For example, he and a student modeled the relative risk efficiency of combinations hedging, crop insurance, and irrigation for South Texas cotton. During 2009/10, his ongoing cotton flow research culminated with involvement in an industry-wide strategic planning effort in cotton flow, sponsored by the National Cotton Council. That research has been further applied to help analyze impacts of Panama Canal expansion on cotton shipping. More recently Robinson led a study to survey and analyze cotton grower marketing and risk management practices. Robinson's research associations include the Beltwide Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference, the Delta States Farm Management group (SERA-35), the SAEA, AAEA, and the NCCC-134 (Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management). In support of this research, Robinson has managed ca. \$650,000 in grant awards over his professional career.

Outreach

Robinson has a 100% appointment with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. His current position calls for statewide leadership in developing and delivering Extension education materials and programs focused on cotton risk management, including market outlook, marketing strategies, public policy education, and applied research issues. The target audiences include cotton growers, landowners, merchants, futures brokers, commodity organizations, commodity fund managers, gins, warehouses, other agribusiness, Extension agents, Extension specialists, researchers, news media, policy makers, and the general public. Robinson has successfully delivered his cotton risk management education programs through extensive presentations in Texas county Extension meetings and regional grower associations as well as in intensive Master Marketer and Risk Management workshops. On-site program delivery mutually reinforces his other major programming feature: a website which focuses on development and implementation of a marketing plan for cotton, and daily market commentary on the Master Marketer Facebook page. Robinson is frequently solicited to provide his written outlook in various industry outlets and in speaking engagements at the local, regional, state, national, and international level. Over the last ten years in his current appointment, Robinson's programs have included 200 presentations delivered to over 10,000 on-site participants, and accounted for a total of 124,000 external contacts.

University Leadership and Service

Robinson has served on and/or chaired numerous departmental committees at Texas A&M University, the bulk of which are search and awards committees. He is currently the Department's Awards Coordinator and Director of the Department's Increment (i.e., State Ag Income), and serves on the Department's Extension Advisory Committee. Between 1997 and 1999 Robinson served as departmental representative, then Exec Committee, and finally Chair of the Mississippi State University Division of Ag, Forestry and Vet Medicine Faculty Senate.

Professional and Government Service

- 2011-2013 Texas Extension Specialists Association, President elect and President
- 2008-2011 Texas Extension Specialists Association, Treasurer
- 2006-present Reviewer of cotton farm program baseline for Congressional Budget Office
- 2005-2006 Beltwide Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference, Chair
- 2004-present Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*
- 2004-2005 Beltwide Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference, Vice Chair and coordinator of "Cotton Economic Outlook" symposium, New Orleans, LA. January 2005
- 2003-present Associate Editor, Economics Section, *Journal of Cotton Science* (Cotton Foundation/National Cotton Council)
- 2000-2002 Assistant Technical Editor, *Journal of Cotton Science* (Cotton Foundation/National Cotton Council)
- 1999-present AAEA Selected Paper and Poster Reviewer
- 1998-2001 Southern Region representative on the National Public Policy Education Committee, involved in planning, coordination, and participation in the Farm Foundation's annual NPPE Conference
- 1995-1999 Mississippi Agricultural Economics Association Vice President, 1997/98; President, 1998/99

Awards

Outstanding Extension Program Award Team. February 2014 Southern Agricultural Economics Association. For contributions to the Texas A&M University Economic Impact Team (McCorkle et al.).

1999 MAEA Award. June 1999. For service as President of Mississippi Agricultural Economics Association.

C. Everette Salyer Fellowship in Cotton Research. 1988-1992. \$15,000 annual stipend for graduate research activity, Texas A&M University.

Vision for SAEA

My earliest view of the SAEA as a graduate student was admittedly pragmatic and self-interested: it was as an association that would assist my career choice in agricultural economics. That view was reinforced when I took an academic path and saw the traditional function of the association as providing an outlet for research productivity, e.g., selected posters/ papers and journal publications, as well as opportunities to collaborate with colleagues. The SAEA has a history of good leadership which has improved its position to continue in this traditional function. I would look forward to working with the executive committee and other leaders to realize the potential for improved quality/improved image of the JAAE as a research outlet.

I would also continue to explore the possibilities for SAEA sponsored venues, outlets, and services for potential non-academic membership, e.g., from agribusiness, industry, and government. This idea obviously stems from my extension orientation, and others have suggested it before me. It has potential benefits in expanding membership to a larger population of potential members with undergraduate and master's degrees in agricultural economics. The regional focus of SAEA might be a benefit in targeting southern-based stakeholders to access our meetings, especially for targeted program content.

SAEA Director Nominations

Ram N. Acharya is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business at New Mexico State University. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Auburn University (1997), M.S. in Resource Economics from University Pertanian Malaysia, Malaysia (1993), and both M.A. in Economics (1988) and B.S. in Accounting (1985) from Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

Research

Acharya's research focuses on agricultural marketing, food production, and spatial competition. His recent research projects have also focused on organic farming, specialty crop production, food security, food safety, and global food supply chain management. These research activities have resulted in more than 70 professional presentations, 24 referred journal articles, 10 book chapters, published abstracts, and proceedings, and one book/monograph. His publications have appeared in a wide range of academic journals including *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Business*, *Applied Economics*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, and *International Journal of Bank Marketing*.

Teaching

As an Instructor, Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Faculty Senator, and Student Learning Assessment Liaison for the department, Acharya is actively involved in various aspects of teaching, educational policy making, and academic program management. He chairs Scholarship Committee and coordinates student recruitment and advising activities. He has also been serving as faculty advisor for a number of student organizations. This fall, one of the new club he has been advising will obtain a real world agribusiness management experience when it takes the full responsibility of harvesting, processing, packaging, and marketing NMSU pecans from more than 400 trees. He has been teaching three face to face (Applied Production Economics, Advanced Agribusiness Marketing, Global Food Supply Chain Management) and one online (Sustainability and Economics) courses on regular basis at NMSU. He also taught Applied Statistics, Computer Applications for Business, and Management Information Systems at Arizona State University. In total, he has chaired or served as member in more than 20 graduate student committees.

Outreach

Although Acharya's primarily responsibilities are teaching and research, he has periodically worked with a number of food industry groups including organic peanut growers, hops growers, microbrewers, mushroom council, and other fruit and vegetable producer groups. He has also provided expert opinions on various issues including the potential impacts of rising imports, increasing fuel prices, and public policy changes on fruit and vegetable industry.

Service

In addition to serving in various committees at NMSU, Acharya has been serving the profession by actively participating in various knowledge creation and dissemination activities. In particular, he has reviewed manuscripts for more than ten academic journals, chaired selected paper sessions during annual meetings, served in numerous proposals as panels, and assisted in various professional evaluation committees. Moreover, since 2012, he has been serving as a Managing Editor for the *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*. He has also been serving SAEA as a *Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee* member since 2013.

Vision

My involvement in professional organizations started in mid 1990s when I first joined the SAEA as a student member. Since then, I have joined and served four additional organization at various capacities. However, I find the breadth and variety of services SAEA offers to its diverse group of membership including students, young professionals, professionals, and other stakeholders highly commendable. In particular, I really appreciate SAEA's consistent effort in recruiting new members, acknowledging their contributions, and celebrating their achievements through various recognitions, nominations, and awards. Given the strong legacy of the past leadership, my vision would be to further increase the diversity in SAEAs membership pool by reaching out to other national and international organizations and encouraging participation from other regions including Asia and the Pacific.

Carlos E. Carpio is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Texas Tech University. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University (2006), a M.Sc. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Texas Tech University (2002) and a B.S. in Agriculture from Zamorano University in Honduras (1999). He previously served on the faculty of Clemson University.

Research

Carpio conducts research primarily related to consumer demand, non-market valuation and applied econometrics. He has authored and co-authored 27 refereed journal articles, 60 conference papers/presentations, and 2 book chapters. Carpio has acquired \$1.6 million in grants and contracts to support his Research program. His work has appeared in such journals as the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Land Economics, Agricultural Economics, and the European Review of Agricultural Economics.

Teaching

During the last 8 years, Carpio has taught the following classes: Econometrics (Graduate and Undergraduate), Demand Analysis (Graduate) and Farm Management (Undergraduate). He has directed 6 M.Sc. and 2 Ph.D. students and currently directs one Ph.D. student. He has also served on 2 Ph.D. dissertation committees and 5 M.Sc. thesis committees. Carpio has also been actively involved in advising undergraduate students.

SAEA Service

Reviewer for JAAE 2006-2014; Organizer and moderator for organized symposia and selected papers sessions at annual SAEA meetings, various years, 2006-2014; Reviewer and topic leader selected papers sessions at annual SAEA meetings, various years, 2005-2014.

AAEA Service

Reviewer for AJAE 2006-2014; Chair-elect, Latin-American Section, 2014; Member, Selected Presentation Committee 2013-2016; Reviewer and topic leader selected papers sessions at annual AAAE meetings, various years, 2006-2014.

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

As an Executive Council member, I will concentrate my efforts in three main areas:

1) Developing new initiatives to strengthen the SAEA efforts to improve the quality and visibility of the work published in the JAAE; 2) Evaluating and proposing changes to the format of the presentations at our annual meetings in order to encourage more interaction and discussion in all our sessions; and, 3) Increasing graduate students and junior faculty participation in our Annual Meetings since they are the future of our organization. Finally, I will be open and receptive to other initiatives to enhance and broaden the attractiveness of the Association to current and potential members.

Voting Procedures for SAEA 2015 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, 2014. All ballots must be posted between October 1 and October 31, 2014 to be counted.

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

