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Congratulations to our new SAEA officers: President-elect – Jeff Gillespie, Louisiana State University and Director – Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University. I look forward to working with these newly elected officers whose terms will begin with the 2015 annual meeting. I also want to thank John Robinson, Texas A&M University and Ram Acharya, New Mexico State University for their willingness to stand for election and their continued service to the SAEA.

The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held January 31 – February 3, 2015 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, Georgia. Please follow the link <https://www.saea.org/payments/> to register for the annual meeting. **Early registration ends on January 16th**. A late fee will apply to all registrations after that date. Hotel room rates are \$149/night single and double and \$179/night triple and quad. The deadline to book hotel rooms at the group rate is Friday, January 16, 2015 at 5:00 pm. You can make reservations by calling 1-800-937-8461 (identify yourself as a member of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists). Additional hotel information can be found at <http://www.saasinc.org/2015-Atlanta/Hotel-Info.asp>

The annual meeting program is finalized and available at <http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/prog2015.pdf>. This year the program contains 4 invited symposia (including the Emerging Scholars symposium), 11 organized symposia (including a symposium on the transition of the *JAAE* to Cambridge University Press), 187 selected papers and 38 selected posters. Thanks to Ron Rainey for coordinating the invited and organized symposia, and Dan Petrolia, Deacue Fields, and Jody Campiche for organizing the selected paper sessions. You will notice that this year the selected paper sessions have been organized and sequenced topically in an effort to reduce the likelihood of having two or more concurrent sessions built around similar sub-disciplinary topics. It is our hope that attendees will find this helpful as they select which sessions to attend. Many thanks to Dan Petrolia for all of the extra effort required to organize the selected papers in this manner. In addition to the above, I would like to thank all of the award committee members for their hard work in selecting the award recipients for the 2015 annual meeting.

If you have a selected paper for the 2015 annual meeting please don't forget to submit the full Selected Paper to the Agecon Search website (<http://ageconsearch.umn.edu>) by Friday, January 16, 2015.

I look forward to seeing 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 is open at <https://www.saea.org/payments/> Register now because early registration ends on January 16th

A copy of the current program can be viewed at
<http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/prog2015.pdf>

The Westin Peachtree Plaza will be an excellent venue for our meetings. The Sunday Night SAAS Reception and Super Bowl Party will be held at the Hard Rock Cafe. All sessions will be held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

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

Group Rates:

\$149/night Single and Double
\$179/night Triple and Quad

Reservations:

To reserve a room **at the group rate online** at the Westin Peachtree Plaza, [click here](#), or paste/type the following in your address bar:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/govtsoassnofagriculturalscientist>

or

You can call 1-800-937-8461 and indicate that you are a member of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists.

Check in: 3:00 pm

Check out: Noon

Group Rate Benefits:

Complimentary high speed internet service in rooms (\$14.95 value)

Complimentary access to Health Club, pool, and daily newspaper

Complimentary local and 1-800 calls

Parking:

Valet parking will be \$28.80 which is a 10% discount from the \$32.00 current price.

Vouchers will be given to SAAS members to be presented to attendant upon departure.

There is no self parking at the hotel; however, [click here for a map showing area self-parking options](#).

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

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

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

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), University of Wisconsin, Plattville; 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

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

January 31-February 3, 2015

Atlanta, Georgia

RECRUITMENT FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

SAEA ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL RECRUITMENT FAIR

Sunday and Monday, February 1st and 2nd, 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 16, 2015** to:

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_____ \$30

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Tax deductible donation to support SAEA student activities \$ _____

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_____ \$35

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