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It is time to start thinking about submissions for the **SAEA annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas on February 6 – 9, 2016**. The calls for selected papers, selected posters, and organized symposia are contained in this newsletter. Please submit a paper or symposium and start making plans to attend the meetings as well as bringing your students to this exciting location. Please note that the calls for various SAEA award nominations are also included in this newsletter. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague or graduate student for an SAEA award. Start making plans to participate in this growing annual event to network, learn, and engage. As usual, Jeff Jordan is planning some fantastic extra-curricular activities around the San Antonio Riverwalk. We thank him for his continued, dedicated service to the association.

Membership and Finances

The SAEA Executive Committee held its summer meeting in Savannah, GA on June 11th. SAEA membership continues to remain strong. Our current membership is 520 down slightly from last year. As we transition to Open Access (OA) we have lost a few library subscriptions since last year. Our financial position also remains strong with a modest increase in net worth over this time last year. Association assets as of May 31 were \$175,228 which is up substantially from last year with \$3,000 in outstanding liabilities.

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

First, I want to thank the editors for outstanding service to the association. They have worked tirelessly to maintain a high quality journal and to ensure a smooth transition to Cambridge University Press (CUP) for the *JAAE*. I also express gratitude to our immediate Past President, Wes Harrison, for dedicated continued service to the association during the final stages of the transition. While the journal's publication with CUP began in January 2015, there still exist a few final pieces to be put in place in order to fully leverage this new partnership. The transition of all of the related service and promotional activities of *JAAE* are in its final stages. Scholar One has launched so that you can seamlessly submit articles to the journal with the last hurdle being completion of the electronic archival of all previous *JAAE* issues. SAEA leadership is in the process of finalizing mechanism by which individual members will register on CUP site to receive the Cambridge website.

JAAE is the first fully online, open access, agricultural economics journal in the United States. This affiliation with one of the world's largest publishers of scholarly journals offers great potential for increasing awareness of our journal both in the United States and abroad. During both the February and June Executive council meetings, considerable discussion occurred on the best way to engage CUP to enhance the visibility of our association's journal. Over the next few months we will be providing SAEA members with detailed information about what to expect from this new publishing arrangement. Our ultimate goal is to have the *JAAE* indexed in Thomson Reuters Web of Science. The primary advantage of being indexed is that the *JAAE* would receive an impact factor that is increasingly important as an indicator of journal quality. SAEA leadership is aware that throughout the indexing process that we must effectively

engage CUP. To that end, we have designated a communications committee which will be tasked with on-going engagement with CUP and the Marketing Specialist assigned to promote our association. This committee will be chaired by the Past President.

With the transition of the journal to CUP, the Executive Council made a few changes to items that historically were published in the journal: presidential address, Lifetime Award winner presentations and organized symposia. As a result of this change, we have updated the website to prominently feature our Lifetime Award winners, Presidential address and Emerging Scholars going forward. Please visit our association's website to view the new sections for our award winners. Special thanks to Director Carlos Carpio for his leadership developing the new featured sections on the website.

Again, please note all of the calls within this issue and start making plans to attend our 2016 Annual Meeting. Please contact me or any of the other members of the SAEA Executive Committee if you have questions, ideas or concerns that need to be addressed. Thank you for being an SAEA member. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Ron Rainey SAEA President

2016 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2016 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas, February 6-9, 2016

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas

When – February 6 - 9, 2016

Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration will begin December 1, 2015. Paper, poster and organized symposia submissions are now being accepted and will close at midnight EST, Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Award nominations are due by September 15, 2015. Begin planning now to attend and share your work. Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2016 meetings and the meeting site.

ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS IN 2016

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for San Antonio! 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.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Award: To recognize significant and enduring contributions in scholarship or public service to southern agricultural economics. Scholarship would entail teaching and research, while public service would embrace not only extension but all other outreach activities in government and agribusiness. This award recognizes individual distinguished contributions to the profession over a career.

B. Nature of the Award: The award shall be called “Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award.” The winners of the award shall be announced annually with the awards presented at the annual meetings of the SAEA. Each recipient will receive a framed certificate and a free membership to the Southern Agricultural Economics Association for the remainder of his or her life.

C. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must have completed at last 25 years of professional service and must have made significant contributions to the profession. This award is in recognition of one’s contribution to southern agricultural economics throughout a professional career. The award may be given posthumously. The recipient need not live (or have lived) in the southern region, but must have been a member of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at some time in his or her career.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be made by SAEA members and/or agricultural economics and related departments. Nominations will consist of the following:

1. A statement, not longer than two double-spaced pages, summarizing the contributions in scholarship (teaching and/or research) and/or public service (extension and other outreach activities including such activities in government or agribusiness) to southern agricultural economics throughout the nominee’s professional career.
2. A detailed resume of the nominee.
3. Copies of not more than three published works which exemplify research contributions of the nominee and a brief summary of other works which provide tangible evidence of the nominee’s contributions to southern agricultural economics; and/or summaries of courses taught, topics covered, formal evaluations of teaching, and not more than three tangible examples of teaching aids or other tangible examples of extension or outreach program materials exemplifying the nominee’s contributions in public service to southern agricultural economics.
4. Letters indicating contributions the nominee has made to southern agricultural economics (maximum of 3).
5. A synopsis of the candidate’s career suitable for publishing on the SAEA webpage.
6. The Selection Committee for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award shall be composed of the Past-President of the SAEA and three members of the SAEA, not on the executive committee, to be appointed to staggered three-year terms by the President. The Past-President will chair the selection committee and will be the liaison between the selection committee and the SAEA executive committee.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Submit nomination materials in pdf format for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

by **September 15, 2015** to:

Dr. Barry Barnett
Mississippi State University
bjb11@msstate.edu

Submissions must be received by Monday, September 15, 2015.

Telephone and E-mail are for information only
Phone: 662/325-0128
E-mail: bjb11@msstate.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Awards: To recognize significant contributions of individuals to the profession of agricultural economics, to bring such contributions to the attention of the profession, and to facilitate firsthand sharing of such contributions through the annual SAEA meetings.

B. Nature of the Awards: The "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Awards for Distinguished Professional Contributions" are made annually and recipients share their award-winning contributions with the membership at SAEA annual meetings. More than one award may be made each year in each category based on the judgment of evaluation committees concerning the significance of nominated works. Committees shall not be obligated to make awards if no nominee is judged deserving. Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition.

C. Award Categories: Awards are considered for distinguished contributions to the profession in the following categories:

- ▶ Outstanding *JAAE* Article
- ▶ Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award
- ▶ Distinguished Extension Program Award
- ▶ Outstanding Master's Thesis Award
- ▶ Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

D. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must be SAEA members and actively involved in the area for which the work is nominated. The contribution nominated may be the work of a single individual or group of individuals. In the case of group awards, one-half or more of the contributing individuals must be SAEA members actively involved in the area of the nominated work. Graduate students must be student members of the SAEA.

E. Selection Criteria: Selection of award winners will be made by committees appointed by the SAEA President except for the Outstanding *JAAE* Article where the selection committee is composed of the *JAAE* Editors, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. Criteria used in the selection process include:

1. Relevance and importance of topic, problem, or issue addressed;
2. Application of appropriate economic principles, methods, and concepts;
3. Appropriate use of logic, scientific approach, method, or process;
4. Contribution of results and/or process to advancing the agricultural economics profession; and
5. Transferability of achievement to professional development of other economists.

F. Award Winner Responsibilities: Acceptance of an award carries a commitment on the part of the award winner(s) to attend and share this work, in person, with other members of the profession at the SAEA annual meeting when the award is given. Award recipients are expected to summarize and highlight their accomplishments in a poster presentation at the annual meeting. Poster session guidelines will be made available to award recipients.

G. Notification: Award winners will be notified at least 30 days before the annual meetings.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

A. Outstanding *JAAE* Article

1. *JAAE* articles appearing in the November 2014 through August 2015 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, and the Editorial Council. No nominations are required.

B. Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the teaching of a course of instruction.

2. A brief resume of the economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of course covered by nomination.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and description of teaching aids or materials supporting nomination (e.g., VHS videotape sample of nominee's teaching would be helpful).
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

C. Outstanding Extension Program Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the extension program nominated.
2. A brief resume of extension economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of the extension program nominated.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and extension program materials supporting nomination.
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

D. Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

1. A thesis must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the thesis was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Master's degree during the 2014-2015 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, thesis advisor(s), thesis title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each fifteen Master's theses or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2014-2015 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible theses, departments must limit consideration to theses in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$200 accompanies the award.

E. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

1. A dissertation must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the dissertation was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. during the 2014-2015 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, dissertation advisor(s), dissertation title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each twelve doctoral dissertations or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2014-2015 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible nominations, departments must limit consideration to dissertations in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$300 accompanies the award.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Submit all nomination materials in electronic (pdf) form only for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association **Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards** by **September 15, 2015** to:

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Mississippi State University
bjb11@msstate.edu

Telephone and E-mail are for information only
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E-mail: bjb11@msstate.edu

**Submissions must be received by
Monday, September 15, 2015.**

CALL FOR ORGANIZED SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: The purpose of an organized symposium is to stimulate discussion of a single theme or problem related to agricultural economics. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcomed and encouraged. The emphasis on audience discussion and participation distinguishes a symposium from a selected papers session and requires that one-half of the available time be allocated to the discussion engaging the audience. **Proposals in the areas of Extension/Outreach and Teaching/Learning are strongly encouraged.** To submit a proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Proposals where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member will not be considered.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>. Submissions will be accepted beginning July 15 but no later than Monday, September 15, 2015, midnight EST. The submitting member is responsible for the completion and accuracy of entered information. Questions regarding submission format for organized symposia should be addressed to **Dr. Jeffrey Gillespie**, Louisiana State University, phone: 225/578-2759, email: jmgille@lsu.edu

Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>
2. Click on "Submit a Paper"
3. Select Organized Symposium as the Type of Submission
4. Enter ALL required information:
 - a. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - b. Paper Title: Title of Organized Symposium
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Type of Submission: Organized Symposium
 - e. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your Symposium.
 - f. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - g. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the symposia as outlined below. Do not use equations, symbols, greek letters, etc.
 - h. Submitter's Comments (optional): If you are willing to serve as a moderator for a session *other than your own*, please enter the word "Moderator" here.
 - i. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
 - j. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.** Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.
 - k. Privacy Setting: Choose your preferred setting.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers. All proposed participants must agree to be at the meetings, **prior** to submitting symposia proposals. The time allotted to selected symposia is identical to time of Selected Paper sessions and at least one-half of the period should include open discussion involving the audience. Abstracts of selected symposia will be published on the SAEA website.

Abstract Submission Format:

- **Organizer:** (please include address, phone number, and E-mail address).
- **Title:** Symposium title.
- **Moderator and Participants:** Names, affiliations and viewpoints to be represented, for **all** participants.
- **Justification and Description:** Why is this topic timely and appropriate? What is the purpose to be served? What are the unique dimensions offered by the proposal?
- **Time:** Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

Submissions must be posted by Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER AND POSTER PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: Papers addressing any aspect of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. Papers presented or published previously are not eligible. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Proposals where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member will not be considered.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>. The submissions site will close at midnight (EST) Tuesday, **September 15, 2015**. SAEA requires the authors of Selected Papers to post an electronic version of the final paper on the *AgEcon Search* website by **Monday, January 18, 2016**. Instructions on submitting the full manuscript will be provided upon acceptance. *Failure to post a manuscript to AgEcon Search by the deadline will result in removal from the program.* No manuscript is required for Selected Posters and the poster is limited to 4 ft. by 4 ft. for display at the annual meetings. The submitting author is responsible for providing accurate and complete information. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>
2. Click on “Submit a Paper”
3. Select the Type of Submission you wish to submit (Selected Paper or Selected Poster)
4. Enter ALL required information:
 - l. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - m. Paper Title
 - n. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - o. Type of Submission: Selected Paper or Selected Poster
 - p. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your paper/poster.
 - q. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - r. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the paper. Do not use equations, symbols, greek letters, etc.
 - s. Submitter’s Comments (optional): If you are willing to serve as a moderator for a session *other than your own*, please enter the word “Moderator” here.
 - t. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
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Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2015.

Please contact **Dr. Deacue Fields**, Auburn University by email at fieldde@auburn.edu or by phone at 324/844-4931 for questions about Selected Papers. Contact **Dr. Dmitry Vedenov** for questions about Selected Posters by email at vedenov@tamu.edu or by phone at 979/845-8493

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Monday, September 15, 2015.**

2015-2016 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 in the future please contact Ron Rainey at rrainey@uaex.edu.

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SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Matt Fannin (2016), Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Glynn Tonsor (2017), Kansas State University; Steve Klose (2018), Texas A&M University.

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Forrest Stegelin (2016), University of Georgia; Joshua Detre (2017), MedComp Sciences; Lurleen Walters (2018), Mississippi State University.

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Andrew Griffith (2016), University of Tennessee; Luis Ribera (2017), Texas A&M University; Esendugue Greg Fonsah (2018), University of Georgia.

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Ram Acharya (2016), New Mexico State; L. Lanier Nalley (2017), University of Arkansas; David Willis (2018), Clemson University.

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