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Congratulations to our new SAEA officers: President-elect – Lisa House, University of Florida – and Director– Susana Ferreira—University of Georgia. I look forward to working with these newly elected officers whose terms will begin with the 2016 annual meeting. I also want to thank Phil Kenkel, Oklahoma State University and Joey Melhorne, University of Tennessee at Martin for their willingness to stand for election and their continued service to the SAEA. The election response was solid with 198 association members participating which is our 3<sup>rd</sup> highest participation rate.

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held February 6 – 9, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk in Texas. Please follow the link <https://www.saea.org/payments/> to register for Hotel room rates are \$139/night for single, double, triple and quad lodging rooms. The deadline to book hotel rooms at the group rate is **Friday, January 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. You can make reservations by calling **1-888-421-1442** (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/2015/12/prog2016.pdf>. This year the program contains 4 invited symposia (including the Emerging Scholars symposium), 6 organized symposia, 228 selected papers and 58 selected posters. Thanks to Jeff Gillespie for coordinating the invited and organized symposia, and Deacue Fields, Jody Campiche, and Carlos Carpio for organizing the selected paper sessions. You will notice that this year we have continued to organize and sequence the selected paper sessions 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 Deacue Fields 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. Make plans to join us as we recognize our colleagues during the lifetime achievement awards breakfast.

I am excited to announce that SAEA has formed an outreach and engagement committee to work with the executive committee to enhance SAEA's outreach efforts throughout the year. The committee is chaired by Margarita Velandia (University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and includes John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University, Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University/graduate students). The committee's initial charge is to engage in developing a social media presence and strategy for SAEA. SAEA hopes to leverage synergies with the region's departments, Cambridge University Press and AAEA to enhance our visibility.

**If you have a selected paper for the 2016 annual meeting please don't forget to submit the full Selected Paper to the Agecon Search website (<http://ageconsearch.umn.edu>) by Friday, January 22, 2016.**

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

**Ronald Rainey, SAEA President**

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## 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. Our SAEA reception will be held at the Alamo. Don't miss these meetings!

**What – 2016 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 is open at <https://www.saea.org/payments/>.

The current 2016 SAEA annual meeting program is now available online at:  
<http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/prog2016.pdf>

**THE DEADLINE TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS: FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016.**

### [Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk](#)

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**Reservations** can be made online at:

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Or by calling 1-888-421-1442 and refer to the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) group block at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk.

If rooms are available, reservations can be made for 3 days ahead and/or 3 days after the meeting dates at the discounted group rate if you would like to come early or stay longer for sightseeing.

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## 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. Cost to participate is \$100 and can be paid online at the SAEA website <https://www.saea.org/payments/> (under Quiz Bowl). The \$100 helps support the Quiz Bowl and provides refreshment breaks during the competition.

If you have any questions, please contact Sierra Howrey, Undergraduate Committee Chair, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 105 Ag Sciences Building, River Falls, WI 54022, Phone 715/425-3298, Email: [sierra.howry@uwrp.edu](mailto:sierra.howry@uwrp.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.

## 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](mailto:rrainey@uaex.edu).

**Selected Papers Committee:** Deacue Fields, Auburn University (2016); Jody Campiche Oklahoma State University (2017); Carlos Carpio (2018), Texas Tech University.

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Bill Herndon (2016), Mississippi State University; Jeffrey Jordan (2017), University of Georgia; Mike Woods (2018), Oklahoma State University.

**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.

**Poster Committee:** Dmitry Vedenov (2016), Texas A&M; Kalyn Coatney (2017), Mississippi

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State University; Nathan Smith (2018), University of Georgia.

**Undergraduate Committee:** Sierra Howry, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Chair; Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University; Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University; Glenn Ames, University of Georgia; 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.

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**Social Planner for 2016 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2016 Meetings:** Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University.

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