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It's now the time of the year to begin considering attending and participating in the **2017 SAEA annual meeting to be held in Mobile, Alabama, February 4-7, 2017**. In accordance with that meeting, in this newsletter you will find calls for selected papers, selected posters, and organized symposia. We strongly encourage you to submit proposals in one or more of these categories that address issues of interest to other agricultural economists, highlighting your research, extension, and/or teaching programs. The SAEA annual meeting provides an excellent venue for you to inform others of your work and engage with others who have similar research, extension, and teaching interests. Please also consider applying for or nominating a colleague or graduate student for one of the various SAEA awards. You will find awards for outstanding teaching and extension programs, and outstanding Master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation. These awards provide an excellent opportunity for you to be recognized for the outstanding work you are doing.

As he has done for a number of years now, Jeff Jordan is planning some fun social gatherings at the meetings. We greatly appreciate all of the time and effort Jeff puts into planning these popular events. As in past years, we will also continue to have opportunities for undergraduate student participation through Quiz Bowl, socials, and the presentation undergraduate research in the regular sessions. Graduate students are also highly encouraged to attend. They can benefit by presenting their research and networking with other graduate students, faculty, and potential employers.

Membership and Finances

Membership in the SAEA continues to be strong. At our annual Executive Council meeting held in Asheville, NC, on June 9, it was reported that our current membership is 399. This is fairly consistent with membership numbers over the past several years. As expected, we do continue to lose library subscriptions due to the transition of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* to open access via Cambridge University Press. Our financial position remains strong, with total assets as of May 31 totaling \$181,001, up slightly from last year.

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

I want to give a hearty thanks to our editorial team, including Editors Andrew McKenzie and Krishna Paudel and Associate Editor Henry Kinnucan, who will be completing their terms in December. They will discontinue processing new submissions as of July 1, when the new editorial team, Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghalian, transition in. We thank Michael and Sayed for taking on the responsibility of leading the JAAE forward over the next 3 years. The JAAE has undergone something of a transformation over the past several years as it has been converted to open access via Cambridge University Press. We appreciate our editors' role in working with the Press to ensure a high quality publication. We are particularly appreciative of this editorial team for soliciting the submission of high-quality review articles on topics of identified interest from many of the most renowned economists in the agricultural economics profession. We plan to continue this practice into the future. Our goal for the JAAE is to have it indexed with the Thomson-Reuters Web of Science. We know the JAAE is high-quality and respected in the agricultural economics profession, but indexing will be an important next step in verifying that to the greater scientific profession.

In accordance with our contract with Cambridge University Press, older archived JAAE articles (those published prior to 2015) will soon be removed from the *AgEcon Search* website. You should have received an email from Cambridge University Press explaining how you will be able to obtain free access to archived JAAE articles. I encourage you to go ahead and sign up if you haven't already done so, enabling you to continue to have access to these articles.

Again, please make special note of all of the calls for 2017 annual meeting sessions and awards in this issue and begin making plans to attend the meetings. I want to thank you for your involvement in SAEA. Please contact me if you have any ideas or concerns that need to be address. I look forward to seeing you in Mobile!

Jeffrey M. Gillespie, SAEA President

2017 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2017 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Mobile, Alabama, February 4-7, 2017

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Mobile, Alabama

When – February 4-7, 2017

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

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 19, 2016 to:

Dr. Ron Rainey

University of Arkansas

rrainey@uaex.edu

**Submissions must be received by
Monday, September 19, 2016**

**Telephone and E-mail are for
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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

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).
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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 19, 2016** to:

Dr. Ron Rainey
By September 19, 2016 to:
University of Arkansas

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CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER AND POSTER PROPOSALS

I. Eligibility Guidelines: Papers addressing any aspect of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline, Monday, September 19, 2016, midnight EST. Membership information can be found at <http://www.saea.org/membership>. Selected papers will consist of two categories this year: 15 minute paper presentations and 8 minute lightning round presentations. The selected paper committee will choose the category for each paper and notify the presenter if the paper is accepted. At least one author must be an SAEA member to be considered. Each presenter may only submit one paper. However, authors may be listed on multiple papers.

II. Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2017>. The submissions site will close at midnight (EST) Monday, **September 19, 2016.** SAEA requires the authors of Selected Papers to post an electronic version of the final paper on the *AgEcon Search* website by **Wednesday, January 18, 2017.** 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.

III. Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2017>.
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:
 - a. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - b. Paper Title
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Type of Submission: Selected Paper or Selected Poster
 - e. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your paper/poster.
 - f. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - g. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the paper. 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.
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Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2016.

Please contact **Dr. Jody Campiche**, National Cotton Council, by email at jcampiche@cotton.org for questions about Selected Papers. Contact Kaylin Coatney, Mississippi State University, for questions about Selected Posters by email at k.coatney@msstate.edu.

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 19, 2016, midnight EST. Membership information can be found at <http://www.saea.org/membership>.

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/SAEA2017>. 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. Lisa House**, University of Florida, phone: 352/294-7653, email: lahous@ufl.edu

Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2017>
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.
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 - j. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.**
Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.
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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 Monday, September 19, 2016.**

2016-2017 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees in the future, please contact Jeffrey M. Gillespie at jmgille@lsu.edu.

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SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University (2017); Steve Klose, Texas A&M University (2018); John Westra, Louisiana State University (2019).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Joshua Detre, MedComp Sciences (2017); Lurleen Walters, Mississippi State University (2018); Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019).

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2017); Esendugue Greg Fonsah, University of Georgia (2018); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2017); David Willis, Clemson University (2018); Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019).

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