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The 2017 annual meeting of the SAEA in Mobile, Alabama was a tremendous success! There were 403 attendees, including 156 faculty / career professionals, 125 graduate students, and 122 undergraduate students. The number of undergraduate students attending and participating in the Quiz Bowl remains high, with the last three years including the highest number of undergraduate attendees.

I want to thank all of the committee chairs, committee members, and the SAEA Board for all of their hard work in planning a successful meeting. Special thanks goes to a number of people, including but not limited to the following. As he has graciously done for many years now, Jeff Jordan did an excellent job coordinating the meeting logistics, including receptions, meals, facilities, and general planning. John VanSickle helped in coordinating the meeting, as well as handling the program. Jody Campiche coordinated the selected paper and poster submissions and the review process. Susana Ferreira and Carlos Carpio coordinated the computers, projectors, and other information technology support during the meeting. Members rolling off SAEA committees this year include Jeff Jordan, Glynn Tonsor, Joshua Detre, Luis Ribera, Lanier Nalley, Kalyn Coatney, Sierra Howrey, and Margarita Velandia, each of whom played an important role in the success of the meeting.

The Quiz Bowl competition was a tremendous success under the leadership of Co-Chairs Sierra Howry and Maria Bampasidou, as well as the Quiz Bowl advisors for each of the participating schools and the many volunteers who moderated, judged and/or helped with IT support for the Quiz Bowl. Thanks to all of you for your service to the SAEA! I want to thank Kim Morgan, Matt Salois, and Jaelyn Kropp for organizing outstanding invited symposium sessions for the annual meeting. Each of these sessions focused on issues of strong interest to our membership.

Membership in the SAEA remains strong, with 628 members, and we expect more members to join through the AAEA membership registration portal. The SAEA income statement for January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, showed income of \$108,240.60 and expenses of \$105,981.30. End-of-2016 total assets of \$208,251.82 were up slightly from end-of-2015 total assets of \$192,053.13. The SAEA has no liabilities.

The SAEA was pleased to offer recognition for both lifetime achievement and early career achievement in agricultural economics. Individuals receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award were Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University, Dr. Lawrence L. Falconer, Mississippi State University, and Dr. Eduardo Segarra, Texas Tech University. Each has provided strong contributions to the profession and to the SAEA and we thank them for those contributions. The presentations at the breakfast honoring their achievements during the annual meeting from each participant were unique and inspiring. Individuals receiving the Emerging Scholars Award were Nelson Villoria, Kansas State University; Richard Thomas (Max) Melstrom, Oklahoma State University; and Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee. Each made research presentations at the Emerging Scholars session. Congratulations to the Lifetime Achievement Award and Emerging Scholar winners!

At the annual SAEA meetings, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian reported that 181 manuscripts were handled in 2016, 98 of which were new submissions, up from 90 in 2015. The average turnaround time was 67 days. The Outstanding Journal Article Award for an article published in 2016 in the JAAE was presented to Kunlapath Sukcharoen and David Leatham. Members rotating off the JAAE Editorial Council are

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Kaliappa Kalirajan, Craig Landry, Ashok Mishra, Rudy Nayga, James Richardson, Alexander Sarris, and Loren Tauer. They are being replaced by Jabir Ali, Rebekka Dudensing, Zhifeng Gao, Kim Jenson, Ani Katchova, Nicole Mason, David Orden, Michael Popp, Renato Villano, and Nick Vink. Associate Editor, Henry Kinnucan continued to handle review articles for the JAAE. I want to thank all of these individuals for their service to the JAAE.

I want to provide special thanks to a number of people. Ron Rainey completed his term as Past President at the February meetings. During his year as Past President, he provided leadership in the selection of the professional awards. Thank you, Ron, for all you have done for the SAEA over the past several years. Jeff Gillespie completed his term as President at the February meetings. During his year as President, he provided excellent leadership in coordinating the many activities of the SAEA, too many to list here. Thank you, Jeff, and I look forward to continuing to work with you this year in your position as Past President. Carlos Carpio completed his term as Director at the February meetings. We appreciate his strong leadership in this very important role over the past three years. I am pleased to welcome Deacue Fields, Auburn University, as our President-Elect, and Luis Ribera, Texas A&M, as Director, to the SAEA leadership team. Each will serve three-year terms. If you have nominations for officers for 2017-2018, please send them to me or any other member of the Executive Committee. Also, please contact me at lahous@ufl.edu if you are interested in serving on an SAEA committee. Please mark your calendars now for next year's annual meeting, to be held February 2-6, 2018, in my home state of Florida where we hope Jacksonville will provide those from farther north with a sunny break in February!

*Lisa House, SAEA President*

## **2018 SAEA Annual Meetings**

Make your plans now to attend the 2018 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, February 2-6, 2018.

**What – SAEA Annual Meeting**

**Where – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jacksonville, FL**

**When – February 2-6, 2018**

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

## **Call for Emerging Scholars Awards**

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting nominations for the 2018 “Emerging Scholar” awards. These awards are designed to highlight the work of high-performing early-career professionals in our profession. To be eligible, an applicant must, by May 8, 2017, be no more than 7 years from having received a terminal degree. Previous Emerging Scholar Award winners are not eligible to be nominated again. Nominations are encouraged from both within and outside the Southern region of the United States. Each institution, however, is limited to no more than two nominations. Nominees need not be current members of the SAEA.

Those selected for this award will be expected to present during an invited symposia session at the 2018 annual meeting in Jacksonville, FL, February 2 - 6. Presentations may be empirical or conceptual and can address topics related to research, extension, or instruction. All presentations are expected to be of high quality and to address issues on the frontier of knowledge in a given subject matter area. Recipients of the Emerging Scholar awards will be recognized at the SAEA business meeting and will receive a \$250 honorarium.

Nominations must include a brief statement (no more than one page) regarding the nominee's

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qualifications, a one-page presentation proposal, and a two-page curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted via an e-mail attachment sent to Deacue Fields at [fieldde@auburn.edu](mailto:fieldde@auburn.edu) with "Emerging Scholar Nomination" as the subject. **Nominations must be received by May 8, 2017.**

## **Award Winners at the 2017 SAEA Meeting in Mobile, Alabama**

### **Emerging Scholars** –

Chris Boyer University of Tennessee  
Richard Thomas (Max) Melstrom, Oklahoma State University  
Nelson Villoria, Kansas State University

### **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University  
Larry Falconer, Mississippi State University  
Eduardo Segarra, Texas Tech University

### **Academic Quiz Bowl winners** –

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – Chameras

Stormy Gallaher, University of Arkansas-Monticello  
Izak Christensen, Iowa State University  
Megan Noone, University of Georgia  
Colson Tester, University of Arkansas

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – Ghouls

Benjamin Hornback, Murray State  
Samuel King, Arkansas State University  
Amber Beers, University of Florida  
Cody White, Clemson University

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team - Banchees

Cassandra Dietz, University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
Luke Lane, University of Arkansas  
Erica Rogers, University of Kentucky  
Caroline Kelsoe, Mississippi State University

### **Teaching of a Course Award**

Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas. AGEC 4163 Agricultural and Rural Development

### **Extension Awards**

*Group:* Oklahoma State University. (Notie Lansford, Ann Embree, Sherri Schieffer, Suzanne Spears & Jendi Mapitigama) "County Government Personnel and Education Training Program."

*Individual:* Dr. Dave Shideler, Oklahoma State University "Economic Development."

### **Outstanding Dissertation**

Kyle E. Binder, Texas A&M University. "The Past, Present, and Future of the U.S. Electric Power Sector: Examining Regulatory Changes Using Multi-variate Time Series Approaches."

### **Outstanding Thesis**

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Francis Tsiboe, University of Arkansas. “Cost-Benefit Analysis and Potential Spillover Effects of Farmer Field Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Cocoa.”

**Outstanding JAAE Article**

Sukcharoen, Kunlapath and David Leatham. “Mean-Variance Versus Mean-Expected Shortfall Models: An Application to Wheat Variety selection.” *JAAE* 48,2 (May 2006) 148-72.

**Poster Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bridget Guerrero, University of Arkansas-Monticello; Stephen Amosson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; Rachell Owens, West Texas A&M University; Lal Amos, West Texas State University; Thomas Marek, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; Dana Porter, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. “Impact of Volatile Commodity Prices and Investment Costs on the Economic Feasibility of Subsurface Drip Irrigation.”

2<sup>nd</sup> - Roshini Brizmohun, Auburn University. “Impact of Climate Change on Food Security of Small Islands: The Case of Mauritius.”

3<sup>rd</sup> - Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University; Dora Ann Hatch, Louisiana State University AgCenter. “Identifying and Assessing Financial and Legal Liabilities for Louisiana Agritourism Operators.”

**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 Lisa House at [lahouse@ufl.edu](mailto:lahouse@ufl.edu)

**Selected Papers Committee:** Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2018); Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019); Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University (2018); Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019). Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020).

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** Steve Klose, Texas A&M University (2018); John Westra, University of Nebraska (2019), TBD (2020)

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Lurleen Walters, Mississippi State University (2018); Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019); Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020).

**Masters Thesis Award Committee:** Esendugue Greg Fonsah, University of Georgia (2018); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019); Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** David Willis, Clemson University (2018); Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019); TBD (2020)

**Poster Committee:** Nathan Smith, Clemson University (2018); Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky (2019); Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University; Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University.

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and Corporate Management, India; Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University; Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University; Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida; Sandra Hoffman, USDA-ERS; Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee; Ani Katchova, Ohio State University; Subal Kumbhakar, SUNY Binghamton; Nicole Mason, Michigan State University; David Orden, Virginia Tech University; Fabien Prieur, LAMETA – Universite Montpellier 1 and INRA; Michael Popp, University of Arkansas; Marc Ribaud, USDA-ERS; Jesse Tack, Kansas State University; Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University; Renato Villano, University of New England, Australia; Nick Vink, Stellenbosch University; Yuqing Zheng, University of Kentucky.

**Nominating Committee:** Past-President Jeffrey Gillespie, USDA-Economic Research Service; President Lisa House, University of Florida; President-Elect Deacue Fields, Auburn University.

**Social Planner for 2018 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2018 Meetings:** Susana Ferreria, University of Georgia; Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020).

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020).

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