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President's Corner

Another year is quickly flying by. We are approaching time for submissions for the SAEA Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL, February 4-7, 2012 at the Sheraton Birmingham. This will be a great meeting with some great off-site opportunities for the Tuesday reception and student activities. Please see this issue for the call for papers announcement and directions for submission. I encourage you to submit a paper and attend the meetings.

The Executive Committee of the SAEA recently held its summer meeting June 9. Membership is down slightly from 702 last year to 632 this year. Most of that drop is a decline in membership for schools outside of the Southern region and students. We hope that everyone will continue to encourage students to join. Their membership is an investment in their future careers and those students represent the future of our Association. Financially, our Association is very healthy with \$131,000 in our investment account, and this is after considerably expanding activities and travel funds for students.

This year, the Executive Committee has a new incentive program for potential advisors of undergraduate students. In addition to the available travel funds, the SAEA will pay the registration fee for an advisor that brings students from schools that have not participated in the Quiz Bowl during the past three years. The Quiz Bowl has grown, and the EC would like that to continue as well as expand the scope of teams present.

Call for Papers

Please see the guidelines for submission in this issue. A hearty thank you goes out to Ban Banerjee of Alabama A&M for chairing the selected posters and Albert Allen and Ken Hood of Mississippi State University for chairing the selected papers committees. These tasks are very important and time consuming and the efforts of these individuals is greatly appreciated.

Calls for Award Nominations

Please consider nominating worthy candidates for the SAEA awards. These are important rewards for excellence within our Association and allow us to recognize the efforts and success of our colleagues. All award nominations should be forwarded to Mike Reed following the guidelines in this issue. Please note that all award nominations must be **completely electronic**.

Officer Nominations

Service to the Association is important and having good officers is key to the success of any organization. If you have nominations for the position of President-Elect or Director, please send them directly to me.

Finally, I want to thank Wojciech Florkowski for his dedicated service to the SAEA. Our summer Committee meeting was his last “official” function, although I hope he will stick around to offer his sage wisdom. Also, thanks go to Jeff Jordan for making meeting arrangements and keeping the finances in order. Thanks also go to Jayson Lusk for his years of service as a Director on the Executive Committee. Jayson has played an integral role on the committee and contributed greatly to advancing SAEA programs and the annual meetings. I welcome John VanSickle to the Committee in the role of Secretary. As always, please let your Executive Committee know if you have questions, ideas, or concerns we need to address.

Darren Hudson

What – SAEA Annual Meeting
Where – Sheraton Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
When – February 4-7, 2012
Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

Registration will begin December 1, 2011. Paper and poster submissions open after July 29, 2011 and will close at midnight, September 16, 2011. Award nominations are due by September 16, 2011. Begin planning now to attend and share your work.

**ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING
IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA IN 2012**

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Birmingham! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for a record turn-out of schools and student participants.

We are again planning on hosting a graduate program Recruitment Fair which provided 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 **Dr. Michael J. Best**, Student Section Faculty Advisor, Tennessee Technological University, P.O. Box 5034, Cookeville, TN 38505-0001, Phone 931-372-3154, Fax 931-372-3899. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Details will be provided in the September Newsletter. 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 publication in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. See examples in the August issue of the *JAAE*.
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 electronic format for **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by **September 16, 2011** to:

Dr. Michael R. Reed
Agricultural Economics
308 C.E. Barnhart Bldg.
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0276

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Phone: 859/257-7259
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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**
1. *JAAE* articles appearing in the November 2010 through August 2011 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editors, Associate Editor, 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 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 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 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.
5. Four copies of a thesis must be submitted.

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 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 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.
5. Four copies of a dissertation must be submitted.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Submit all nomination materials for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association **Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards** by **September 16, 2011** to:

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SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 4-7, 2012

Birmingham, Alabama

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.** At least one participant must be a SAEA member in good standing at the time of the Organized Symposium proposal submission. If not, a check for \$30 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of SAEA.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012> no later than Friday, September 16, 2011, midnight EST. The website will be open for submissions after July 29, 2011. The proposal must include the following items: name, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address of the organizer and the symposium title. Proposals are limited to 750 words in length. The submitting member is responsible for the completion and accuracy of entered information and the selection of the designated area indicating "Organized Symposium." Questions regarding submission format for organized symposia should be addressed to **Dr. Parr Rosson**, Texas A&M University, Agricultural Economics, MS 2124, College Station, TX 77843, Phone: 979/845-3070, E-mail: prosson@tamu.edu

Submission procedure:

1. go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012>.
2. click on "Submit a paper;"
3. in the field "Area", click and select only Organized Symposium category listed toward the end of the list and follows categories for Selected Paper proposals;
4. only PDF files can be uploaded;
5. when submitting an Organized Symposium proposal, list all participants and their functions in the uploaded PDF file;
6. before you sign off, check:
 - that you spelled all names and affiliations correctly;
 - you included all names of co-authors and entered in the field "Authors, Affiliations..."
 - you selected "Area" designated for Organized Symposium (not "Selected Poster" or "Selected Papers").
7. The submission site closes at midnight, EST, September 16, 2011.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposium organizer. All proposed participants must agree to be at the meetings, **prior** to submitting symposium 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 in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. The Symposium organizer is responsible for submitting the 50 word abstract to the JAAE editors (JAAE@lsu.edu) within two weeks following the SAEA annual meeting (no later than February 20, 2012).

Proposal Submission Format:

- **Organizer:** (please include address, phone number, and E-mail address).
- **Title:** Symposium title.
- **Moderator and Participants:** Names, affiliations, titles, and viewpoints to be represented, for **all** participants. Addresses, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses must also be included 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?

Submissions must be posted by Friday, September 16, 2011.

Format: Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

**Submissions must be posted by
Friday, September 16, 2011.**

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

February 4-7, 2012

Birmingham, Alabama

CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

Eligibility Guidelines: Proposals, limited to 750 words, on any aspect of agricultural economics are welcomed (more papers on the subject areas of teaching and extension are especially 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, i.e., September 16, 2011, midnight EST. If not, a check for \$30.00 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SAEA by September 16, 2011. Paper proposals, where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member, will not be considered. No member may submit more than one proposal as senior or sole author.

There have been several papers withdrawn after acceptance and posting in the program in recent years. Moreover, several authors have failed to show to present their paper. Please, make sure you or your co-author will present accepted papers. Abstract of papers not presented will not be published in the JAAE and papers will be withdrawn from AgEcon search.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012> no later than Friday, **September 16, 2011.** The website will be open for submissions after July 31, 2011. The proposal must include the name, affiliation, address, phone number, and E-mail address of all authors, the title of the paper, and the subject area(s). Proposals are limited to two pages in total length (in addition to the cover page) and should be single-spaced, using a 12 pitch font and cannot exceed 750 words limit. The submitting author is responsible for providing the accurate and complete information. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

Submission procedure:

1. go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012>
2. click on "Submit a paper";
3. in the field "Area", click and select only one of the applicable areas. Note that Selected Poster and Organized Symposium categories are listed at the end of the list and are not to be entered for Selected Paper proposals;
4. only PDF files with Selected Paper proposals can be uploaded;
5. before you sign off, check:
 - that you spelled all names and affiliations correctly;
 - you included all names of co-authors and entered in the field "Authors, Affiliations..."
 - you selected "Area" designated for Selected Papers (not "Selected Poster" or "Organized Symposium").
6. The submission site closes at midnight, EST, September 16, 2011.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by reviewers from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to authors. If you would like to volunteer to be a Topic Leader or a Reviewer for one of the subject areas, please contact **Dr. Albert Allen**, Agricultural Economics, Mail Stop 9755, 205 Howell Hall Building, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762, Phone: 662-325-2883, Fax: 662-325-8777 or **Dr. Kenneth Hood**, Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, MS 9755, Howell Engineering, 126 Ag Econ., Mississippi State, MS 39762, Phone: 662-325-2155, Fax: 662-325-8777.

SAEA requires the authors of an accepted paper to post an electronic version of the final paper at the *AgEcon Search* website by **Tuesday, January 17, 2012.** Final manuscripts should not exceed 20 pages in total length (including figures, tables, and references) and must be double spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper. Please see a recent issue of the *J. of Agric. and Appl. Econ. (JAAE)* for other format guidelines. Final versions of abstracts (50 words or less – abstracts exceeding the 50-word limit will not be published) must be submitted by **Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to the Chairs of the Selected Paper Committee** if the abstract is to be published in the *JAAE*. Only abstracts of selected papers submitted to the Agecon Search website will be published in the *JAAE*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Dr. Albert Allen**, Agricultural Economics, Mail Stop 9755, 205 Howell Hall Building, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762, Phone: 662-325-2883, Fax: 662-325-8777, or **Dr. Kenneth Hood**, Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, MS 9755, Howell Engineering, 126 Ag Econ., Mississippi State, MS 39762, Phone: 662-325-2155, Fax: 662-325-8777.

Submission Format:

- I. Proposal format (No authors' names in proposal) - section titles
 - a) Objectives
 - b) Background
 - c) Data Methods
 - d) Results
 - e) Discussion

**Submissions must be posted by
Friday, September 16 2011.**

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

February 4-7, 2012

Birmingham, Alabama

CALL FOR SELECTED POSTERS

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting proposals for posters of maximum 750 words to be presented at the 2012 annual meeting to be held February 4-7, 2012 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Eligibility: Posters on all topics of agricultural and applied economics are welcome. Previously presented or published posters are ineligible. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission, i.e., September 16, 2011. If not, a check for \$30.00 for a regular membership for one year (\$35 for international) should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SAEA by September 16, 2011. Paper proposals, where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member, will not be considered. No member may submit more than one proposal as senior or sole author.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- a) relevance to members of the Association;
- b) importance of the work;
- c) quality of the work;
- d) clarity of communication.

Authors of selected posters will be given information on poster preparation for presentation at the SAEA meeting. Presented posters will be judged and winners will be announced at the SAEA awards ceremony. Abstracts of selected posters will be published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Submission information:

Poster proposal should be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012>. The website will be open for submissions after July 31, 2011. Questions can be directed to Selected Poster Session Chair: **Dr. Swagata “Ban” Banerjee**, Agribusiness, Alabama A&M University, P.O. Box 323, Normal, AL 35762, Phone: 256-372-4825, Fax: 256-372-5917; E-mail: sbanerjee108@gmail.com. Authors of the accepted selected posters must send the 50 word abstract of the poster, title and authors and their affiliations to Dr. Banerjee **no later than February 7, 2012** if they wish the abstract to be published in the *JAAE*.

A poster submission should include the following:

The title of the poster; the name and affiliation of each author along with the address, phone number, and E-mail of the corresponding author; an abstract of no more than 50 words (abstracts exceeding the word limit will not be published in the *JAAE*); and the subject matter and primary audience that most closely relate to the poster content.

A proposal of no more than two, single-spaced pages (max 750 words) and a font size of at least 12 points. In narrative form, include a) the problem statement and importance of work, b) data and methods, c) major results and implications, and d) references. The submitting author is responsible for entering accurate and complete information. Incomplete entries or misclassified entries will not be considered.

Submission procedure:

1. go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2012>.
2. click on “Submit a paper”;
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