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The 2016 annual meeting of the SAEA in San Antonio, Texas, was a tremendous success! There were a total of 452 attendees, including 174 faculty / career professionals, 137 graduate students, and 141 undergraduate students. Attendance was higher than for 2015 for all three groups. The number of undergraduate students attending and participating in the Quiz Bowl was a record, with the second-highest number of attendees at 126 in 2014.

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. Deacue Fields coordinated the selected paper and poster submissions and the review process. Jody Campiche and Carlos Carpio coordinated the computers, projectors, and other information technology support during the meeting. Members rolling off SAEA committees this year include Bill Herndon, Matt Fannin, Forrest Stegelin, Andrew Griffith, Ram Acharya, and Dmitry Vedenov, each of whom played an important role in the success of the meeting. The record-setting quiz bowl competition was a tremendous success under the leadership of Co-Chairs Sierra Howry and Joey Melhorn, 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 Keith Coble, H.L. Goodwin, and Michael Popp for organizing outstanding invited paper 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 608 members, and we expect more members to join through the AAEA membership registration portal. The SAEA income statement for January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, showed income of \$108,164.54 and expenses of \$102,797.06. Lower income and expenses have resulted primarily from the transition of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* to Cambridge Press. We expect income to increase as non-members pay fees for article access in the *JAAE* archives. End-of-2015 total assets of \$192,053.13 were up slightly from end-of-2014 total assets of \$190,435.01. 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 Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University, and Wojciech Florkowski, University of Georgia. Both have provided strong contributions to the profession and to the SAEA and we thank them for those contributions. Both provided insights on the factors that had shaped their careers at a breakfast at the annual meeting. Individuals receiving the Emerging Scholars Award were Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University; Kelly Grogan, University of Florida; and Jeff Luckstead, University of Arkansas. Each made research presentations at the Emerging Scholars session. Congratulations to the Lifetime Achievement Award and Emerging Scholar winners!

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At the annual SAEA meetings, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* Editors Andrew McKenzie and Krishna Paudel reported that 121 manuscripts were handled in 2015, 90 of which were new submissions, so the number of submissions was up from 71 in 2014. The average turnaround time was 62 days. The Outstanding Journal Article Award for an article published in 2015 in the *JAAE* was presented to Supratim Das Gupta. Members rotating off the *JAAE* Editorial Council are Jeff Alwang, Kym Anderson, Kathy Segerson, and Benjamin Senauer. They are being replaced by Stephen Devadoss, Marc Ribaud, Jesse Tack, and Yuqing Zheng. As 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*. Andrew McKenzie and Krishna Paudel have entered the last year of their term as editors and I want to offer a special thanks to them for their outstanding service over the last three years. They have done an excellent job in enhancing the standing of the *JAAE*, particularly during the transition to a new format with Cambridge Press.

Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian, both with the University of Kentucky, have graciously agreed to transition in as the new Editors. Their term will begin July 1, 2016. I want to provide special thanks to a number of people. Barry Barnett 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 and in reviewing and recommending revisions to the SAEA constitution and bylaws. Thank you, Barry, for all you have done for the SAEA over the past several years. Ron Rainey 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, Ron, and I look forward to continuing to work with you this year in your position as Past President. Deacue Fields 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 Lisa House, University of Florida, as our President-Elect, and Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia, as Director, to the SAEA leadership team. Each will serve three-year terms. If you have nominations for officers for 2016-2017, please send them to me or any other member of the Executive Committee. Also, please contact me at [jmgille@lsu.edu](mailto:jmgille@lsu.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 4-7, 2017, in Mobile, Alabama.

**Jeffrey M. Gillespie, SAEA President**

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## **Award Winners at the 2016 SAEA Meeting in San Antonio, Texas**

### **Emerging Scholars**

Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University  
Kelly Grogan, University of Florida  
Jeff Luckstead, University of Arkansas

### **Academic Quiz Bowl winners**

First Place Team – Columbus Crew

- Madi Holmes, Texas A&M University
- Erica Rogers, University of Kentucky
- Logan Smith, Oklahoma State University
- Rebekah Slabach, Virginia Tech University

Second Place Team – Fire

- Wes Davis, Purdue University
- Jaylen Wallace, Texas A&M University, Commerce
- Erica Prescott, Clemson University
- Sarah Denny, University of Missouri

Third Place Team - Galaxy

- Nancy Herzog, Texas A&M University
- April Winebarger, University of Kentucky
- Hannah McReynolds, Oklahoma State University
- Michael Unruh, University of Wisconsin, River Falls

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

Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida

### **Distinguished Extension Award**

2014 Farm Bill Decision Aid Team – Joe Outlaw, James W. Richardson, Henry Bryant, George Knapek, Marc J. Raulston, Brian Herbst, Craig Wellington, Texas A&M University; Patrick Westoff, Scott Gerit and Peter Zimmel, FAPRI, University of Missouri

### **Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation**

Cortney Crowley, Oklahoma State University, Advisor Wade Brorsen

### **Outstanding M.S. Thesis**

Daniel Chavez, Texas A&M University, Advisor Marco Palma

### **Outstanding JAAE Article**

Supratim Das Gupta. “Dirty and Clean Technologies.” JAAE 47,1 (Feb 2015): 123-45.

### **Poster Awards**

First place – “Consumers Willingness to Pay for Genetically Engineered Edamame.” E. Wolf, M. Popp, C. Bazzani, R. Nayga, Jr., D. Danforth, J. Popp, P. Chen, Hs Seo., University of Arkansas.

Second place – “Economic Contribution of Cattle By-Products in the Texas Panhandle.” Bridgette Guerrero and Seth Keshmiry, West Texas A&M University.

Third place – “Market Integration and Price Transmission in the World Rice Export Markets.” Bo Chen and Sayeed Saghaian, University of Kentucky.

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## **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 Emerging Scholars Awards**

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting nominations for the 2017 “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 6, 2016, 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 2017 annual meeting in Mobile, AL, February 4 - 7. 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 qualifications, a one-page presentation proposal, and a two-page curriculum vitae. Nominations should be submitted via an e-mail attachment sent to Lisa House at [lahouse@ufl.edu](mailto:lahouse@ufl.edu) with "Emerging Scholar Nomination" as the subject. **Nominations must be received by May 6, 2016.**

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## 2015-2016 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](mailto:jmgille@lsu.edu).

**Selected Papers Committee:** Jody Campiche, National Cotton Council (2017); Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2018); Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia (2017); Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University (2018); Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019).

**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).

**Poster Committee:** Kalyn Coatney, Mississippi State University (2017); Nathan Smith, Clemson University (2018); Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky (2019).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Sierra Howrey, University of Wisconsin–River Falls; Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University

**JAAE Editorial Team:** Editors Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University, and Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas. Associate Editor Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University.

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**Nominating Committee:** Past-President Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas; President Jeffrey Gillespie, Louisiana State University; President-Elect Lisa House, University of Florida.

**Social Planner for 2017 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2017 Meetings:** Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University; Susana Ferreria, University of Georgia.

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** Margarita Velandia, University of Tennessee (2017); John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University.

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