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It's now the time of the year to begin considering attending and participating in the 2018 SAEA annual meeting to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, February 2-6, 2018. 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 of undergraduate research in the regular sessions. This year we will be adding some special events for graduate students to network with each other and faculty. More details on these new events will be included in the next newsletter. We highly encourage graduate students to attend both to present research and make contacts for the future.

Membership and Finances

Membership in the SAEA continues to be strong. At our annual Executive Council meeting held in Charleston, SC, on June 8, it was reported that our current membership is 424. This is a slight increase over the past year. Our financial position remains strong, with total assets as of May 31 totaling \$215,331.54, up slightly from last year.

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

Thanks again to our past Editors Andrew McKenzie and Krishna Paudel, the transition to our new editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian has gone smoothly. Submissions remain steady compared to prior years and average turnaround time for reviews has decreased to under 2 months! Thanks to all the hard work of the editorial team and our reviewers. We encourage everyone to use social media to share articles from the JAAE that they find interesting, as we continue to try to expand the reach of the journal. A key activity for the JAAE is our desire to see the journal achieve an impact factor and be listed in relevant indexes. 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. To enhance our application for an impact factor, we have certain activities planned for the upcoming year, including listing in the Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus. Cambridge University Press has also added PSC Publishing, a third-party that can provide print-on-demand service for users of the journal who would like to obtain issues or articles in print. Keep in mind the journal's archive has now been digitized and is accessible via the Cambridge website at

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-agricultural-and-applied-economics/all-issues>.

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 Jacksonville!

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 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 least 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 18, 2017 to:

Jeffrey Gillespie

USDA Economic Research Service

**Submissions must be received by
Monday, September 18, 2017**

**Telephone and E-mail are for
information only**

Phone: 202/694-5308

E-mail: Jeffrey.Gillespie@ers.usda.gov

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 2016 through August 2017 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).
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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 18, 2017** to:

By September 18, 2017 to:
Dr. Jeffrey Gillespie
USDA Economic Research Service

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CALL FOR 2018 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 18, 2017, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Selected papers will consist of two categories: 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. 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/SAEA2018>. The submissions site will close at midnight (EST) Monday, **September 18, 2017**. SAEA requires the authors of Selected Papers to post an electronic version of the final paper or power point presentation on the *AgEcon Search* website by **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. Instructions on submitting the full manuscript or power point presentation will be provided upon acceptance. *Failure to post a manuscript or presentation 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/SAEA2018>.
2. Click on "Submit an Abstract"
3. Enter ALL required information:
 - a. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - b. Paper Title (Use APA Style "Title Case" capitalization method for titles)
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your paper/poster.
 - e. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - f. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the paper. Do not use equations, symbols, Greek letters, etc.
 - g. Type of Presentation: Select "Regular Session" for papers or "Poster Session"
 - 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.
 - j. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.**
Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2017.

Please contact **Carlos Carpio**, Texas Tech University, by email at carlos.carpio@ttu.edu for questions about Selected Papers. Contact **Nathan Smith**, Clemson University, for questions about Selected Posters by email at nathan5@clemson.edu.

CALL FOR ORGANIZED SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

I. 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, Monday, September 18, 2017, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Proposals where none of the contributors is a SAEA member will not be considered.

II. Submission Guidelines: Submissions must be posted no later than Monday, September 18, 2017, 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. Deacue Fields, Auburn University**, phone: 334/844-4931, email: fieldde@auburn.edu

III. Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2018>
2. Click on "Submit an Abstract"
3. 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 (Use APA Style "Title Case" capitalization method for titles)
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Area: Select "Organized Symposium"
 - e. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - f. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the symposia as outlined below. Do not use equations, symbols, Greek letters, etc.
 - g. Type of Presentation: Select "Regular Session"
 - g. 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.
 - h. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
 - i. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.** Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers by November 16, 2017. 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.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2017.

2017-2018 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.

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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); Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020).

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

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IT/AV Committee for 2018 Meetings: Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia; Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University.

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