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It's now the time of the year to begin considering attending and participating in the 2019 SAEA annual meeting to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 2 - 5, 2019. 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. Last year we added a new reception and special organized symposia for graduate students to network with each other and faculty. Given the positive feedback from all involved, we will keep these activities and look forward to seeing more students join in. Remember to plan for graduate students to arrive in time for the Sunday afternoon networking reception. 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 Savannah, GA, on June 7, it was reported that our current membership is 620 with 455 active faculty and 165 graduate students. This is a slight increase over the past year. Our financial position remains strong, with total assets as of May 31 totaling \$269,416.43. Net worth has grown by over \$100,000 in last five years.

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian are doing a great job with the journal, including decreasing turnaround times for reviews. 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 listed the journal in the Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus. Cambridge University Press continues to work with us towards an application for indexing. 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/allissues>.

Please make special note of all of the calls for 2019 annual meeting sessions and awards in this issue and begin making plans to attend. 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 Birmingham!

Deacue Fields, SAEA President

2019 SAEA Annual Meetings

Make your plans now to attend the 2019 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, February 2-5, 2019.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, AL

When – February 2-5, 2019

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 14, 2018 to: Lisa House

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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
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 2017 through August 2018 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., video 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 14, 2018 to:

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Call for Emerging Scholars Awards

The Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) is soliciting nominations for the 2019 "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, 2018, 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 2019 annual meeting in Birmingham, AL, January 31-February 5. 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 Krishna Paudel at mkpauldel@agcenter.lsu.edu with "Emerging Scholar Nomination" as the subject.

Nominations must be received by September 14, 2018.

CALL FOR 2019 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 or poster proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of the submission deadline, Friday, September 14, 2018, 11:59 pm EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Each presenter may only submit one paper and one poster. However, authors may be listed on multiple papers and posters.

II. Submission Guidelines: In order to submit, authors must create a user account at the conference site: <https://www.conftool.org/saea2019/>. Upon registration, authors can submit their proposals at the same site. Proposals are limited to 200 words max. The submission phase will close at midnight (EST) Friday, September 14, 2018.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by Monday October 15, 2018.

SAEA requires the authors of accepted papers to upload an electronic version of the final paper or power point presentation at the conference site <https://www.conftool.org/saea2019/>, by

Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Failure to upload a manuscript or presentation at the conference site 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.

Please contact Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia, by email at sferreir@uga.edu for questions about Selected Papers or Posters.

CALL FOR ORGANIZED SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

I. I. Eligibility Guidelines: The purpose of an organized symposium is to stimulate discussion of a single theme or problem related to current concerns in agricultural and environmental 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, Friday, September 14, 2018, midnight EST. Proposals where none of the contributors is a SAEA member will not be considered. Detailed information about how to become a member can be found by visiting www.saea.org

II. Submission Guidelines: Submissions must be posted no later than Friday, September 14, 2018, 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. Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University**, phone: 225/578-7363, email: kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu

III. Submission procedure:

Please provide short justifications for the proposed session. Papers to be presented in the session should be provided with complete title, short abstract, and author information. The justification for the session should be no more than two pages and each paper abstract should be no more than 100 words. No more than three papers are allowed in each session. It is acceptable to propose two papers and two discussants as well. Please follow the following outline when developing the session proposal:

SESSION TITLE:

SESSION ORGANIZER: Complete name and contact information

SESSION MODERATOR: Complete name and contact information

SESSION DISCUSSANT: Complete name and contact information

SESSION JUSTIFICATIONS: (Max 2 page limit)

KEYWORDS (4-5 Keywords):

JEL CLASSIFICATIONS (1-3 codes):

PAPER 1: Title and abstract

PAPER 2: Title and abstract

PAPER 3: Title and abstract

Please send the complete proposal to **Dr. Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University**, Email: kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee formed among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers by **November 16, 2018**. 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. Authors are encouraged to develop a full paper and submit to JAAE but the paper will go through the journal's standard review process.

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