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Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

I hope that all of you have had a marvelous Spring semester! As with each end of Spring semester comes a new year of SS-AAEA Academic Bowl and Undergraduate Paper competitions, and also to invigorate those applications for the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club competitions.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that students who graduate in December and begin graduate coursework will now be allowed to compete in their final year of Academic Bowl, not to exceed four years of total participation in the competition.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 27

3:00pm – 5:30pm Student Paper Competition

7:00pm – 9:00pm Student Mixer and Academic Bowl Orientation

Monday, July 28

8:00am – 4:00pm Academic Bowl

6:00pm – 6:30pm Academic Bowl Finals

8:00pm – 9:00pm Student Section Business Meeting

SS-AAEA SOCIAL EVENT, BUSINESS MEETING, AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

Social Event

- The SS-AAEA Social will be held at 7:00 on Sunday, July 27.
- The purpose of the mixer is to allow students to meet each other prior to the business meeting on Monday and acquire information about officer elections. We expect to gain more involvement in the officer elections if the students are aware of the available positions and their responsibilities. The social is also an ideal venue for exchanging ideas about future events.

Business Meeting

- The business meeting will be held immediately following the AAEA awards ceremony at 8:00 pm on Monday, July 28, 2014.
- Officer elections will be held at the business meeting. Votes for candidates will be submitted by secret ballot during the business meeting. However, we do want students to have knowledge of who is running and for what positions prior to the meeting. The purpose of this is to allow others to join the race if they so choose. We anticipate that this will eliminate uncontested races or alleviate crowded ones. Candidates will be required to submit a picture of themselves and information regarding their credentials. These slides will be displayed during the candidates' speeches prior to voting. Please contact Hunter Garnett regarding the social event, business meeting or officer elections.





Important Dates: 2014

- **May 31:** Paper Competition Statement of Intent Form due.
 - **June 30:** Submissions for Paper Competition due.
 - **June 30:** Submission forms for Creative Club Award due.
 - **June 30:** Submission forms for Outstanding Chapter Competition due.
 - **June 30:** Academic Bowl Registration due.
- Don't forget to pay your Chapter dues before the AAEA Meeting!*
- **July 27:** Paper competitions and Presentations
 - **July 27:** Academic Bowl Orientation & Mixer
 - **July 28:** Academic Bowl
 - **July 28:** Academic Bowl Finals
 - **July 28:** AAEA Awards Ceremony
 - **July 28:** SS-AAEA Business Meeting

**See you in
Minneapolis!**

Academic Bowl

- The \$75 per team entry fee for Academic Bowl will be waived again this year. However, each student must still register for the AAEA Annual Meeting (\$50 before May 29; \$55 after).
- On Sunday, July 27, there will be an orientation session at 7:00 PM to discuss software, rules, and the tournament schedule.
- The official Academic Bowl will begin at 8:00 AM on July 28 and will continue until 4:00 PM that afternoon. The final round will be held at 6:00 PM and be followed by the Awards Ceremony that evening.
- All active chapters of the SS-AAEA may download one copy of the Academic Bowl software, and additional copies may be purchased for a small fee. All information about acquiring the new software is posted on the SS-AAEA website.
Feel free to contact Steven Vickner, Junior Advisor, for questions about Academic Bowl and Corey Miller for questions regarding the software.

Paper Competition and Journal of Agricultural Economics

- In order to submit a paper, a Statement of Intent Form is due May 31, and will be followed by a complete submission of the paper on June 30.
- Please note that quality papers submitted will be published into the online *SS-AAEA Journal of Agricultural Economics*. If you wish to be recognized and are not able to attend meetings, please feel free to submit the papers directly to the journal.
- Information on the submission process for both the journal and paper competition can be found online at the SS-AAEA website.
For additional inquiries please contact Corey Miller, Senior Advisor.

Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club Competitions

- Both the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club Award applications are due June 30.
- Details on submitting can be found at the SS-AAEA website, and winners will be expected to give a brief presentation during the business meeting regarding the highlights of their applications.
For Creative Club Competition questions contact Timothy Meyer, Freshman Advisor, and for Outstanding Chapter Competition questions contact Tyler Mark, Sophomore Advisor.

Further information about the meeting schedule can be found posted on the AAEA Annual Meeting webpage.

Lastly, the SS-AAEA is always looking for next year's faculty advisor. Please nominate your favorite professor by contacting Hunter Garnett. Remember, the Academic Bowl competition requires the help of the faculty members to act as judges, moderators, and software operators. Tell your advisor to contact Steven Vickner and volunteer today!

A Note from the President

Hello from the 2013-2014 AAEA student body officer team. I speak for everyone when I say we're excited for the opportunity to represent our organization. We were encouraged by the attendance at the 2013 conference in Washington, DC and we are confident that our meeting in Minneapolis will be equally as successful. Until then, our officer team will continue to look forward to our annual meeting and quiz bowl tournament.

Thank you,
Hunter Garnett
AAEA Student Body President