

Senior Section AAEA Newsletter May 2007

This is a reminder to register for the *2007 Joint Annual Meeting* of the *AAEA*, *WAEA* and *CAES* in Portland, Oregon on July 29 to August 1, 2007. The theme is “Applied Economics for Global Issues.” The registration fee for Senior Members (age 65+ and retired) is \$200 on or before July 3, goes to \$290 during July 4 to July 23 and to \$370 after July 23. (The Senior Section embraces members 55 and older.)

Symposia

Ken Farrell has put together an excellent program for the Senior Section composed of three organized symposia as follows:

Symposium 1: USDA Marketing Programs in Retrospect: Implications for the Future

Organizer: Ronald Knutson, Texas A&M

Moderator: Kenneth R. Farrell, University of California

Discussion Leaders: Ronald Knutson, Texas A&M and Thomas Sporleder, The Ohio State University

Panelists: Kenneth Clayton, USDA; Olan Forker, Cornell University; Jerry Siebert, University of California

Date and Time: Monday, July 30, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The objective is to evaluate/grade how well USDA marketing programs have adjusted to the many changes that have occurred in agricultural markets, their current impacts, and on the development of well performing, competitive supply chains. Implications for legislation, program implementation and research will be discussed.

Symposium 2: Transition into Retirement: Strategies to Consider

Organizer and Discussion Leader: Marvin Hayenga, Iowa State University

Moderator: Kenneth R. Farrell, University of California

Panelists: William D. Dobson, University of Wisconsin; John E. Lee, Jr., Mississippi State University

Date and Time: Monday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Numbers in our profession nearing or contemplating retirement are increasing. There are many dimensions to successful retirement planning—personal, financial, professional, and institutional. Panelists, drawing from personal experience, will discuss transition strategies. About half of the time will be devoted to interaction among speakers and the audience.

Symposium 3: Proposals and Prospects for the 2007 Farm Bill

Organizer and Moderator: Walter Armbruster, Farm Foundation

Panelists: Joseph Glauber, USDA, on “The Economic Setting”;

Robert L. Thompson, University of Illinois, on “The Need for Major Change”;

J B Penn, Deere & Co., on “Emerging Factors and Their Implications.”

Date and Time: Monday, July 30, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

This session will address the current economic setting in which the 2007 Farm Bill debate is occurring, emerging factors and their implications that are likely to drive final decisions, and challenges to trade distorting domestic policy provisions. Ample opportunities will be provided for discussion.

Senior Section Breakfast

The Senior Section Breakfast is scheduled for Monday morning, July 30 at 7:30 to 9 a.m. As indicated in the registration material, there is a \$20 fee for the breakfast. The primary items of business, besides socializing, are election of officers and soliciting ideas for programs for the 2008 AAEA Conference in Orlando, FL.

Your current officers are:

George Patrick, Purdue University, Chair

Ken Farrell, University of California, Vice-Chair (who will automatically succeed to the office of chair)

Jake Ferris, Michigan State University, Secretary/Editor (two year term)

Dale Colyer, West Virginia University, Member of the Section Executive Committee (two year term)

Bill Dobson, University of Wisconsin (retiring Member of the Section Executive Committee)

Nominees are as follows:

Vice-Chair (2008 Program Chair)

Marvin Hayenga, Iowa State University

Ron Knutson, Texas A&M University

Member of Executive Committee

Jean Kinsey, University of Minnesota

John Lee, Mississippi State University