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**American Agricultural Economics Association  
Membership Business Meeting  
Tuesday, August 3, 2004  
Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado**

- I. AAEA President Jon Brandt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Brandt asked attendees for any additions to the agenda; seeing none, he moved on to the first order of business.
- II. Otto Doering moved to approve the 2003 Annual Membership Business Meeting minutes and Harry Kaiser seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Introductions and Announcements
  - a. Brandt thanked the staff of the AAEA business office for their hard work.
  - b. Betty Eckebrecht received a plaque in recognition of her five years of service to AAEA as their Chief Financial Officer.
  - c. Brandt announced that Bill Boggess, David Zilberman and Susan Offutt are rotating off the Executive Board after 3 years of faithful service and welcomed the newly elected Board members—Per Pinstrup-Andersen as the new President-Elect of the Association; Richard Sexton and Alan Randall as Directors of the Executive Board; Katherine R. Smith and Scott Irwin as Directors of the Foundation Board.
- IV. Mechel Paggi updated the membership on foundation activities during the past year and encouraged the membership to produce new and innovative ideas for activities next year. Paggi recognized the Galbraith initiative as a great follow-up to last year's event. Joseph Stiglitz will be speaking at this year's John Kenneth Galbraith Forum and Luncheon.
- V. President's comments – Jon Brandt
  - a. Brandt updated the membership on the Executive Director search. The Executive Board selected a search committee. Fifty applicants had applied for the position. Once the new Executive Director has been selected from the remaining two candidates, Laurian Unnevehr will make the announcement to the membership.
  - b. The Executive Board will continue with its strategic planning efforts.
  - c. In 2003, membership dues for 2004 were increased and although membership numbers have decreased, the Association is on target to having a balanced budget for 2004. In addition to membership, primary revenue for the Association comes from meeting participation as well as the publications.
- VI. The following retiring AAEA Executive and Foundation Board members and Editors were recognized:
  - a. Peter Barry retired as the Choices editor and Texas A&M University editorial team was chosen as the new editors of Choices.
  - b. Retiring RAE Editors Katherine Smith, Susan Offutt and Neil Conklin

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- c. Retiring AJAE Editors Peter Berck and Robert Myers
  - d. Retiring Foundation Board Directors Alan Randall, Enrique Figueroa and Roberta Cook
  - e. Retiring Executive Board Directors Susan Offutt, David Zilberman and Bill Boggess
- VII. Passing of the gavel – Jon Brandt celebrated the work of the Board and the Association as he passed the gavel to President-elect Laurian Unnevehr. Unnevehr thanked Brandt on behalf of the Association for his hard work over the past year.
- VIII. There being no other business, Susan Offutt moved to adjourn and Katherine Smith seconded. Motion carried. Laurian Unnevehr adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.