



American Agricultural Economics Association
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

**AAEA Executive Board Meeting
Doubletree Hotel –Portland, Oregon
Washington Room
July 27-28, 2007
8:30am – 5:00pm
APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Steve Buccola, President; Otto Doering III; Per Pinstруп-Andersen; Helen Jensen; Alan Randall; Rich Sexton; Spiro Stefanou; Jill McCluskey; Matt Holt.

Ex-Officio: Terri Haffner, Interim Executive Director; Bruce McCarl; Stephen Swallow; Joan Fulton.

Guests: Lisa House; Richard Just; David Baumann; Darryl Nitsch; Marilyn Moehlman; Kristin Agard; Adam Woznicki; Peter Berck; Steve Halbrook; Steve Turner; Tamara Wagester.

Friday, July 27, 2007

I **Welcome & President's comments:** President Steve Buccola called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.; Buccola welcomed new Board members Richard Just (new President-elect) and new Executive Board members Damona Doye and Lisa House.

II **Agenda review and approval:** Terri Haffner notified the Board that Agenda item IX will be moved directly under agenda item XII.

Pinstруп-Andersen moved to approve the agenda; Holt seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

III **Approve Minutes – April 24, 2007:** Holt moved to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2007, Executive Board Meeting; Stefanou seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

IV Executive Director Update

Terri Haffner, Interim Executive Director, presented the following report:

- AAEA Membership Update
 - Numbers through 7/21/07 – 2,423 vs. 2,285 budgeted (we budgeted an 8% decrease from 2006 because of anticipated lower membership as a result of the joint meeting with WAEA and CAES).
 - 2007 actual 2,423 (-2.4%)
 - 2006 actual 2,487 (-5.0%)
 - 2005 actual 2,611 (-4.1%)
 - 2004 actual 2,722 (-6.3%)
- AAEA Annual Meeting – 2007 Portland Update
 - Projecting 1,500 – 1,600 attendees
 - 2006 Long Beach was 1,216
 - 2005 Providence was 1,332
 - We have begun promoting the new timeline and submission fee for the 2008 Meeting in the 2007 Meeting's final program.

- AAEA Annual Meeting – 2008 Orlando Update
 - July 26 – 29, 2008 at the Caribe Royale All-Suites Resort
 - Theme - “Expanding Horizons”
 - The Meeting will be joint with the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)
 - There was recently a planning meeting in Chicago with representatives from both ACCI and AAEA
 - The structure of this meeting will be different than the joint meeting with WAEA and CAES – more integration versus concurrent events and sessions
 - Joint Keynote Lecture
 - Possible joint pre- and post-conference workshops
 - Joint Fellows recognition ceremony
 - Joint breaks and exhibits
 - Possible joint sessions – ACCI representatives will be on the section leaders phone call in the Fall and are interested in pursuing joint track sessions as well as joint paper sessions
 - AAEA will move to ScholarOne abstract submission software for the 2008 Meeting.
 - Agard & Haffner are scheduled for an Orlando, Fla., site inspection in August
- AAEA Sections
 - 14 Sections plus the SS-AAEA
 - Possible new section
 - Rural Development – Saleem Shaik is heading up this initiative. Possible proposal for January 2008 Board Meeting
- Allied & Regional Meetings Update
 - Doering and Haffner attended the Southern Agricultural Economics (SAEA) regional association annual meeting and Doering attended the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Association meeting in calendar year 2007.
 - Doering noted the AAEA presence was well received and supported by the Presidents and Boards of all regional associations – AAEA is encouraged by all to continue to support this activity.
 - Doering said attendance continues to be the most efficient and effective means of establishing and maintaining relationships in a broad organizational way as well as with key individual members and leaders.
- January Board Meeting – New Orleans, LA with ASSA Meetings
 - Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for 1/5/08 (Saturday full day) and 1/6/08 (Sunday AM).
 - Background information and all enclosures (committee reports, actionable items, etc) are typically due to AAEA Business Office December 1.
 - Typically two Board mailings scheduled
 - Voting packets for Annual Meeting & AAEA Fellows (second week of December)
 - Meeting agenda with supporting documents (third week of December)
 - T.W. Schultz Event – Friday 1/4/08
 - Keynote: Daniel McFadden, Nobel Prize Winner and Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley

- Update on Transition from Ames Business Office to Executive Director, Inc. (EDI)
 - Haffner reported that the transition has been going very smoothly. All AAEA business except Executive Director responsibilities have been transitioned to EDI.
 - ACCI and AERE business is still split between Ames and EDI. Haffner to serve as Executive Director of ACCI going forward. Haffner will continue as liaison for AERE.
 - Haffner has been working with the Ames landlord concerning the rest of the lease obligation (through March, 2008). Thus far, there is no sub-leasor. She is hopeful we can reach agreement with the landlord to alleviate at least some of the financial obligation that AAEA has under the current lease.
 - Ames staff will spend the month of August packing boxes to be shipped to EDI, as well as liquidating office furniture and supplies
 - Termination dates for remaining staff continue to be August 31, 2007, except for Haffner (September 30, 2007)

Haffner thanked the Board for the opportunity to be Interim Executive Director.

V **Executive Director Inc. Update:** Dave Baumann thanked Terri Haffner for her excellent work.

While Terri will be leaving as AAEA Interim Executive Director, she has agreed to continue on as an employee of EDI beginning Oct. 1, 2007. She will be working in Ames and will be visiting the office in Milwaukee periodically.

Baumann announced that he will take over as AAEA's Executive Director for two years as AAEA continues to work through strategic issues. Kristin Agard will serve as Assistant Executive Director.

Baumann said work on the 2008 Meeting is already under way. He said ACCI is excited about the joint meeting in Orlando in 2008. Baumann said it's reasonable to expect 1,800 to 2,000 people at the 2008 AAEA & ACCI Joint Annual Meeting.

Buccola thanked Baumann and said that the transition of our business functions has been very smooth. Buccola thanked Dave and Terri, Kristin, Marilyn, Darryl, and Adam and all the staff involved.

- VI Consent Agenda Items
- A. AAEA Operating Policies
 - 1. Awards Proposal Concerning Honorable Mentions
Enclosure: Awards Proposal
 - 2. Proposal Concerning Wording of Principal Paper and ASSA Session Requirements
Enclosure: Proposal
 - 3. Presentation of New Work Policy
Enclosure: Proposal
 - B. Econometrics Section By-Laws Approval
Enclosure: Proposed By-Laws
 - C. COSBAE Section Revised By-Laws Approval
Enclosure: Proposed By-Laws

Items VI(a)(1) and VI(a)(2) were removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Swallow moved to approve the consent agenda to include items VI(a)(3) (AAEA Operating Policies, presentation of a new work policy), VI(b) (Econometrics Section By-Laws Approval), VI(C) (COSBAE Section Revised By-Laws Approval) Pinstrup-Andersen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Discussion on item VI(a)(1)

Sexton moved to replace, in Item VI(a)(1), “AAEA Operating Policies: Award Proposals Concerning Honorable Mentions” all mentions of honorary with honorable, and delete: “and (b) when a nominated work falls slightly below award quality while still merits special recognition when evaluated by the relevant award criteria.” To read: Honorable mention is used when the number of allowable awards in a category is insufficient to recognize all award-quality nominations. The number of honorable mentions in an award category may not exceed the number of awards allowed in that category. Honorable mention will not be given to a nomination eligible for resubmission in a subsequent year. McCluskey seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Item VI(a)(2) Operating Policy Change—Principal Papers and ASSA Session Requirements. Terri Haffner proposed the Operating Policies be changed to read: “Principal Papers. Principal paper authors, co-authors and discussants may not have participated in the prior two AAEA Annual Meetings with a principal paper presentation as author, co-author, or discussant. The Call for Papers announced to the AAEA membership should specify the years of exclusion covered by this policy. Proposed session formats generally will involve (a) two papers with two discussants, or (b) three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be accepted as they allow inadequate participant interaction.”

Doering moved to accept the proposal on the condition the last sentence of the proposal be changed to read: Four-paper sessions will not be accepted as they allow inadequate audience and participant interaction. Pinstrup-Andersen, seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VII Journal Publishing and Finance

1. Discussion of Morna Conway’s report
 2. Discussion of possible new publisher or renegotiation of Blackwell contract
- Enclosure: Report from Morna Conway

Buccola presented the report from consultant Morna Conway. Conway’s report discussed trends in publishing and how AAEA’s structure compares with those trends. Several recommendations were made to bring AAEA in line with trends and with the goal of increasing the journals’ impacts, readership, and profitability.

The consensus of the Board was that it was a useful report, and that the Board will continue to work with Conway. It was also noted that AAEA should find another expert in economics journals to give more insight into that market.

Stefanou moved that AAEA hire Morna Conway to: 1) develop—in conjunction with the Publications/Communications Committee—an RFP for the publication of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and the *Review of Agricultural Economics* beginning in January 2010, and the list of potential publishers to whom it will be distributed; and 2) assist the AAEA in evaluating the proposals received, in the choice of a preferred publisher with whom to negotiate, and in the prioritization of the remaining ones; and 3) serve as our negotiator with the preferred

publisher. Details for this arrangement with Morna Conway will be negotiated with Executive Board approval. Holt seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

VIII Report from Task Force on Meeting Structure
Enclosure: Task Force Report on Meeting Structure

Peter Berck, Task Force on Meeting Structure chair, presented the Task Force's report. The Task Force focused on: a) how many sessions there are relative to how many attendees we have (roughly, we have too many sessions per room rented, creating low attendance per session); b) a possible shift to a Saturday night start for the Meeting.

The Task Force recommended that the criterion for session allocation should be attendance. This criterion would include track session allocations.

There was Board consensus to request staff to investigate the possibility of a Saturday night start. The next survey should poll the membership on a Saturday start date.

Doering moved to add to the Operating Policies, under *Meetings, Track Sessions*: The president will send guidance to the sections on their track sessions indicating that: (a) Joint tracks are encouraged, (b) Younger members should be involved, and (c) Limited individual participation is encouraged so a few do not dominate track sessions. The President may also adjust the number of sessions allocated to a section over time based on several years' average attendance comparisons, within the allowable range of sessions allocated to a section as determined by section size. Seconded by Stefanou. **Motion approved unanimously.**

XI Report from Task Force on Outreach
Enclosure: Task Force Report on Outreach

Steve Halbrook, Task Force on Outreach chair, presented the Task Force's report. He wanted the Board to know that this was a preliminary plan.

As stated in the report, the Task Force felt that outreach should be a core element of AAEA. It encouraged the Board to: 1) adopt a vision and strategy; 2) implement a proactive, multi-product outreach strategy; 3) establish an AAEA outreach management team; and 4) commit financial resources.

The Task Force also encouraged the Board to retain the CHOICES brand, as it has been well established. The products under the brand may change, but it is important to retain the brand. After much discussion, the Board tabled the outreach issue until Saturday morning.

IX Report from Task Force on Selected Papers and Posters
Enclosure: Task Force Report on Selected Papers and Posters

Stefanou presented the report on behalf of the Task Force. Recommendations included:

- 1) AAEA should move to have more posters and fewer concurrent sessions of oral presentations. Intellectual quality would rise while maintaining the same number of participation opportunities.
- 2) We should improve presenter delivery and participant interaction in selected paper/poster and organized symposium sessions. We will begin to evaluate our success at this after the Portland Meeting. Oral poster presentations should be assigned

exclusive time slots, with time available for questions. Each paper presentation should be assigned a specific start and stop time, allowing attendees to switch between sessions.

- 3) The Task Force recommends holding dedicated poster sessions. Sessions should be author-attended, and little else should be going on during that portion of the Meeting that would keep participants away from the posters. We should organize posters thematically (4-6 to a group) and assign short presentation times to them.
- 4) It is important to display posters in a central and prominent space.

Discussion tabled to Saturday.

XIII Update on Confederation

Handout: Confederation Task Force Progress Report

Doering presented the written report of the AAEA/ACCI Task Force on Confederation. The Committee is looking at creating an umbrella association that initially would serve the AAEA and ACCI, but would also be open to other complementary professional associations. The association's purpose would be to: (a) strengthen the common interests of Member Societies through effective and efficient administrative services and (b) provide opportunities for joint research, education, policy outreach, and professional networking and development. A working title of the association would be "Federation of Applied Social Science Associations."

Holt moved to endorse the Confederation Task Force report. McCluskey seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

XIV Wording of the AAEA Constitution, Article V, Section 1—Buccola summarized the reason for the membership vote on the amendment to be conducted at the Annual Membership Meeting in Portland. Ex-officio membership of AAEA journal editors on the AAEA Executive Board originally was intended to ensure that voting Board members would be adequately informed of journal activities and that journal editors could regularly report on those activities. However, recent changes in journal editorship structure, and the importance of improving AAEA cost control, suggest ex-officio Board membership is an inefficient way of facilitating communication between editors and Board. Stephen Swallow said the editors "explicitly" support this proposal.

XV IBES Section and Selected Papers/Posters Process—The Board considered a memo from the IBES Section Chair, Sam Cordes, on behalf of the IBES Executive Committee. The memo asked that an arrangement made with the Executive Board in 2004 be extended with regard to Selected Papers and Section Track Proposals. As part of a track session, a section can hold a selected papers session. Buccola said the AAEA President arranged several years ago to create an Institutional and Behavioral Economics topic area in the Selected Papers Committee, and indicated IBES could name the topic leaders for it. Board consensus is that the latter guarantee should not be extended beyond the present date.

Buccola noted that Baumann expressed his belief that the Executive Director should not be an ex-officio member. He said he would formally propose this change sometime in the future.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:35 p.m.

Saturday, July 28, 2007

Buccola called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

XI—Report on Task Force on Outreach (tabled to Saturday during the Friday meeting).

Pinstrup-Andersen moved to change #5 of the mission and goals statement to “Enhance public understanding, appreciation, and support for economists working on problems related to agriculture, food, resources, and economic development by communicating the results of quality economic and analysis applied to issues and challenges faced by public decision-makers and stakeholders.” Doering seconded. **Motion failed, 3 yes, 5 no.**

Doering moved to change #5 of the Mission and Goals section of the AAEA Operating Policies to: “Outreach should focus on national issues. Emphasis should be given to: (a) synthesizing applied research on key national issues, and (b) developing materials for C-FARE.” Randall seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Doering moved to authorize \$3,000 to transfer the CHOICES Web site and mailing list to Executive Director Inc. Pinstrup-Andersen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

IX Report from Task Force on Selected Papers and Posters (tabled to Saturday during the Friday Meeting).

Sexton moved that: The review of selected papers, posters, and organized symposium submissions will be screened using a one-step, abstract-based procedure without reference to the assignment of the submission as a selected paper or poster. Submitting authors will have the option of presenting a contribution as a poster only or as either a poster or selected paper. Assignment of accepted selected presentations to selected papers versus poster sessions should consider: 1) the potential to craft synergistic sessions; 2) the preferred media format; and, 3) the constraints of Meeting and program space. Jensen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

X Upcoming Name Ballot: Recommendations from Task Force on Association Name
Enclosure: Task Force Report on Name Change

Buccola presented the report from the Task Force on Association Name. The report recommended three alternative new names for the Association and a balloting procedure for voting on the Association name. The report provided a summary of the survey of Association members, providing insight into the members’ preferences.

Two surveys were sent to the membership in 2007: one to the AAEA leadership (302) and one to the membership at large (1,749). The response rate was 52.6% (159) in the leadership group and 38.8% (678) in the membership group. Sixty-four percent of the total respondents indicated opposition to the designation “American” in our Association’s name. When asked to designate preferred specific adjectives (from a provided list) in an Association name, the top descriptors were: Agriculture (79.9%); Resource (50.6%); Applied (45.3%); and Food (38.6%).

For a proposed ballot on the issue, the Task Force recommends three alternative names: Association of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AARE); Association of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (AFARE); and Association of Applied Economics (AAE).

The Board asked that selected survey results be posted on the AAEA Web site.

The Task Force recommended a three-step voting process. There should be an announcement at the Membership Meeting in Portland about the voting plans, including a timetable. The first step of the process would be a pro/con discussion on the potential name change. Then, two ballots should be distributed sequentially. The first would be an automated-runoff survey, providing us with a single preferred alternative to our present name. The second would be a ballot between that preferred alternative and our current name, following AAEA constitutional amendment procedures. The second ballot should have binding constitutional force.

McCluskey moved that the Board follow the three-step procedure recommended by the Name Change Task Force and that the three alternatives in the first-round ballot should be: Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (AREA); Association of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (AFARE); and Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). Pinstrup-Andersen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Swallow: Moved that the AAEA Executive Director, the Communications Manager, and a representative appointed by the President develop an appropriate schedule leading to a final vote on the Association Name Change at the 2008 Annual Meeting, to include a pro and con statement of the three proposed names and a consideration of the potential for an interactive exchange of information. **Motion failed for lack of a second.**

XIX C-FARE Report
Enclosure: C-FARE Report

Steve Turner thanked the AAEA for its support of C-FARE. Tamara Wagester, C-FARE Executive Director, reviewed the activity of C-FARE during the past year. She highlighted the organization's work with the Coalition for National Science Funding, the National Coalition on Food and Agricultural Research, and the Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions in Washington, D.C. Wagester would be interested in sending the "Council Caller" electronic newsletter to AAEA members again. AAEA had sent this out in 2005. In addition, C-FARE will be working on projects with the Soil Science Society of America to provide economists with nutrient management experience. C-FARE is preparing appropriations updates to the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Members on CSREES, NSF, and ERS funding.

XII Funding for Allied Organizations—Postponed to the next Executive Board conference call.

XVI Financial Update – Association
Handout: Auditor's Report 2006 –2007
Handout: First quarter 07-08 financial results
Unspent Funds Balance 3/31/07 (pink)

Financial update—Marilyn Moehlmann, Accounting Manager, and Adam Woznicki, EDI, reviewed the Association's financial statements including the independent auditor reports. Moehlmann discussed regulatory changes in reporting. The auditors reported that the financial

position of AAEA and the results of its operations and cash flows are in conformity with generally accepted principles. In addition, Moehlmann shared the section account balances, the overhead hourly rates, and the 2006-2007 Quarterly financial results. ACCI & AERE will wrap up their fiscal year in Ames. C-FARE has requested that we continue with the in-kind support we have provided in the form of financial bookkeeping.

XVII Financial Update – AAEA Foundation

Enclosures: 2006 – 2007 Balance Sheet (yellow)
2006 – 2007 Income & Expense Statement (blue)
2006 – 2007 Approved Funding Report (green)
2007 – 2008 Project Funding Budget (goldenrod)
Appreciation Club update (gray)

It was noted that the balance sheet and income statement are incomplete due to an incomplete reconciliation of balances from the Ames and Milwaukee offices. These will be properly reconciled over the next quarter when the Ames office closes.

XVIII Publications Updates

A. Editors' Oral Reports

1. AJAE
Enclosure: AJAE Editors' Report
2. RAE
Enclosure: RAE Editors' Report

Joan Fulton reported that Daniel Pick's term as *RAE* editor has ended and that the *RAE* Editorial Board is in transition. Fulton announced the upcoming special issue on bio-fuels. The *RAE* editorial board would prefer to see a cover that is more appropriate for an academic journal and will consult with the Publications Committee on changing the design.

3. Choices
Enclosure: Choices Editors' Report

Bruce McCarl reported on behalf of CHOICES. He encouraged the Board to read the written report.

- B. Journal Financial Results
Enclosure: 2006 Blackwell Report

Wiley-Blackwell's annual report to the Association was reviewed. The report indicates our journals have been doing well. Blackwell has now merged with Wiley, so they are now in one house, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

XX Section & Committee Liaison Assignments

The following committee and section Board Liaison assignments were made:

Committees:

Centennial Committee: Steve Buccola

Communications/Publications: Matt Holt, Spiro Stefanou and Jill McCluskey

Employment Services: Jill McCluskey
Economic Statistics and Information Retrieval Committee: Helen Jensen
Finance Committee: Spiro Stefanou (Chair), Damona Doye (Board Liaison)
Foundation Committee: Steve Buccola (Chair), Matt Holt (Board Liaison)
Galbraith Committee: Richard Just
Membership Committee: Lisa House
Nominating Committee: Steve Buccola
Professional Activities Committee: Otto Doering
Outreach Committee: Damona Doye
Selected Papers and Posters Committee: Spiro Stefanou
TW Schultz Committee: Steve Buccola

Sections:

Agribusiness Economics and Management Section: Lisa House
Community Economics Section: Damona Doye
Committee of Women in Agricultural Economics: Steve Buccola
Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Black Agricultural Economists: Otto Doering
Econometrics Section: Jill McCluskey
Extension Section: Richard Just
Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section: Jill McCluskey
Food Safety and Nutrition Section: Helen Jensen
Graduate Student Section: Matt Holt
Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section: Otto Doering
International Section: Matt Holt
National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators: Richard Just
Senior Section: Helen Jensen
Teaching, Learning, and Communication Section: Lisa House
Undergraduate Student Section: Lisa House

XXI Farewell Statements from Departing Board Members

Per Pinstруп-Andersen said he really enjoyed working for the Association these past three years Laurian Unnevehr was an excellent mentor. Working with Steve Buccola and Otto Doering has been great. Not only because they are great people but also because they have done most of the work. I really enjoyed the diversity of opinion on the Board because I think it reflects the diversity of our membership. One diversity we don't have covered is we are all from universities and I'd like to see us get more private sector and government representation. For those of you who were not on the Board 15 years ago, I want you to know we had some serious business office issues back then. When I came back to the Board three years ago, I found this wonderful business office. I was surprised at the ease of transition to EDI. I want to thank the business office. I want to thank Terri Haffner, Darryl Nitsch, Marilyn Moehlmann, David Baumann and the others for their hard work. And they always smile."

Alan Randall said, "In real life, my task is to lead a department in downsizing with dignity, substituting quality for quantity every chance I get. So, coming to board meetings has been a busman's holiday for me. It took me a year to understand the rules and norms of the board, and during that time I just charged ahead – if necessary, one can always apologize later. Looking forward, I think we've got two really good things going: the way we've positioned the posters, and the way the tracks are run by sections. We're just getting started on the outreach question. The best way to go is to provide a very focused product that serves the membership. Looking

back, I've come to appreciate how well the Association is run, and the progress we've made in attending to the business of our profession. Service on the board deepens friendships and I appreciate that."

Rich Sexton said, "I've thoroughly enjoyed my term on the Board. However I'm ready to be done. I extend my appreciation to the Ames staff Terri, Marilyn, and Darryl—and all of the others—I think this had to be an incredibly difficult and challenging year and I think everybody is appreciative of the work the staff put into it. I want to say a couple of words about our presidents. The thing I want to say about Per is, one of the things I sought in my personal life was a look—those red socks, that's cool. For three years sitting across looking at Per's red socks was amazing. Our current president Steve Buccola deserves a lot of credit for the things he accomplished but for which he will never be given full credit. We've accomplished a remarkable transition with the move to posters. I didn't think it would work. He believed strongly that it would. I think what he's done has been extraordinary. You're not really going to get much reward for that, but I think you deserve high praise. I think Otto is the same; he played a large role in these changes. I know that we haven't seen eye to eye on everything but I appreciate being able to disagree and respect the members of this Board."

Buccola thanked the outgoing Executive Board members for their service.

Doering moved to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Pinstруп-Andersen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. Section Reports:

- Agribusiness Economics and Management (AEM)
- Community Economics (CENET)
- Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE)
- Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE)
- Extension Section
- Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy (FAMPS)
- Food Safety and Nutrition (FSN)
- Graduate Student Section (GSS)
- Institutional and Behavioral Economics (IBE)
- Senior Section
- Student Section (SS-AAEA)
- Teaching and Learning Section (TLC)

The following sections did not submit a report:

- International Section
- National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA)
- Teaching, Learning and Communications (TLC)

2. Committee Reports:

- Awards

- Communications/Publications
- Employment Services
- Economic Statistics and Resource Information Committee
- Foundation Endowment (handout)
- Membership
- Nominating (handout)
- Selected Papers
- Selected Posters
- Tellers

The following committees had no activity since their last report to the Board:

- Centennial
- Finance/Investments
- Professional Activities
- T.W. Schultz