

AAEA Executive Board Meeting
Conference Call
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CDT

APPROVED

Present: Laurian Unnevehr, Ron Mittelhammer, Jon Brandt, Per Pinstруп-Andersen, Harry Kaiser, Alan Randall, Sally Thompson, Richard Sexton

Ex-officio: Yvonne Bennett

Guests: Alice Hushagen, Maarja Kolberg

- I. Laurian Unnevehr welcomed the Board members and guests and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- II. The Board reviewed the agenda and had no comments.
- III. **Ron Mittelhammer moved to approve January 8 & 9, 2005, Executive Board Meeting minutes and Harry Kaiser seconded. Motion carried.**
- IV. AAEA Operating Policies – Yvonne Bennett’s memorandum to the Board included three revisions to the AAEA Operating Policies.
 - a. Eliminate “Meetings will generally be rotated between three regular cities and one new city.” – Bennett stated that it is an unnecessary restriction and has no cost-savings value. Continuity of going back to the same city every three years does not assure the best financial results from the Annual Meeting. **Ron Mittelhammer moved to accept the recommendation to delete “Meetings will generally be rotated between three regular cities and one new city.” from the current policy. The policy will now read: “Location. Annual Meeting locations are decided by the Executive Board based on information and recommendations provided by staff.” Jon Brandt seconded and motion carried.**
 - b. The Board agreed that the language regarding principal papers selected for presentation at the AAEA Annual Meeting should be clarified to mean that “the 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 Board also agreed that the same rule should apply to the AAEA track held during the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meeting. However, the Board doesn’t believe that the two policies should be linked in that if a member has presented during either of the two meetings, then that would prohibit the member from presenting at the other meeting also for the next two years; for fear that the AAEA track during ASSA meeting would get even less submissions than it has in the past. **Per Pinstруп-Andersen moved to accept both proposals as separate and independent restrictions and Harry Kaiser seconded. Motion carried.**
- V. AJAE Editor Call and Proposed Procedure –Kaiser reported that to date, five highly qualified candidates had applied for the position of AJAE editorship. After a discussion regarding the involvement of editors in the selection of the two new editors, the Board decided to have all editorship application materials circulated to the Executive Board. Kaiser will have a conference call with AJAE editors on May 2, when editors will provide Kaiser with evaluative information regarding all five candidates. The Board asked that there be no explicit recommendations to the Executive Board regarding these candidates. The Board will arrange another conference call for May to evaluate each of the five candidates and to select the next two editors.

- VI. Bennett was asked to provide a written report to the Board regarding the verbal updates due to lack of time. The Board found that the Action Items Report that was distributed to the Board by Bennett was very helpful and asked that it be continued.
- VII. **Harry Kaiser moved to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. and Ron Mittelhammer seconded. Motion carried.**