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**AAEA Executive Board Conference Call**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am CDT**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Otto Doering III, President; Richard Just, President Elect; Steve Buccola Past President; Matt Holt; Helen Jensen; Spiro Stefanou

Ex-Officio: David Baumann, Executive Director

Staff: Kristin Agard, Associate Executive Director

Absent: Damona Doye; Lisa House; Jill McCluskey

Otto Doering called the Meeting to order at approximately 10:04 am CDT.

I. Approve May 2008 Board Minutes

**Richard Just moved** to approve the May 2008 Board Minutes. Spiro Stefanou seconded the motion. **Motion approved unanimously.**

II. Publication of Meeting Proceedings

The Board discussed the Communications and Publication Committee Report. The Board agreed that putting all AAEA Meeting proceedings into the December issue of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* is the best way to move forward because this is the only place proceedings can be published without detracting from the impact factor of either the RAE or AJAE. Stefanou cautioned that there are only a certain number of allowable pages before the publisher would charge AAEA. He asked Kristin Agard to investigate. The Board decided to proceed regardless, because AAEA is renegotiating its journal publishing contracts.

The Board discussed the various suggestions in the Communications and Publication Committee Report regarding whether to subject proceedings papers to a review process and how to make the proceedings a more citable source. Additional possibilities were identified by the Board, including removing the three-year limitation for participation. Because these issues can be decided separately from where proceedings are published, further discussion of these issues was postponed pending further reflection.

**Just moved to** approve publishing the AAEA winter Meeting proceedings and AAEA summer Meeting proceedings in the December issue of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Helen Jensen seconded the motion. **Motion approved unanimously.**

III. Review of Agricultural Economics Name Change

The Communications and Publication Committee Report also addressed the possibility of changing the name of the *Review of Agricultural Economics*. After some discussion, the Board decided that further research is needed on the *RAE's* future prospects and that a Task Force should be assembled for this purpose. The Task Force's mission will be to suggest ways of expanding the *RAE's* strategic vision in light of the Association's newly broadened name and identity. David Baumann suggested the Task Force consult with Morna Conway during this process. The Board agreed that the Task Force should consist of several young professionals in order to represent the age group most likely to be reading, and submitting articles to, the *RAE* in the years to come.

Doering asked Board members to suggest people who might serve on the Task Force. The Board will submit suggestions to Doering via email. Doering also will refine the Task Force mission and disseminate a draft for Board approval via email. The Board decided that a report from the Task Force should be presented at the July Board Meeting.

***Just moved*** to approve the May 2008 revised AAEA Operating Policies. Buccola seconded the motion. ***Motion approved unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 am CDT.