

**AAEA Extension Section Annual Report
Reporting Period May 16, 2005 – May 15, 2006**

**Karen Klonsky, President
William Edwards, President Elect**

The 2005-2006 year was the seventh full year of operation for the Extension Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association. The Section's primary focus was on implementation of track proposals for the 2005 annual meetings in Providence, Rhode Island, including a pre-conference study tour, organized symposia, annual business meeting, Extension reception, and an Extension luncheon. Details of the 2005 Extension Track were reported in the 2005 Annual Report. Monthly conference calls have been held to plan a similar track for the 2006 meetings in Long Beach, California. New activities included the drafting of an Extension Section Web Site Award submitted to the AAEA Board and approval of an Extension Section Graduate Student Competition. As with the Providence meeting, Extension Track Organized Symposia, a Pre-conference Education Tour, Extension Reception and Luncheon are planned for the Long Beach meeting.

The Executive Committee:

Officers:

President	Karen Klonsky, University of California-Davis
President elect:	William Edwards, Iowa State University
Past President	James L. Novak, Auburn University
Secretary-Treasurer	Laurence Crane, National Crop Insurance Services, Inc.

Directors whose term ended in 2005	Representation	Term Ends
Brian Roe, Ohio State University**	North Central Region	2005
Claudia Parliament, University of Minnesota	At-Large	2005
Russell Tronstad, University of Arizona	Western Region	2005

Directors for 2005/2006	Representation	Term Ends
Mike Sands, Sparks Companies	At-Large	2006
Dennis Fisher, Texas A. and M. University	Southern Region	2006
Wesley Musser, U. of Maryland	Northeast Region	2007
Sam Funk, Kansas State University	At Large	2007
Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University	1890's Institutions	2007
Wendy J. Umberger, Colorado State University	WesternRegion	2008
Robert Craven, U. of Minnesota	North Central Region	2008
Henry M. "JH" Bahn, CSREES/USDA	At-Large	2008

2006 Candidates for Offices:

President Elect:
 Kenneth W. Bailey, Penn State University
 Sam Funk, Kansas Farm Management Program

Southern Region Director:

John Robinson, Texas A& M University
Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University

At Large Director:

Steve Halbrook, Farm Foundation
Richard Owen, Montana Grain Growers Association

Section Membership

Section membership as of April, 2006 is 167, an increase of 7 over the same month one year ago. Membership is expected to increase even more as the AAEA annual meeting approaches.

Extension Section Program at the AAEA Annual Meetings

The Extension Section views the call for track proposals as an opportunity to develop a critical mass of program offerings for Extension and other applied economists that will increase attendance at the annual meetings. The Extension track has consisted of the traditional crop, livestock and public policy outlook sessions (which usually draw capacity crowds) plus other sessions of more topical interest. Planning for the 2006 meetings in Long Beach resulted in an Extension Section track symposium for each of the available time slots. Extension track activities as approved by the AAEA Board for 2006 are:

Saturday, July 22, 2006: Agricultural Education Tour of Ventura County

Sunday, July 23, 2006: Business Meeting and Section Reception

Co-sponsored by the AAEA Extension Section, the Center for Farm Financial Management at the U. of Minnesota & FarmDoc at the U. of Illinois.

Monday – Wednesday, July 24-26, 2006

Organized Symposia

1. Policy Outlook: What's New on the Hill for 2006.
2. Extension Livestock Outlook
3. Extension Crops Outlook
4. Integration, Application, Learning and Teaching: Institutional Roles in Scholarship Development – or – Scholarship Beyond Research
5. Evolutionary or Revolutionary: Changing the Social Contract on Agricultural Policy
6. Research and Extension Responses to Farm and Rural Business Transition / Succession Planning Needs
7. What is the Ideal Extension Marketing Program?

Tuesday July 25, 2006: Extension Luncheon. Featured Speaker:

Craig Watson, VP Quality Assurance and Ag Sustainability, SYSCO Corp.

The annual Extension Section business meeting will be an opportunity for Section members to meet, hear and discuss plans and activities for the coming year. The reception will follow the business meeting. The Extension Luncheon will feature Craig Watson talking about SYSCO Corporation's agricultural sustainability initiatives and partnerships with land grant universities.

Web Site Awards

The Section presented a Section award at the 2005 Extension luncheon in Providence for the website that provides the best job of providing access to and presenting Extension information by an individual to Howard Ronsenberg, University of California, Berkeley. Sam Funk (Kansas State U) chaired the subcommittee for this award. The section submitted a proposal for the AAEA Extension Section Web Site Award to the AAEA Board for approval in 2006. If approved, a call for nominations will be sent out for the 2006 meetings.

Graduate Student Extension/Outreach Education Competition

At the 2004 Annual Business meeting, Larry Sanders (Oklahoma State U) proposed a competition for graduate students that would work their thesis research into an Extension/Outreach program. Larry (Oklahoma State University) served as Chair, and with Margot Rudstrom (Minnesota), and Don Ricks (Michigan State University), developed the proposal for this competition award. The award was reviewed and will be co-sponsored by the Extension Section and the Graduate Student Section. The guidelines for the award were submitted to the AAEA Board and approved in January 2006. We plan to make the first award in 2007. Promotion and advertising of the award will begin in 2006.

Other Section Activities

The Section worked closely with the AAEA Business Office personnel to revise and update the web-page. Approved minutes of Section are to be posted to the web-page but there continues to be some lag in doing so. Section Board members participated in monthly conference calls to plan Section activities, set policies and coordinate with the AAEA Board. Steve Buccola, AAEA Board liaison, and Yvonne Bennett, AAEA Executive Director, also participated. A letter was sent to the COSBAE section encouraging them to participate in Extension Section activities. Three newsletters were sent to section members promoting section activities. Newsletters are also posted on the web page.

AAEA Extension Section Income Statement
Period April 1 – December 31

	Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006	Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005
Revenues:		
Dues/ subscriptions	\$1,550	\$1,523
Sponsorships	0	700
Total Revenues	1,550	2,223
Expenses:		
Awards	67	282
Catering/special events	1,422 ^{1/}	4,889 ^{2/}
Conferences ^{3/}	165	500
Office supplies	0	300
Postage	13	11
Printing and copying	0	180
Professional fees ^{4/}	659	530
Telephone	59	14
Travel	127	0
Total Expenses	2,512	6,706
Net income/loss	(962)	(4,483)

^{1/} Extension Section reception

^{2/} Extension Section reception and tour.

^{3/} Registration and membership for speakers.

^{4/} Website development and Extension Section election.

Notes: No income is included for the preconference tour in fiscal year 2004 – 2005.

The income and expenses for the 2005 tour do not show up at all.

The sponsorship for the 2005 reception does not show up.

The income and expenses for the luncheon are handled separately.

AAEA Extension Section Balance Sheet
April 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

Beginning balance	\$8,582.06
Net Income/loss per Income Statement	-962.00
Deferred dues	1,090.00
Ending balance	\$8,710.06