



Annual Report

October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

Introduction

The AAEA Trust is the non-profit fundraising arm of AAEA, designed to support the purposes of the AAEA and its members. AAEA members can and are encouraged to indicate their preferred allocation of donations among the four broadly defined categories of support. Member allocations of these donations have five-year-sustained effects on Trust expenditure allocations that both influence the direction of discretionary activities of the AAEA and help the AAEA Executive Board to monitor member preferences for discretionary activities. These donations can also be made in the name of any of the established Appreciation Clubs.

With the generous contributions of AAEA members and grants from the USDA Economic Research Service, the AAEA Trust accomplished the following in 2017:

- Funding of *Choices Magazine*, which published 43 outreach articles in 2017.
- Support for the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE). C-FARE undertakes activities on behalf of the agricultural & applied economics profession in Washington, DC.
- Travel support for 23 students and early career professionals to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting
- Funding of a travel award in cooperation with the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES).
- Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship supported a young female scholar working on food, agricultural, or resource issues.
- Full funding for AAEA's membership in the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), a committee which monitors developments in federal statistics
- Support for the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis, which recognizes excellence in public policy
- Funding for the Galbraith Forum at the 2017 Annual Meeting
- Support for AAEA's Mentorship Workshop and ongoing mentorship activities.

AAEA Trust Committee

The AAEA Trust Committee is responsible for reviewing all funding proposals as well as all scholarship applications. They then make recommendations to the AAEA Board for funding, and the AAEA Board considers their recommendations at the January Board meeting. The Committee also discusses ways to improve the AAEA Trust.

We deeply appreciate the time and resources the AAEA Trust Committee commits to the AAEA and the AAEA Trust.

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Contributions

The AAEA Trust received \$10,400.86 in total donations between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. These donations were made by 80 AAEA members. On behalf of the AAEA and the AAEA Trust, we express our deepest gratitude to all of our donors:

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*Donations supported part of a restricted grant and are not calculated under total donations

Several donors asked that their donations be confidential, so their names are not listed. The list includes all other donors who made a contribution between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

2017 Funding

GENERAL DONATIONS TO THE AAEA TRUST

In 2017, the four categories received the following funding:

Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE)

- Percentage of 2016 Donations Received: 15%
- Percentage of Available Funds in 2017 Allocated: 22%
- Total 2017 Funding: \$40,000

C-FARE is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the application of economics to food, agricultural and resource issues at the national level. C-FARE continued its work in 2016 under a new contractual arrangement developed by the AAEA Executive Board and the Government Relations Committee. The contract identifies the following goals as areas of activity for C-FARE:

- Assure that policy leaders in Washington, DC see AAEA members and publications as a major source of expertise in agricultural, food, natural resource, rural community development, and other applied economics topics and related policy-relevant issues.
- Represent the interests of AAEA members in legislative or Executive Branch activities that affect AAEA members.

Outreach

- Percentage of 2016 Donations Received: 10%
- Percentage of Available Funds in 2017 Allocated: 17%
- Total 2017 Funding: \$33,100

The Trust provides support to outreach through *Choices* magazine, a free online magazine designed to provide current coverage regarding economic implications of food, farm, resource, or rural community issues directed toward a broad audience. In 2016, *Choices* published eight sets of theme articles and several submitted articles which offer timely analysis on politically relevant issues.

Student and Early Career Professional Travel and Development

- Percentage of 2016 Donations Received: 32%
- Percentage of Available Funds in 2017 Allocated: 15%
- Total 2017 Funding: \$42,000

This support category provides funding for travel and registration fees for students and early career professionals to attend conferences and workshops, in an effort to develop the future of the profession. The largest program supported by these funds was the Student and Early Career Professional Travel Grants for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Unrestricted Uses

- Percentage of 2016 Donations Received: 43%
- Percentage of Available Funds in 2017 Allocated: 54%
- Total 2017 Funding: \$5,516

2017 Funding, continued

The Unrestricted Uses support category serves two functions within the Trust. First, it can augment donations to the other three support categories as needed. In 2017, of the available funds for Unrestricted Uses, \$56,138 was allocated to one of the other three support categories, allowing them to better achieve the goals falling within their focus.

The second function this category serves is to support proposals received that would not normally receive funding from one of the other three support categories. The remaining funds in this category were used to support projects including:

- AARES/AAEA Young Professional Exchange Program,
- AAEA's membership in COPAFS, a committee which monitors developments in federal statistics,

APPRECIATION CLUBS

The following Appreciation Clubs have been established to honor excellence and leadership in the field:

Joseph A. Ackerman • Richard M. Adams • Chester B. Baker & Earl R. Swanson • Paul W. Barkley • Raymond R. Beneke • John D. Black • Michael Boehlje • James T. Bonnen • Rueben C. Buse • Emery N. Castle • Willard W. Cochrane • Gail L. Cramer • Gerald W. Dean • Gene A. Futrell • Bruce L. Gardner • Ray A. Goldberg • Waldo E. Grimes • Joseph Havlicek, Jr. • Earl O. Heady • R. James Hildreth • D. Gale Johnson • Glenn L. Johnson • Ronald D. Knutson • George W. Ladd • John E. Lee, Jr. & Marie Lee • Alex F. McCalla • Don Paarlberg • Philip Raup • W. Burt Sundquist • Tyrus R. "Ty" Timm • Frederick V. Waugh • Harry R. Wellman • Clifton R. Wharton, Jr.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

The AAEA Trust has several Special Purpose Funds that are tied directly to a specific scholarship, mentorship, award, or activity. The spendable funds from the Special Purpose Funds are calculated separately from the General Donations and Appreciation Clubs. Donations to these funds go directly to supporting the associated special purpose. In 2017, the following Special Purpose Funds awarded the following grants:

Bruce Gardner Special Purpose Fund. The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award recognizes outstanding impact on agricultural and related policy, based on sound foundations in economic theory, in the tradition of Bruce Gardner. The 2017 winners of the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award were Saweda Liverpool-Tasie, Nicole Mason, David Mather, Michigan State University; Joshua Ariga, International Fertilizer Development Centre; Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Purdue University; Shahid Rashid, International Food Policy Research Institute; and Charles Jumbe, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources The award included a \$1,500 check and a plaque.

2017 Funding, continued

Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund and Special Purpose Fund. The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for young female scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm. In 2017, the \$2500 Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship was awarded to Tongzhe Li, University of Windsor.

McCorkle Special Purpose Fund. The Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship supports applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. The 2017 winners of the McCorkle Scholarship were Iryna Printezis, Arizona State University and Soye Shin, University of Georgia. Iryna and Soye received \$2,000.

Tweeten Special Purpose Fund. The Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship provides support for graduate student research on socioeconomic problems of Africa, especially addressing issues of food, population, and environment that affect economic development, poverty, and food security. There wasn't a winner in 2017.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship provides support for early career scholars who are citizens of and reside in a developing country to work with distinguished mentors on cutting edge, policy-relevant research. The 2017 winner of the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship was Iddisah Sulemana. Iddisah received \$5,000.

Restricted Funding

2017 Galbraith Forum. The Galbraith Forum is held each year during the AAEA Annual Meeting. Funding for the event comes from a USDA Economic Research Service grant. The event is part of the Galbraith Commemorative Project of the AAEA Trust, which commemorates outstanding agricultural economists who have made significant contributions to humanity through their leadership, research, and other achievements. The Project was launched in 2003 in Montreal, Canada. The first meeting was dedicated to Galbraith and his work and included tributes by Derek Bok, James Galbraith, Gordon Rausser and Willard Cochrane.

The 2017 lecture by Paul Romer, New York University marks the 14th time the award was given.

2018 Funding

GENERAL DONATIONS

The 2017-2018 AAEA Trust Committee has made recommendations to the AAEA Board for 2018 funding. Based on donations received between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, the following base funding is available for each category.

C-FARE: \$25,606

Outreach: \$19,198

Student and Young Professionals: \$18,903

Unrestricted: \$59,395

Total Spendable Funds in 2018: \$123,102

The AAEA Trust committee presented their recommendations for funding to the AAEA Board at the 2018 January Board meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

The AAEA Trust collected applications for the Anthony Grano Fellowship, Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship, Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship, Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship, and the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship.

The call for nominations for the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award was announced last fall. Nominations were due in February 2018.

Additionally, C-FARE submitted a proposal for the third Jon Brandt Policy Forum, which is supported by the recently established Jon Brandt Special Purpose Fund.

Financial Status

The AAEA Trust funding cycle is October 1 – September 30; however, the fiscal year is January 1 – December 31.

The table below shows the AAEA Trust's total assets and endowment since 1990. Please note that the AAEA fiscal year changed to mirror the calendar year. In order to make this change, the 2008 fiscal year was abbreviated to April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

Value of assets and endowment, The AAEA Trust, 1990-2016

Year	Assets	Endowment
1990	\$ 124,094	\$ 114,208
1991	\$ 174,534	\$ 165,338
1992	\$ 274,558	\$ 269,558
1993	\$ 363,582	\$ 362,523
1994	\$ 421,652	\$ 420,714
1995	\$ 603,807	\$ 597,632
1996	\$ 655,802	\$ 627,643
1997	\$ 804,777	\$ 747,901
1998	\$1,015,889	\$ 977,057
1999	\$1,249,150	\$1,161,247
2000	\$1,314,518	\$1,238,285
2001	\$1,237,696	\$1,192,219
2002	\$1,129,677	\$1,061,549
2003	\$1,384,387	\$1,334,310
2004-2005	\$1,530,190	\$1,512,698
2005-2006	\$1,729,000	\$1,657,300
2006-2007	\$1,836,600	\$1,760,700
2007-2008	\$1,740,709	\$1,716,767
2008	\$1,328,960	\$1,327,900
2009	\$1,615,054	\$1,608,359
2010*	\$2,074,344	\$2,068,051
2011	\$2,052,239	\$2,047,997
2012	\$2,339,012	\$2,297,154
2013	\$2,570,061	\$2,561,083
2014	\$2,752,004	\$2,747,186
2015	\$2,658,933	\$2,638,736
2016	\$2,842,057	\$2,837,822
2017	\$3,096,643	\$3,092,408

The Endowment is invested in accordance with guidelines established by the AAEA Board. The asset mix and fund performance are reviewed regularly by the AAEA Finance Committee. The Vanguard Group has been selected to advise on guidelines, asset mix, and mutual fund selection. A major advantage of an outside manager has been the reporting of performance to the AAEA Board on a consistent and professional basis. With consultation of the AAEA Investment Manager at The Vanguard Group, the AAEA Finance Committee and the AAEA Board monitors and advises the Association on the Trust's portfolio.

*The AAEA Trust was launched in 2010. As part of the AAEA Trust initiative, the AAEA injected \$250,000 of AAEA reserves into the AAEA Trust Endowment.

Thank you!

Please accept our deepest appreciation for your commitment to and support of the AAEA Trust. Without your support, many important programs and scholarships would go unfunded. If you have any questions about the AAEA Trust, please contact the AAEA Business Office.



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