

President's Column

June 2020



Last week the AAEA Board formally canceled the in-person meeting in Kansas City. The Board has been deliberate in the process as we dealt with the financial ramifications of the decision. Thank you for your patience as we worked through this decision. We will have a virtual meeting and are working on those plans now. Details will be coming soon and again thank you to the many who have worked to provide continuity.

On June 29, a joint Council for Agricultural Science and Technology–AAEA report based on papers from our profession will be released. The report entitled “**Economic Impacts of COVID–19 on Food and Agricultural Markets**” will reflect the thoughts of many in our profession on this important topic. More details soon.

I also want to mention that a few days ago the AAEA Board put out a statement regarding recent events in our society. I hope you read that statement against discrimination; I want to reiterate the final six items in that statement. The AAEA Board commits to taking concrete action by:

1. Supporting efforts to increase the pipeline of African Americans, women, and other under-represented minority groups into the profession, including in leadership positions.
2. Increasing plenary lectures, scholarly awards, Fellow, and other prominent recognitions of top economists who are African American, women, and members of other underrepresented minority groups.
3. We will pursue having a call in our journals to address issues of race and equity around agriculture, food, and the environment.
4. Continue our climate survey of the profession.
5. Recognize organizations, departments, and individuals who promote diversity, equity, and inclusion among their students and employees.
6. Increase mentorship and outreach efforts.

These items represent our intention to be proactive in coming years. I am pleased that plans for item three are already underway. Expect to hear more with the release of our new strategic plan after our summer board meeting.

I do have some late-breaking news that was just shared with the AAEA Board. We have had tremendous growth in membership since last year! We have almost 700 new members relative to the same time last year. Gains were seen in almost every category of membership, but particular growth occurred among students, early-career, and members from low income/lower middle-income countries. Thank you to all the new members.

Upcoming Deadlines

- ~~June 4, 2020, June 15, 2020~~
Extended to July 1, 2020
Early Registration
Presenter Requirements

This is my last presidential column. Dawn Thilmany McFadden will ably take over as president for the next year. I appreciate so many who have volunteered when asked and have repeatedly demonstrated leadership for the AAEA.

Thank you all. Let's stay relevant.

Keith Coble
AAEA President

AAEA News

2020 AAEA Annual Meeting Update

After receiving your feedback, conducting research to explore other options, and discussions to mitigate potential losses with the host hotel site, the AAEA Board has decided to cancel the in-person 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO due to the ongoing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We know many of you waited for this decision to make your plans, but hope you understand our need to minimize the potential negative impact on our organization.

We are still looking into virtual annual meeting options – stay tuned for additional details.

If you already registered for the annual meeting, AAEA Staff will reach out to you to issue a full refund. Please allow a couple of weeks to hear from us; if you have not received an email about your refund by July 1, please contact us at info@aaea.org.

We appreciate all of your feedback and patience during these unprecedented times.

2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

Rescheduled dates: October 7-9, 2020

In Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40

All previously submitted applications will be held for the October date. We will also accept additional applications.

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach, and to develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250-word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen.

All events will take place
at:
[University Club of
Chicago](#)
76 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:
The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel
17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Reserve rooms online for Hilton Palmer House at:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/aaea20>

Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321 and refer to group code: AAEA

Obituary

Wallace Edgar Huffman **1943-2020**



Wallace "Wally" Edgar Huffman, of Ames, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

Friends may call from 3-7:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Reiman Ballroom at Iowa State University Alumni Center where there will be a prayer service held at 7:00 P.M. Private family funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Des Moines and may be viewed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8335335087>. A public burial will be held at 2:00 P.M. on

Friday, June 19, 2020 at ISU Cemetery in Ames. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and use of facemasks will be encouraged at all services.

Born on September 22, 1943 in Batavia, Iowa, Wally was the son of Edgar and Louise (Sterling) Huffman. He began farming and driving a tractor at age 5, which developed his love of tractors and taught him about hard work at an early age. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Pekin High School in 1961. He entered a two-year program in farm operations at Iowa State University with the intention of returning to farming. Wally was able to continue his education on a scholarship at ISU where he began as a star chemistry student but ended up developing a lifelong passion for economics. While attending ISU, Wally was the President of Farmhouse Fraternity. He was then encouraged by ISU Economics Professor Raymond Beneke to further his education at the University of Chicago, where he earned a Ph.D. in economics. Wally worked at Oklahoma State prior to returning to Iowa State University in 1974. He rose to the very top of the professional ranks at Iowa State and served as Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Professor of Economics. Throughout his career, Wally supervised 28 doctoral dissertations and 14 Master's degree theses. He was extremely dedicated and passionate about his career, and has left an impact in the field of agricultural economics. He enjoyed attending conferences around the world with his wife and bringing their daughter along starting at the age of 6 months.

Wally was united in marriage to Sonya Kostova at Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Des Moines on July 20, 1996. Together they had one daughter, Nadia, who has followed in her parents' footsteps as an Economics scholar. Wally was extremely proud of his family and of the paper that he and Nadia co-authored.

In his spare time, Wally loved to travel. He especially enjoyed spending time in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and

Ravello, Italy. He enjoyed woodworking and building wood sculptures. Wally was a long-time member of Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in Des Moines. He also enjoyed spending time with his puppy, Gingy.

Wally is survived by his wife, Sonya of Ames; daughter, Nadia of Ames; sister, Connie (Chuck) Peterson of Apple Valley, MN; his mother and father-in-law, Nadia Kostova and Dimiter Kostov of Bulgaria; a brother-in-law, Krasimir Kostov of Bulgaria; nieces: Carissa (Rob) Bartlett, Teresa (James) Shackelford, and Heather (Gary) Demaree; nephews: Paul (Tina) Peterson and Michael (Jessie) Pickett; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Shirley Pickett.

Other News

6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium

We regret to inform you that in response to the uncertainty imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the organizing committee has decided to postpone the *6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium* to the week of November 8th, 2021 still in beautiful Montevideo, Uruguay. The organizers wish all of you the best during this troubled times and we look forward to seeing everyone in Montevideo on November 2021.

Announcing the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 am Central U.S. time. If you would like to register, join the OARES listserv [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

The Climate Solutions Community

Paths to Texas Zero GHG Emissions: Electricity, Transportation and Industry

The Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston (ECH), and Climate Solutions for Texas, a local initiative of The Climate Solutions Community of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, invite you to a Climate Solutions Symposium. **This event has been postponed to August 22, 2020.**

9:00–9:10 am	Tom Rehm, Chair Climate Solutions for Texas Humble TX	Opening comments
9:10–9:30 am	Sylvia Dee, Climate Science Professor Rice University	Greenhouse gases warm us Human fingerprint of global warming Evidence of climate change Projections: What is coming
9:30–10:00 am	Jeremy Friesen, NET Power	A gas-fired power plant with zero emissions
10:00–10:30 am	Gene Preston, PhD Electrical Engineer Austin TX	Electrification of transportation Max renewables using gas to fill in the gaps

		Max renewables using nuclear and storage
10:30–11:00 am	Pavel Tsvetkov, Nuclear Engineering Professor, Texas A&M University	Nuclear energy: Zero emissions and safe
11:00–11:15 am	Larry Kremer, PhD Physical Chemist, Citizens Climate Lobby	The paramount importance of a price on carbon
11:15–11:25 am	Symposium Gold Sponsors	Our sponsors keep the cost of the symposium down and allow students free registration. Two minutes at podium per Gold Sponsor.
11:25 am–noon		Panel Q/A from Audience

Registration: <https://stsaiche.regfox.com/ech-climate-solution-community-symposium>

The cost is \$10 unless you are a student. Students may attend free by entering the student code of ECH202044.

**2020 The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS2020)
ICAFS2020, October 28-30, 2020, Istanbul Turkey**

<https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate in The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS 2020) to be held in Istanbul, Turkey during October 28–30, 2020. For more details, please visit <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Organizers: The conference is organized by Asia–Pacific Association of Science Engineering and Technology; Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute, in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

Topics & Themes: It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agriculture & Plant Biotechnology, Medicinal Plants; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Soil & Environmental Science and Microbiology; 5. Food Science and Nutrition; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Agricultural Engineering, Economic & Management, etc.

Program & Event: The full conference days will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

Previous: Previous ICAFS were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2019), Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

Venue: Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center.

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Istanbul, Turkey. Please kindly help to bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#)).

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020

With best regards,
ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the
Organizing Committee of ICAFS
Istanbul, Turkey
Email: icafs@apaset.org
Website: <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Fall 2020 Issue of the Western Economic Forum

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