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President's Message

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I write this newsletter from Boston where we just wrapped up two days of meetings with Wiley Publishing. We have entered into an agreement with Wiley to publish the *AJAE* and *AEPP*. Our discussions were quite positive, and I believe you will begin seeing some new and innovative changes in 2020. Also consider submitting your work to our two other publications – *Choices* and *Applied Economics Teaching Resources*. Having spent two days with some of our editors, let me publically thank them for the hard work and editorial judgements they must make. I am excited about the future of all our journals.

On a related note, I encourage you to consider submitting invited paper proposals for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting. These articles may be published in the *AEPP*. Note this is a change from previous years when the invited papers were submitted to the *AJAE*. So consider the difference in style. Proposals need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**. The system will open in early November. Similarly we are looking for great Pre- and Post- conference Workshop proposals which are due the same day.

**Relevant Industry Engagement**

A special committee has been formed to look at the relationship between the AAEA and those trained in our profession who have taken jobs in the private sector. As I mentioned in my Presidential Address, roughly 25% of our PhD graduates work in industry, but only 3% of our members work in industry. Carola Grebetus and Ashok Mishra, chairs of the Membership and Employment Services committee will serve as co-chairs of this committee. We are asking them to see if there are opportunities for the Association to find synergism with applied economists working in various industries.

**NAAEA Meeting**

In a couple of weeks the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA) will gather for a meeting organized by the Council on Food and Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE). This will be coordinated with the annual Jon Brandt forum. It will be a great opportunity to discuss the four prongs of our strategic plan which we are developing.

- Culture of Engagement
- Mentoring Programs
- Communicating through Media Relations & Government Relations
- Financial Viability
I want to end with an appeal to the many members of our association who have retired or moved to another agency. We still want to be your professional home. Our Board would like to hear from you regarding how we can still serve you.

Keith Coble  
AAEA President

2020 Invited Paper Sessions

Call for Proposals

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)* in March 2021, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by *Tuesday, December 3, 2019*. The system will open in early November.

The most successful invited papers frame new areas of research, provide a systematic review of an existing area, or offer a novel perspective. Invited papers offer the opportunity for the *AEPP* to publish papers that do not fit the mold of a regular submission to the journal. Proposals that do not meet these criteria may be accepted for presentation at the meetings but will be asked to submit their papers to the journal via the regular submission process.

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics;
- The importance of the session is well-justified;
- The proposed papers are timely and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation, as well as interest in a published version;
- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed;
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions;
- The paper topics are not ones that would be better served by being subject to the *AJAEs* normal review process;
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title and rationale, two-page abstracts and titles for each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.
The invited papers should be completed by **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited paper sessions committee, and feedback to improve the papers will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. If the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the *AEPP*, it should also be submitted to the *AEPP* Editors via Editorial Express by **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

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**2020 Selected Presentation Papers and Posters**

**Call for Abstracts**

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please *do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file*.

Abstracts must be received by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online Abstract Management System which will open in early November. Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

**Review Process**

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as a poster. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email in March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

**Posters**

Poster authors should be available during their assigned interval during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. *Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission system.*
Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

**Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions**

Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 20, 2020. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

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**2020 Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections**

**Call for Proposals**

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**, to Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org. Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 11, 2020**. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section. All Section leaders have been notified of their 2020 allocations.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, with an indication that it has also been submitted as an Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.
Please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

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### 2020 Organized Symposia

**Call for Proposals**

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Proposals are due by **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online submission system which will open in early November.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **Wednesday, May 22, 2020**.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

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### 2020 Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

**Call for Proposals**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. The deadline for proposals is **Tuesday, December 3**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form](#) available on the [AAEA 2020 Annual Meeting Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops Call for Proposals webpage](#).

The form asks the proposers for the following information:
1. Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include **Saturday, July 25, and Wednesday, July 29**)

2. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees

3. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.

4. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop

5. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)

6. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined

7. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop

8. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the **Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form** available on the **AAEA 2020 Annual Meeting Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops Call for Proposals webpage** by **Tuesday, December 3**.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at **(414) 918-3190**.

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**2020 Case Studies Call for Proposals**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the **Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)** in January 2021, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's online submission system by **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**. The system will open in early November.

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged.
Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences)
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized
- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials

Proposals should include case title, names, contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3–5 pages in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by March 11, 2020.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by Wednesday, April 8, 2020. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AAEA by Wednesday, May 20, 2020. If the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the AETR, it should also be submitted to the AETR Editor by Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

Examples of appropriate cases can be found in the agricultural and applied economics literature including the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (issues 94 (2) and 93 (2)), International Food and Agribusiness Management Review and the Journal of the Food Distribution Research Society. There are many ways to write a case. One set of guidelines for decision cases can be found at: https://www.ifama.org/publications/journal/vol3/cmsdocs/369–379.pdf.

If you have any questions about submitting a Case Study Proposal, please contact Samantha Bilgrien at sbilgrien@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.
6 Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium

The Role of the Agribusiness Sector in the Sustainable Development of Latin American Economies

October 7 to 9, 2020 in Montevideo, Uruguay

The Inter-Conference Symposium seeks to provide an expanded regional network for agricultural and applied economists from all over Latin America and beyond focusing on the role of the agribusiness sector in the sustainable development of our rural economies. Providing a platform for discussion, exchange and networking, we are looking to strengthen our profession in the region.

The Argentinian, Chilean, and Uruguayan national associations in collaboration with the IAAE will invite the authors of the best presentations at the Inter-Conference Symposium to prepare full papers for possible publication in a special issue of Agribusiness: An International Journal.

The newly formed ISEPA, affiliated with the Journal of Productivity Analysis (JPA), encourages all of its many Founding Members and regular membership to participate in this Inter-Conference Symposium. The best presentations will be invited to submit a paper for possible publication in a Special JPA Issue on Latin American economic issues relating to efficiency and productivity.

The website for abstract submission will open on January 15, 2020. This website will also provide information on the venue in Montevideo and the organization of the Symposium. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be April 30, 2020.

Partial funding to participate in the Conference will be available to a limited number of Ph.D. students and young professionals. Details will be forthcoming in the website.

If you need additional information at this time, please contact: Federico García, fedegarcias@gmail.com or Boris E. Bravo-Ureta, boris.bravoureta@uconn.edu

NAPA 2020: Second Biennial NAPA Conference

Call for Abstracts

May 22–24, 2020, Atlanta

The Conference Organizing Committee (COC) is pleased to announce the call for abstracts on the theme "Global Food Security through Agricultural Transformation" for NAPA 2020, second Biennial Conference of the Association of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals of Americas. Abstract submission is open on topics related to Agricultural and Allied Sciences that advance any aspect of NAPA disciplines and ultimately help achieve the secured and sustainable supplies of food, feed, fuel, and fiber (4F) to meet the needs of the current and the next generations without compromising the opportunities of future generations. This call solicits abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Students will have opportunities for oral and poster presentation competitions.
The first three of each of the student sessions will be recognized and awarded with cash prizes ($250, $150; and $100) and certificates of appreciation.

The abstract should be limited to 200 to 300 words and must be submitted using the abstract form attached with this call. Specifically, please adhere to the following format when developing and submitting the abstracts:

- Paper Title
- Author(s), Affiliation(s) and email of corresponding author
- Presenting Author
- Discipline: Select the most applicable one from the list below
- Keywords: Enter between three to five keywords
- Abstract: Include a brief introduction, objectives, methods, results/expected results, and discussion/conclusions
- Font Type and Size: Times New Roman; 12 points
- Margin: 1 inch all sides, Line Spacing: Single

**TOPIC AREAS/DISCIPLINES (including but not limited to):**
Crop and Soil Science; Plant Pathology; Entomology; Natural Resources; Plant Breeding and Genetics; Viticulture and Enology; Weed Science; Animal Sciences; Comparative and Veterinary Medicine; Aquaculture; Food and Nutrition Technology; Water and Environmental Sciences; Agricultural Education, Extension; Agricultural/Bio–system Engineering and Technology; Agricultural and Resource Economics; Rural Sociology; Agricultural Statistics and Research Methods; Biomedical Sciences; Precision Farming; Food Security; Gender and Agriculture; Remittances and Agriculture; Rural Livelihoods; Sustainable Agriculture; Organic Farming; and any related disciplines.

Deadlines: The abstract must be submitted by **December 31, 2019** (11:59 pm ET). Abstract can be submitted through the conference website: [http://napaamericas.org](http://napaamericas.org) or by an email to napaconference2020@gmail.com and manoj.karkee@gmail.com. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Sub–Committee and the corresponding author(s) will be notified of decision via email by February 1, 2020.

Funding for the travel: A limited number of travel grants (registration waiver or gratis hotel room for three nights on a shared basis or meals for 3–day conference, or in combination) are available to support students and young professionals from developing countries.

**Manoj Karkee, PhD**
Chair, Scientific Subcommittee
Second Biennial NAPA 2020 Conference
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National Conference for Food and Agribusiness

Registration

The Purdue University Center for Food and Agricultural Business will host the National Conference for Food and Agribusiness November 6–7, 2019 on the university’s West Lafayette, IN campus. Take advantage of the opportunity to gain beneficial, relevant industry information and network with professionals from all facets of the agri–food system.

About the conference:

Purdue faculty will release detailed results and insights from recent farmer and non–farmer research studies. The studies were conducted to obtain input from each segment of the food and agricultural business value chain on the extent to which their organizations are collecting and using data.

Results from the farmer survey will cover the types of data producers collect, the tools used to manage and analyze data, the decisions driven by data, and their assessment of data driven decisions. A panel of data savvy growers will also share their experiences implementing data into their operations. Non–farmer survey findings will focus on the collection of data at each value chain segment, how they use it and the impact it has. Faculty will discuss how data is used to drive decision making in organization as well as help customers to improve their decision making.

Use the discount code AAEANC to receive $700 off your conference registration and be sure to share with others who may be interested! Questions? Please contact Masi Keshavarz, research project manager, at mkeshava@purdue.edu.

175 EAAE Seminar

Call for Papers

Gargnano (Garda lake) | Italy | May 13 – 15, 2020

The objective of the seminar is to improve the understanding of sustainability standards and their effects on agricultural, food, and bio–based value chains. The seminar focuses on public and private sustainability standards. Both drivers and implications of their emergence are of interest, with emphasis on the economic, governance and policy perspectives. Emphasis is both on theoretical and empirical applications.

We are pleased to partner with Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP), a journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), for the work coming out of this seminar. Out of the papers accepted for the seminar, we anticipate publishing between 8–12 papers. This will compose a Special Issue that will be extensively promoted by the conference organizers, EAAE, AAEA, AEPP, and Wiley (the publisher of AEPP).

Confirmed keynotes speakers are:

– Prof. Miet Maertens – KU Leuven
The main topics of the Seminar are listed [here](#). Participants will have the opportunity to present a paper, a poster or organize thematic sessions on the topics of the seminar.

The Seminar is jointly organized by the Università degli Studi di Milano (Department of Environmental Science and Policy) and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Department of Agri–food Economics).

Submissions are now open until **January 15, 2020**.

Event website: [https://eaae175.sustainabilitystandards.it/](https://eaae175.sustainabilitystandards.it/)

Event contact: eaae175@sustainabilitystandards.it

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**NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management**

**Call for Paper Proposals**

The NCCC–134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2020 Conference on **April 20–21, 2020** at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Downtown Conv Ctr, St. Louis, Missouri.

**General Topics**

Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. We encourage papers on commodity price forecasting, farm and agribusiness risk management, futures and options markets, as well as price analysis problems or issues. Please submit work that will be completed by April 2020 on these and the following topics in commodity markets:

- Supply, demand, and price behavior
- Improved forecasting methods
- Improved risk management procedures
- Futures and options markets

**Proposal Format**

Submit a *two-page* (double spaced) prospectus which contains the following:

1. Statement of the problem
2. Research objectives
3. Data and empirical procedures
4. Likely results and practical implications

Proposals **SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY AUTHORS** to protect their anonymity in the review process. Proposals should be Adobe Acrobat files (pdf) and the file names should not contain author names. An example proposal is posted at our website.
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(http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/submissions.html).

Submission Procedure
Authors should submit their proposals through online submission system by following the link https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NCCC2020. Submissions must be made by October 31, 2019.
1. If you have not submitted through this system in the past, you will need to create a user account by clicking the “Registration” tab in the online system.
2. After you log in to the system, click “+ Create new submission” in the Author Console.
3. Enter the title of your proposal.
4. The section “AUTHORS” should list your e-mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
5. To add more authors, please enter the e-mail address of your co-author and click “+ Add.” Fill in the fields to provide the name, organization, and country of your co-author and click “+ Add.” Repeat this process to add more co-authors.
6. To upload your proposal click “Upload from Computer” and select the file.
7. Click “Submit.”

Submission Decisions
Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in December 2019. Successful authors must complete and submit their research presentation by April 10, 2020. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2020 for digital publication.

See the NCCC-134 website at http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/ for more information on registration, conference venue, and hotel accommodations.

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Working with the Media

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story? Contact Allison Scheetz at ascheetz@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

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Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Send a link of the article to Allison Scheetz at ascheetz@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

View other Members in the News HERE

Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the policy here.