

New Members of the AAEA Executive Board Announced

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2014 AAEA Executive Board election!

[Jill McCluskey](#) from Washington State University was chosen as President-Elect. [David Just](#) from Cornell University and [Hong \(Holly\) Wang](#) of Purdue University were elected as Directors. The election opened on April 15, 2014 when AAEA e-mailed 1,768 electronic ballots and mailed 95 paper ballots for a total of 1,863 ballots. AAEA received votes from 662 members before the May 15, 2014 deadline.

Following the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Julie Caswell will become the Past President and Barry Goodwin will take over as President. Michael Boland, Hayley Chouinard, Keith Coble, and Scott Swinton will continue as Directors. Please take a moment to get to know the members of the 2014 AAEA Executive Board and to thank them for their generous donations of time and energy as volunteer leaders.

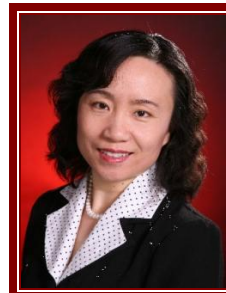
Please also extend a special thank you to the members of the Board who are completing their terms. Richard Sexton, Jayson Lusk and Dawn Thilmany-McFadden will rotate off the Board at the end of the 2014 Annual Meeting. Their commitment and guidance throughout the last three years is deeply appreciated!



President-Elect
Jill McCluskey
Washington State University



Director
David Just
Cornell University



Director
Hong (Holly) Wang
Purdue University

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

New Members of the AAEA Executive Board Announced	1
AAEA News	2
Section Updates	3
Other News & Calls	5

AAEA News

Learn How to Use the Mobile App with our New Online Demo

The mobile app has a number of great features, including a personalized scheduling tool, exhibitor listings, attendee profiles and much more. Visit the [Annual Meeting website](#) for instructions on how to download the mobile app and watch the brief demo to learn how the app can enhance your 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting experience.



Register for the 2014 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the 2014 Employment Center taking place July 27–29, during the [2014 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Minneapolis, MN. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Annual Meeting. This year's Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is now integrated into the newly updated [AAEA Job Board](#). Applicant registration is **FREE**.

For more information please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in Minneapolis!

**2014 AAEA
Annual Meeting
Minneapolis ● MN**

July 27-29, 2014

Section Updates

Food Safety and Nutrition Section and Senior Section to Co-sponsor Annual Meeting Session on Feeding the Poor in America

In response to post- WWII concerns about hunger in America, Federal programs were put in place to serve the food needs of the poor. By the end of the 20th Century, Federal and Federal-state feeding programs constituted major budget outlays and a large government infrastructure. In recent years, efforts have been made by the Congress to trim these programs. Some of the changes in food safety net programs are included in the 2014 Farm Bill. In view of these changes, those concerned with feeding the poor are turning their attention to new and innovative ways to address food access concerns. A session at this summer's AAEA Annual Meeting will examine the current state of food security policy in the U.S. and present

several ideas about how the not-for-profit and private sectors can step up their initiatives to decrease food insecurity. The session will draw on experienced professionals in the private and not-for-profit sectors who will share their ideas and proposals. The session will conclude with a discussion of areas of research that could provide improved efficacy of alternative food delivery channels and explore new channels that could lead to decreased food insecurity and improved nutrition.

If you have interest in food security, nutrition and social safety net programs, please plan to attend this session on feeding America's poor at 1:00 p.m., **Monday, July 28.**

Call for Nominations: Latin American Section Outstanding Selected Research Paper Award and Selected Poster Award

The [AAEA-Latin American Section](#) Outstanding Selected Paper and Poster Awards seek to recognize outstanding research on Latin American issues presented at the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting. Two awards will be given:

- *Outstanding Selected Research Paper*
- *Outstanding Selected Poster*

General Rules:

- A nomination statement shall be submitted to the Chair of the Subcommittee (Miguel I. Gómez, mig7@cornell.edu) for the award in electronic PDF form (the form will be available in the AAEA [Latin American Section website](#)).
- The nomination packet shall also include a copy of the research paper and indicate whether it will be presented as a selected

paper or a selected poster.

- The research paper or poster must be accepted for presentation at the AAEA Annual Meeting.
- Any AAEA member(s) may make one nomination (including self-nominations) of a paper or poster. Selection is made from among those nominated.
- Nominations for the awards are open to both single- and multi-coauthored selected papers and posters.
- Nominations should be submitted no later than **June 23, 2014.**
- Awards will be announced at the LAS Section Business Meeting.
- A plaque will be awarded to the best paper and poster.

Section Updates

Graduate Student Section AEM/GSS Case Study Competition

The [case study competition](#) is a long and prestigious tradition in the [Graduate Student Section](#). Every year, groups of students have a chance to show off their case study skills and win prize money as well as the great honor of being a case study competition winner. In collaboration with the [Agribusiness Econometrics and Management Section](#), the Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least two weeks in advance of the AAEA Annual Meeting.

AEM/GSS Case Study Competition Rules:

Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. Presentations lasting over 15 minutes will be penalized. After the presentation, teams should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a school that wants to participate, the student can compete on their own, or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

AEM/GSS Case Study Competition Prizes:

The top three teams will receive plaques and cash

prizes.

- First Place: \$300
- Second Place: \$200
- Third Place: \$100

Specific Information for the 2014 Case Study Competition:

The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 3 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- Sunday, July 27, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: First Rounds of Competition
- Monday, July 28, 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Final Round
- Monday, July 28, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Students participating in the case study competition will need to be registered for the Annual Meeting AND the Case Study Competition.

Students should register for the AAEA Annual Meeting through the 2014 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available [online](#).

Each team must also complete the [Case Study registration form](#) identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than **June 16, 2014**.

Please direct any questions regarding the [2014 AAEA Case Study Competition](#) to Dr. Aslihan Spaulding (adspaul@ilstu.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Brandon McFadden (brandon.mcfadden@ufl.edu).

Other News & Calls

Call for IAAE Secretary-Treasurer

Walt Armbruster plans to continue to serve as [IAAE](#) Secretary-Treasurer until the August, 2014 IAAE Board meeting, at which he will officially resign. At that time, the Board will appoint someone to fulfill Walt's unexpired term, which ends at the conclusion of the 2015 International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE).

Any IAAE member interested in serving as Secretary-Treasurer should submit an application, including a 300-500 word statement of their perspective on future opportunities and directions for the IAAE, by **June 30, 2014** to IAAE@execinc.com. A curriculum vita should be attached. A decision to appoint a replacement for Walt will be made by the Board at its August, 2014 meeting. Subsequently, the IAAE Nominating Committee will include the appointed Secretary-Treasurer in its report to the Board on candidates for election to the Board for a three year term for vote by the members in early 2015. The Secretary-Treasurer may subsequently be nominated for successive 3-year terms.

From September 2014, Walt will continue as a consultant to IAAE through December 31, 2015 to work with the new Secretary-Treasurer to assure a smooth transition and complete follow up payments to grantees, reports to funders about grants made, and to wrap up other details associated with the 2015 ICAE.

The roles and duties of the Secretary-Treasurer are defined in the International Association of Agricultural Economists, Inc. Bylaws of 9-30-2013, Section 7.2.3:

"Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer or their designee shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the

Executive Committee in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by the law; be custodian of the corporate records; and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also have supervision through the Office of the Executive Director of all monies, securities and other valuable properties of the Corporation and shall oversee accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in books belonging to it. The Secretary/Treasurer shall ensure that all monies and other valuable effects are deposited in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such accounts and in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall check monthly the disbursements of funds of the Corporation in accordance with authority of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall render to the President and the Board of Directors whenever requested or otherwise required, a written detailed account of the transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation, including a statement of all its assets, liabilities, and financial transactions. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors, through the President, direct, and such other duties as usually pertain to

Continues on page 6

Other News & Calls

Continued from page 5

the office of Secretary/Treasurer.”

In practice, the Secretary–Treasurer provides continuity as the other Board members rotate every three years; manages daily IAAE operations in collaboration with Executive Director, Inc., which maintains the membership database and the IAAE website, and provides financial services; oversees IAAE’s fiduciary responsibilities; manages official communications, contracts and memoranda of understanding with local hosts of the triennial ICAE and inter–conference symposia; coordinates funding solicitation and subsequent reporting to funders through the Fund for the ICAE to support developing country participation in the ICAE; organizes the annual IAAE Board meetings in conjunction with the President;

initiates communications to members; and manages other items requiring IAAE attention.

For further information, contact President Jo Swinnen (Jo.Swinnen@kuleuven.be) or Walt Armbruster (walt@farmfoundation.org).



Call for Co-Editor for *Agricultural Economics*

In 2015, after 9 years of service, Gerald Shively will step down as co–editor of [IAAE](#)’s journal *Agricultural Economics*. Awudu Abdulai will continue to serve in that capacity through 2018. Under their leadership, the journal has risen steadily in status and number of submissions.

The IAAE Board is now seeking formal expressions from individuals who would like to join Awudu as a co–editor, to serve a 6–year term beginning in 2015. Members are invited to contact President Jo Swinnen, Co–Editors Jerry Shively and Awudu Abdulai, or Secretary–Treasurer Walt Armbruster for more information. The application should be brief. It should set out experience which illustrates qualifications for the job, highlight main areas of expertise, and provide a statement indicating editorial philosophy for *Agricultural Economics*. A

curriculum vita should be attached. Potential editors should also indicate what, if any, support they might be able to obtain from colleagues and the institution in which they work. IAAE offers a support package to the Editor, which will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Send expressions of interest to IAAE (<http://www.iaaeagecon.org/about/contact.html>) by **June 30, 2014**. Selection will be made by the IAAE Board at its August 2014 meeting, and the appointment will be effective July 1, 2015.

Other News & Calls

Call for Papers: *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*

Aims and Scope

The [*Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*](#) addresses a broad range of natural resource fields including implications and perspectives of natural resource allocation, planning and management. The editors are looking for papers based on original research focusing on policy, water, minerals, energy, fisheries and forestry in a synthesizing fashion, rather than stand-alone specialty areas. The journal also publishes papers on the natural resource implications of climate change, natural disasters and biodiversity loss, among others.

Suggested Topics

A sampling of suggested topics follows:

1. Natural resource policy broadly defined – scope and dimensions
2. Holistic vs. sector-specific approach
3. Policy framework – components, sequencing, linkages, integration, robustness
4. Conceptual/theoretical paradigms – rationale and evolutionary perspectives
5. Country studies, case studies, case histories, survey papers
6. Natural resource policy modeling
7. Natural resource institutions – design and implementation
8. Natural resource policy crafting – ownership, allocation, planning, development, markets and pricing, conservation
9. Natural resources and political externalities; public choice and rent-seeking
10. Natural resource use and environmental quality
11. Public-private partnership issues
12. Natural resources and institutional entropy

13. Transboundary, transnational and transgenic resources
14. Natural resource policy – efficiency, equity and sustainability
15. Trigger issues – climate change, natural disasters, human disasters, deforestation, endangered species, invasive species and environmental pollution

Special Issue Proposals

The journal is also looking for special issue proposals on topics in the natural resources policy field that are in the forefront of current discourse, such as integrated disaster risk management, alternative energy sources with special focus on bio-energy, water privatization, climate change, and natural resource institutions. The proposal should be self-contained with a clear and concise discussion of the importance of the proposed topic, an overview of the authors and their papers and how it will generate new knowledge and advance the frontiers of discourse in the policy field. Papers previously presented at major conferences as part of thematic sessions, but not previously published elsewhere, can be included, with the understanding that if the proposal is accepted, the papers will have to undergo peer review to be coordinated by the Guest Editor submitting the proposal. The proposal should be limited to a maximum of 1,000 words. Expect to receive a decision in about two to three weeks.

Forthcoming Special Issue, January 2015:

Designing Water Disaster Management Policies: Theory and Empirics
Guest Editor: Chennat Gopalakrishnan

Other News & Calls

Continued from page 7

Symposium on Elinor Ostrom

The October issue will be devoted to a symposium on Elinor Ostrom. Specifically, it will revisit Ostrom's classic paper, "Collective Action and Evolution of Social Norms", originally published in the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 14 (3) (Summer 2000): 137-158. The symposium will feature original contributions from prominent Ostrom scholars, among them, Matthew Auer, Paul Dragos Aligica, Filippo Sabetti, Lisa Blomgren Amsler, Shane Day, Tom Evans, Thomas Lyon, Larry Schroeder and Rick Wilson.

Submit your papers online

Please prepare your papers in accordance with the guidelines posted under our [Instructions for authors](#).

Editorial information

Chief Editor: Chennat Gopalakrishnan,
University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA
(jonrpr@gmail.com)

Job Openings

Please visit the new [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information.



The Exchange Volume 36, Issue 11
June 2014

The Exchange is published biweekly
by the Agricultural & Applied
Economics Association.

Submit all items to:

AAEA

555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: (414) 918-3190

Fax: (414) 276-3349

e-mail: info@aea.org

Website: <http://www.aea.org>

Edited by Angela Ludwig, AAEA
Communications Coordinator

Join us

