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FALL NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

GREETINGS FROM SS-AAEA OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

Welcome back to another year with SS-AAEA! We want to welcome our new and returning participants of the Academic Bowl this summer. The Chicago meeting was great and we want to thank you for your participation.

As the school year starts, it is time to begin thinking about our next competition in Washington D.C. this summer. Now is the time to get in your applications for Outstanding and Creative Chapter, and start preparing your paper for the competition. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and meet new participants over the course of an enjoyable week.



*“Action is the foundational key to all success”
–Pablo Picasso*

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

Thank you all for your participation in the 2017 Annual Meeting. We had a wonderful showing by all of our students and teams, which I hope we can carry into the next year.

While it is still early, the officer team and I have begun planning for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. There, we hope to help our student participants take advantage of the unique opportunities available in our nation's Capitol.

Please feel free to reach out to me, or any of this year's officer team with ideas or suggestions that will help us to advance the student section and provide value for our members. I wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming year and look forward to our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Ben Rietmann

2018 SAEA ANNUAL MEETING

Are you ready to celebrate the 100th year with SS-AAEA? We are, yet again, excited to send a warm welcome and invitation to the 2018 SS-AAEA annual meeting in Washington D.C. The meeting this year falls over August 5th-7th, 2018 at the Washington Marriot Wardman Park.

We look forward to seeing all members, new and returning come August!



COMPETITIONS

Now is a great time to start working on different competitions held at the SS-AAEA meeting such as the Earl O. Heady decision science spreadsheet, student paper competition, outstanding chapter competitions, and creative club competition. For more information, please go to <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

CHICAGO 2017 AWARDS

Outstanding Paper Competition:

First Place: Savannah Reilly—*Mississippi State University*

Second Place: Shea Gould—*Mississippi State University*

Third Place: Reid Veirling—*Clemson University*

Earl O. Heady Spreadsheet Competition:

First Place: John Maubach—*Iowa State University*

Second Place: Austin Dowse—*California State Chico*

Academic Bowl Awards:

First Place: Jordan Champion, Zoe Gabrielson, Erica Rogers—*University of Kentucky*

Second Place: Brett Wilder, Emily George, Austin O'Neil—*University of Idaho*

Third Place: Catherine Isley, Izak Christensen, Trevin Kennedy—*Iowa State University*

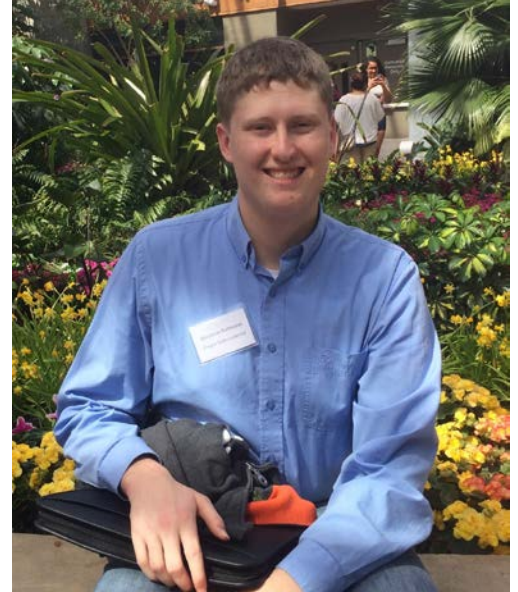
Outstanding Chapter Award:

Iowa State University; Advisor: Georgeanne Artz

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

President: Ben Rietmann

I'm a senior at Oregon State University where I'm double majoring in Agricultural Business Management and Agricultural Science with a minor in Spanish. I grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch outside of Condon, Oregon, and was heavily involved in 4-H throughout middle school and high school. With my background in agriculture and my interests in economics and science, my degrees at OSU were a natural fit. I've been involved in several different student organizations, including the International Agriculture Club, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and Agriculture Future of America. I've studied and worked abroad in Chile, and I've served as an officer in the USA Chapter of the International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences. I also work as a campus tour guide and have begun research to complete an undergraduate thesis. I spent last summer working in Washington, D.C. at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, where I assisted the Office of the Director with congressional and stakeholder affairs. There I gained insight into the legislative process as well as the value of research in agriculture, nutrition, and natural resources. After graduating, I hope to serve in the Peace Corps before beginning a graduate degree in applied economics. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to my senior year and to serving the AAEA Student Section. We'll be working to advance the student section and to create an amazing event at the 2018 Annual Meeting!



Vice President: Matt Kunerth



Hello! My name is Matt Kunerth and I am a senior Agricultural Business major with an Agricultural Marketing minor at South Dakota State University. I grew up on a crop farm near Fulda, Minnesota. Growing up on the family farm and having various internships each summer for different agricultural companies, I have realized my passion for the grain side of agriculture relating specifically to commodity marketing; the field I hope to work in upon my graduation this December. At South Dakota State I am the president of the Delta Chi fraternity, vice president of the Economics Club, and an Ambassador for the College of Ag & Bio. An interesting thing about me is I spent the fall semester of my junior year studying abroad in Ecuador participating in a Spanish Immersion Program focused on learning the language, culture, and simply experiencing another way of life. I am eager to see all at the conference this summer in Washington D.C. Go Jacks!

Secretary: Samantha Payne

Hello Everyone! I am Samantha Payne and I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. I am pursuing a double major in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) with a minor in Crop Science. I was raised on a corn, soybean and sugar beet farm in Western Minnesota. I am active in multiple organizations on campus. I currently represent our Agricultural Business and Marketing Society as their secretary and our Alpha Zeta Chapter as their vice president. I work part time on campus as a tutor and teacher's aide. This past January, I enjoyed an AET study abroad trip to India. In my free time, I enjoy hunting, helping on the farm, spending time at the lake, showing miniature horses, and visiting family and friends.



Treasure: Jordan Hill

My name is Jordan Hill. I am a Senior Agricultural Business student at South Dakota State University. I am the Treasurer on our great executive team this year! I am involved in student government, NAMA, Econ. Club, and a few other activities. I am a passionate Chicago Cubs fan. Passionate may be an understatement! I am excited to be a part of this team, and can't wait to see our results at the national conference!



Personal Relations: Cassie Dietz

Hey everyone! I am Cassie and I am attending the University of Wisconsin- River Falls pursuing an Agribusiness major with a Marketing minor. I am from a small town in Minnesota and was raised on a crop farm including corn and soybeans. I am involved in multiple clubs such as Agriculture Business and Marketing Society as their fundraiser chair as well as a participant at the IFOMA case study. In my free time, I enjoy trail riding, four-wheeling up north at our cabin, helping out on the farm, and catching up with friends and family.

