

Minutes of AAEA, Extension Section, Annual Business Meeting
Minneapolis, MN
07/27/2014

Present: Corrine Alexander, David Anderson, Laurence Crane, Bob Craven, Matt Diersen, Craig Dobbins, Damona Doye, William Edwards, Jake Ferris, Joan Fulton, T.J. Hansen, Gregg Ibendahl, Keri Jacobs, Rodney Jones, Kevin Klair, Karen Klonsky, Michael Langemeier, Bill Lazarus, Curtis Mahnken, Maria Marshall, Ray Massey, Dale Nordquist, Kent Olson, Alejandro Plastina, Ross Pruitt, James Richardson, Gary Schnitkey, Matt Stockton, JoAnn Warner,

1. Meeting called to order by Michael Langemeier at 3:00p. Michael read the meeting notes from the May 2, 2014 monthly teleconference. Of particular mention: the extension section speaker is Mike Boehlje; the conference tour is sold out; the deadline for Outstanding Electronic Media Award is approaching. The minutes were approved.
2. Michael Langemeier summarized the Section Financial Report and it was approved.
3. The AAEA Extension Section leadership was discussed. Gary Schnitkey, John Anderson (not present) and Ray Massey are rotating off; Greg Ibendahl, Keri Jacobs, Corrine Alexander, and Laurence Crane are new member leaders.
4. David Anderson will send information about the next monthly conference call soon. The conference calls are monthly from October – May. An agenda item for the next monthly teleconference is to decide on new track sections, discuss the next meetings tours/events, and perhaps give some thought to poster sessions. The extension section typically has 5 – 6 track sessions, with three being locked in: crop, livestock, and policy outlooks. Other typical partners on recent sessions include the applied risk group, senior section, and GSS (extension section graduate student competition). The extension section should consider taking proposals for other sessions, including joint sessions with other sections.
5. Notes from AAEA section leader meeting Sunday morning were summarized and suggestions for the extension section discussed:
 - In 2015, the AAEA will give \$5000 each for 3 symposiums
 - The senior section has started a blog to gain visibility
 - Some sections allow grad students to have free membership. Doing so may get more students to attend meetings, participate in sessions/symposiums
 - The International Association of Agricultural Economists is holding its Triennial Conference in Milan, Italy in August 2015. The call for papers will be out soon.
6. The Crop Insurance Symposium will be held in Louisville, KY October 8 – 9, 2014. Twenty-five papers were selected. The NC National Farm Bill Symposium will be held September 3 – 4 in Kansas City.
7. The FSA is sponsoring 4 training programs but no time/place have been decided. They want to invite all the extension folks who can come to be there. One will likely be in the southeast,

one in the west, one mid-Corn Belt, and the last to be determined. David Anderson will send out the dates/locations to extension section members as soon as it's available. It is unlikely these will be in August or September; the target audience is educators in the state.

8. Membership report: current membership of 160 is consistent with 2013 but represents a drop from 190 members in 2012. Members are encouraged to ask colleagues to be part of extension section and also encouraged to submit proposals for the next meeting.

9. Maria Marshall reported on the Graduate Student Extension Competition. There were 5 applications/presentations. Maria asks that we all encourage our masters and PhD students to apply for competition. Past participants have reported that the competition is useful to them. The 2014 winners are presenting on Tuesday at 2:45p in the Mirage room and will be announced during the awards ceremony. Thanks to Curtis Mahnken, T. J. Hansen, and Forest for being judges. If anyone is interested in judging next year's competition, let Maria know.

10. William Edwards asked about reinstating the newsletter. He offered that it was helpful for people not on the leadership team. David Anderson will take the lead on looking into this.

11. Sponsorship: the Farm Foundation sponsors Graduate Student Extension Competition (\$2000) and the section covers what FF doesn't. NCIS, Center for Farm Financial Management at Minnesota, Center for Commercial Agriculture at Purdue, and farmdoc at Illinois sponsor the reception. The \$10 section membership fee is not enough to offset operating costs, so sponsorships are necessary.

12. David Anderson reminded the group that Texas A&M has new position open for regional development. Other new position announcements include: Kansas State's farm management extension position (Dhuyvetter took a position in private industry); Iowa State's farm management extension position (Mike Duffy has retired); SDSU's extension/production econ specialist position. Other extension position announcements can be forwarded to David Anderson (Chair).

13. It was asked that the meeting minutes be emailed to the entire membership instead of solely posting them to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm.

Submitted by Keri Jacobs.