**Leadership Development for Agricultural and Applied Economists**

Sponsors: AAEA Senior Section and National Association of Agricultural Economics Adminstrators

**7:45 AM Breakfast available**

**8:30 Welcome and opening comments**

Moderator: Steve Turner, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

**Leadership to Improve Agricultural and Applied Economists’ Impacts**

Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity, Purdue University

**9:00** Moderator: Mary Ahearn, Consultant

**Successful Leadership in Good Times and Bad**

Matt Holt, Virginia Tech

Moderator: Barry Barnett, University of Kentucky

**Skills, Competencies, and Confidence**

Eluned Jones, South Dakota State University

**10:00** **Break**

**10:30 Panel: Important Issues for Leaders in Agricultural and Applied Economics**

Moderator: James MacDonald, Economic Research Service, USDA (retired)

**Fund Raising Increasing at All Levels**

Mike Woods, Oklahoma State Univ. (retired)

**Government Relations and Collaboration**

Caron Gala, Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities

**Importance of Communications**

Michael Nepveux, American Farm Bureau Federation

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 Panel: Needed Skills and Experience for Staffing Leadership of Highly Ranked Organizations**

Moderator: Paul Patterson, Dean, College of Agriculture and Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn University

Marca Weinberg, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA

Joy Harwood, Farm Service Agency, USDA

Robbin Shoemaker, National Institute for Food and Agriculture, USDA (retired)

Andrew Muhammad, University of Tennessee

**2:30 Looking Forward to Facing Future Challenges and Leadership Needs**

Moderator: Walter Armbruster, Farm Foundation (retired)

**Leadership to Address Future Challenges for the Profession**

Jayson Lusk, Purdue University

**Open discussion and next steps**

* How Might Agricultural & Applied Economists Provide More Visible Leadership within Various, Diverse Venues?
* Should the AAEA Place Higher Priority on Leadership Development within the Profession?
* What are Important Components of a Leadership Development Program?

**3: 30 PM Adjourn**