Greetings from SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors:

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to school and we hope you had a great summer. This year’s conference will be held in the one and only San Francisco! It is a good idea to start getting your Academic Bowl teams together early and to start planning how your chapter will be attending this year’s conference. The student officers and advisors are all working diligently this year to improve your experience at the annual AAEA conference! Continue to check your email in the near future for more updates and make sure your school sends in their applications for the Outstanding Chapter, Creative Club, and Undergraduate Paper competitions. We all look forward to seeing you in at conference this year and highly encourage you to make the trip out to the Golden State!

Cheers,
The SS-AAEA Student Officer Team
Rozalyn Patrick President
Richard Manuli III Vice President
Abby Biedenbach Secretary/Treasurer
Caroline Kelsoe Public Relations

Survey Says!

This summer, a survey was sent out seeing what YOU members of the SS-AAEA would like to see during the 2015 meeting in San Francisco! We’re working hard to implement some of your suggestions, so here are a few things to look forward to in San Francisco!

- More visible brackets
- More chairs and tables available for opening session
- Practice round during opening session
- Student-oriented seminars
- Possible new Student Journal for student research papers
**Undergraduate Paper Awards**

**First Place**
Tristan Hanon
Washington State University

**Second Place**
Angela Hamann
University of Illinois

**Third Place**
Jacob Stapp
Iowa State University

**Academic Bowl Awards**

**First Place**
Purdue University
Andrew Johnson
Sam Ebenkamp
Josh Miller

**Second Place**
South Dakota State University
Tyler Holmquist
Kendra Voegele
Nathaniel Brodkorb

**Third Place**
University of Florida
Nury Dominguez
Keri Cornman
Sean Posey

**Outstanding Chapter Award**
Iowa State University
Advisor: Georgeanne Artz

**Creative Club Award**
Iowa State University
Advisor: Georgeanne Artz

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**Get to Know Your Officers!**

**President- Rozalyn Patrick**

Hello, my name is Rozalyn Patrick and I am a senior at Oregon State University. I am earning two honors degrees in environmental economics and policy and international studies with a minor in Spanish. I love traveling and learning about other cultures and communities. I grew up in Sutherlin, OR without an agricultural background but in high school I became heavily involved in the National FFA Organization where my passion for agriculture was ignited. I had the opportunity to study abroad in Chile where I worked with native farmers and accomplished my goal of climbing Macchu Picchu. My favorite part about Oregon is its natural richness. Oregon is unique and a hidden treasure because one can see the coast, mountains or valley at anytime. What sets Oregon State apart from other universities is the community atmosphere, hands on learning environment and the amount of research conducted here. **GO BEAVS!**

**Vice President- Richard Manuli III**

Hey Everyone! My name is Richard Manuli and I’m going into my final year at Oregon State University studying Environmental Economics and Policy. I’m not like most of you Ag kids growing up in a rural environment in fact it was somewhat of the opposite in San Francisco. In high school I kept myself busy by lettering in 4 sports, participating in student government, and being a member of Boys State American Legion. I spent my time in college working for the Student Sustainability Initiative, traveling with the adventure club, and being a part of a fraternity. This past summer I was lucky enough to intern in Corvallis for the REACCH program. While interning for REACCH I was involved with forming a cost-benefit analysis using AgTools about the changes in adding an oil-seed crop to a traditional wheat rotation while accounting for climate change and policies put in place to promote biofuels. After this upcoming year I’ll be taking the year off before attending law school and plan to keep my self-entertained by working in Washington D.C and backpacking Europe. I must say moving from the city to a college town has been a great change of pace and I can’t speak highly enough about the welcoming and encouraging community around me. Proud to be a part of Beaver Nation and can’t wait to see you all again in my hometown.
Secretary/Treasurer - Abby Biedenbach

Greetings from Idaho! My name is Abby Biedenbach and I am currently a senior at the University of Idaho. I study Agricultural Economics and Animal Science: Dairy Science Production. I grew up in Southern Idaho, right smack dab in the middle of the dairy industry, which inspired my studies of dairy cattle and first introduced me to the concept of economies of scale. Nothing compares to walking through a parlor that milks over 5,000 head of Holsteins a day. The coordination between milkers, nutritionists, veterinarians, consultants, and herdsman not to mention processors all to make a glass of milk or a block of cheese leaves me awestruck every time! Beyond my love of cows, I swim breaststroke for our university’s varsity team as well as serve as President of my sorority, Delta Zeta. In the very near future, I intend to attend graduate school to study Applied Economics.

Public Relations- Caroline Kelsoe

Hey, y’all! I am Caroline Kelsoe, a sophomore in the Shackouls Honors College at Mississippi State University studying Environment Economics and Management. I was born a Southern girl, growing up in a small town in Alabama and then moving to the Middle East in middle school. Living in a rural area among subsistence farmers and nomadic sheep herders opened my eyes to an agricultural livelihood that I had never experienced and instilled a passion inside of me for wise use of our scarce natural resources. The lush greenery of Mississippi is a far cry from the arid desert of the Middle East, but I still carry that passion in my heart. I’m still trying to figure out what I want to do with my life, but for right now, I’m loving life in good ole Starkvegas! I am so grateful to be a part of the Bulldog Family, and am reminded every day that I am surrounded by wonderful, welcoming people that strive to make Mississippi State the best place it can be. Hail State, y’all!