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What is the biggest concern/problem facing AAEA? Our profession is in a unique position to conduct applied economics research to address real problems in food and agricultural systems. These systems are facing multiple, formidable challenges today, including the effects of climate change and depletion of natural resources on the future of food and agriculture; the distributional impacts of information technology on all segments of the supply chain; the need to end hunger, poverty, and the various forms of malnutrition; and the necessity to make food and agricultural systems more resilient, efficient, and inclusive, among others. Addressing these challenges requires rigorous applied research based on solid theory as well as multidisciplinary collaborations with colleagues in other social and life sciences. The AAEA membership has made important contributions in these areas, yet additional efforts and initiatives are needed to enhance impacts on the future of food and agricultural systems and society.

What actions would you initiate to improve the situation described in your response to the previous question? The AAEA needs to create additional opportunities for members to address the challenges facing food and agricultural systems. This can be achieved in several ways. AAEA journals can launch special section initiatives with collections of papers focusing on specific challenge areas. The annual conference can offer more opportunities to reflect on these issues via pre- and post-conference workshops, as well as multidisciplinary organized symposia on challenge topics. New awards to recognize individuals or research groups who demonstrate real-world impacts in addressing food and agricultural system challenges can be created. Finally, it is essential that the AAEA promotes member participation in policy and industry forums to disseminate research findings and to identify strategies for real-world implementation.

At the end of your three-year term, what changes/new initiatives would you have helped create? In three-years, I hope the AAEA will create additional space for multidisciplinary research and outreach on key challenges facing food and agricultural systems. AAEA journals will open opportunities for special sections with appropriate editors to elevate the visibility of our members and profession. Individuals and research groups who make real-world contributions to solve complex problems in food and agricultural systems will be recognized. AAEA members will have additional opportunities to interact with and

influence private and public decisionmakers in ways that enhance the impact of their research. Together, these initiatives should promote a larger and more involved AAEA membership.