



**2010 AAEA China Section Business Meeting**  
1:00-2:00 P.M., July 25, 2010  
Spruce Room, Sheraton Hotel, Downtown Denver, Colorado

**MEETING NOTES**

Present: Ying Cao, Fred Gale, James Hansen, Rainer Wilhelm Holst, Wuyang Hu, Qiuqiong Huang, Songqing Jin, Mary Marchant, Stephan Meyer, Giancarlo Moschini, Baohui Song, Francis Tuan, Holly Wang, Pei Xu, Xiaohua Yu, Xiaobo Zhang, Funing Zhong, and 5+ China Section members

I. Business report to members

Presenter: Holly Wang, Chair

Discussion: Introduce working policy and leaders of the Working Committee (2009-2010), Holly Wang, Section Chair, Xiaobo Zhang, (Chair Elect), and Francis Tuan, Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Qiuqiong Huang is the Chair Elect for 2010-2011.

China Section was established in 2009. The Section is intended to facilitate collaboration among AAEA members and other professionals on agricultural and applied economic issues related to China, to disseminate information, to mentor Junior AAEA members with an interest in this area, and to serve as bridge between AAEA and other professional organizations with a China focus worldwide. The Section will be on probationary status until August 2010.

Duties of Section leaders are as follows:

Chair—Oversees all Section operations, special events held at the AAEA and non-AAEA events

- Assists the Secretary/Treasurer in the development of annual budgets
- Creates business meeting agenda, and facilitate and preside over business meetings
- Prepares annual reports to AAEA

Chair-Elect—Organizes track sessions for the annual meeting

- Ensures all policies and procedures are followed relating to annual elections
- Drafts AAEA Foundation proposals on behalf of the Section
- Assists Chair in planning AAEA meeting special events

Secretary/Treasurer—Takes section minutes at all official Section meetings using the standard meeting minutes template supplied by the AAEA Business Office

- Leads the development of the annual budget

We have made promotion and recruitment efforts at alternative conferences and relevant professional organizations for our section. As of June 30, 2010, we have 86 registered members. Of the members, 75 percent are regular members and about 25 percent students.

The China Section has organized two track paper sessions at the 2010 AAEA Annual Meetings. The first session, Chinese Agricultural Commodity Price and Demand and Their Implications to Trade with US, has four papers involving nine people as session chair, presenters and discussants. The second session, Green, Blue and Brown: Assessing the State of the Economics of Forests, Water and Grass in Rural China, has three papers involving eight people as organizer, session chair, presenters and discussants.

AAEA China Section co-sponsored an international conference “A Forum on the Relevance of Chinese Economic Development” (<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/conference/index.html>) at Purdue University on March 4-5, 2010. The conference included a keynote presentation made by an AAEA China Section member, two roundtable panel discussion sessions led by AAEA China Section members.

Total revenue for the Section from membership due is \$420. There is zero spending this year. Plans for next year should include promoting the section, recruiting members, organizing high quality AAEA track sessions, establishing section website, collaborating with other AAEA sections and other professional organizations, and sponsoring events that will contribute to members’ research, teaching, and outreach programs relevant to China. All the special activities will be discussed next under the leadership of the new committee chair.

Conclusions: Report approved. Xiaobo Zhang, Chair Elect, expressed thankful for Holly’s efforts in setting up the China Section under AAEA.

Action items: None

## II. Planning for next year events: track sessions, reception and web

Presenter: Xiaobo Zhang, Chair Elect

Discussion: The need of two track sessions because of more registered members.

The need to add or change the Section’s reception, luncheon or banquet.

The need of a volunteer website coordinator for setting up and updating the China Section website.

Conclusions: More track sessions need to be pursued.

A special selected paper session with other AAEA sections or professional organizations will be considered. Traditional reception for the Section will stay unchanged, and the reception time remains to be taking place at Monday evening.

A web coordinator is needed.

Action items: Xiaobo Zhang will lead to explore the possibility.

Dr. Pei XU, a member of the Section, has agreed to serve voluntary for the position and will work closely with the Secretary of the Section for future updates.

### III. Budget

Presenter: Xiaobo Zhang, Chair Elect

Discussion: Membership due increase. This will permit more students to join in the China Section.

The need of fundraising from corporate donors.

Budget proposal for next year is focused on setting up an “AAEA China Section Award”. Holly Wang mentioned the AAEA regulations for section awards.

Conclusions: Dues for the annual dues have been decided to increase to \$10 for regular or professionals and remain at \$5 for students from next year on.

Treasurer/Secretary of the Section will explore under what format/procedures personal and corporate donations to the Section can be allowed and/or used under AAEA By-Law.

The Section shall set up a award for the best paper submitted and confirmed to be presented at the China Section track sessions next year. The paper’s author or the first author needs to be a junior scholar and the award amount was not decided during the meeting.

Majority of the attendees of this meeting agreed to set up a dissertation award for Ph.D. candidates students graduated within the last three years.

Action items: The due increase was moved by Wuyang Hu, seconded by Francis Tuan, and passed.

Dr. Wuyang Hu and Dr. Xiaohua Yu have agreed to serve on a working committee to plan on the award related work.