

AAEA China Section 2011 Business Meeting / CAER Reception

Xiaobo Zhang, the immediate past chair after the meeting, opened the business meeting. He provided a brief history of the China section. We currently have more than 80 members, and our budget is quite good with about \$800. He suggested we may want to invite more speakers next year.

Qiuqiong Huang, the current chair after the meeting, shared the plans for the next year China section.

- ❖ Increase membership.
- ❖ Complete a list of Chinese agriculture economic departments and connecting them with AAEA members in China research and other activities.
- ❖ Newsletter, we may start a newsletter for the China section, for example, professionals to share job interviews and tips and other professional development experience.
- ❖ Format for next year's meeting should be the same as this year or similar.
- ❖ Francis Tuan stepped down as treasurer, so we need to obtain a new treasurer.
- ❖ The best paper was awarded to Xi Chen, a Ph.D. student from Cornell University.
- ❖ Our new chair elect is Dave Abler.

Dr. Pei Guo, Deputy Dean of the College of Economics and Management, provided an introduction to China Agricultural University, and the *Journal China Agricultural Economic Review*. Each year they sponsor and organize a meeting in October, held in Chengdu, Sichuan province. He encourages people to be active and participate in this meeting.

The number of people attended our meeting was about 40.