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**Contributions to the AAEA and the Agricultural Economics Profession**

**Poster presentation**

at the

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Pivotal Passages in the Evolution of COSBAE

Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., selected as AAEA President
Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., Appreciation
Chair established, 1994 in his honor

Ralph D. Christy, selected as AAEA President, 1996-97

Thomas T. Williams (1988), Sidney Evans (1990), and Carl Davis (1996), COSBAE members received Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association

Continuing the Legacy...
Between 1998 and 2004, Ntam Baharanyi was COSBAE’s Chairman. In 2000-2001, he surveyed COSBAE members during and after the summer meetings in Tampa, Florida. The results were presented in the report Strategic Planning Survey for COSBAE, by Amadou M. Dope and Odesso Abulhussen, Tuskegee University. This report helped determine COSBAE’s focus and objectives for the future. Responses to the survey encouraged COSBAE to increase member communication, networking, and publicity, and to recruit young agricultural economists.

With Christopher Davis elected as Chairman in 2004, COSBAE will explore new avenues of growth and opportunities, as well as further develop and expand activities already in place.

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