

**Minutes of the AAEA Extension Section Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, July 23, 2006
Long Beach, California**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Klonsky at 2:45 pm.

Thirty-seven persons attended (see attached list). Introductions were made.

Minutes: Minutes of last year's Section meeting in Providence, RI (July 24, 2005) were distributed for review. Motion to approve the minutes was approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Membership: Crane reported that Section membership was 184 as of June 27, 2006, down slightly from last year. Overall AAEA membership was down as well.

Financial Report: Crane summarized the financial status of the section. Ending account balance as of December 31, 2005 was \$8,710.06.

OLD BUSINESS—Karen Klonsky

Election Results

Klonsky announced the following slate of elected officers:

President-elect—Ken Bailey, Penn State

Director at large—Steve Halbbrook, Farm Foundation

Southern Director—Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State

Western Director—Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona (replacing Wendy Umberger who resigned and will be on leave in Australia)

Reception

The reception will follow the Section meeting. Klonsky thanked the Center for Farm Financial Management (University of Minnesota) and FarmDoc (University of Illinois) for sponsoring the Extension Section reception.

Ag Study Tour

The tour through Ventura County was outstanding. They visited farms producing tomatoes, strawberries, lemons, avocados, and an insectory (beneficial insects). The local educator who was the tour guide was exceptionally good. Howard Rosenberg was thanked for helping with the refreshments. Fifty-two signed up to go and forty-nine ended up going. Because Karen organized the tour she will send thank you letters to the sites visited.

Luncheon Speaker

The speaker will be Craig Watson, Vice President for Quality Assurance and Agricultural Sustainability, SYSCO Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS—William Edwards

Outgoing Board Members

Edwards recognized the following outgoing board members for their service and noted they would be receiving plaques recognizing their service at the luncheon on Tuesday:

Dennis Fisher—Southern Director

Mike Sands—Director at large

Jim Novak—Past President

He also thanked Karen Klonsky for her outstanding work as president this past year and for organizing the impressive study tour and arranging for the luncheon speaker. He also thanked Steve Buccola for being the AAEA Board liaison to the Section this year. Otto Doering will be the new Board liaison to the Section.

AAEA Liaison Report—Otto Doering

Doering reported that the Executive Board has made the following decisions: 1) to decrease the number of submitted papers and increase the poster submissions, 2) discontinue the Wednesday morning portion of the Annual Meeting, and 3) de-fund Choices magazine. Choices will continue thru June 2007, during which time the Executive Board will be evaluating how best to conduct external communications. He also encouraged the Section to nominate prominent Extension Educators to be considered as Fellows.

Website Facelift

Dennis Fisher has been running the website and his service was recognized. Bob Craven has volunteered to maintain the redesigned site. He encouraged the members to visit the site and offer suggestions for improvements and/or modifications. The intent is to get copies of the presentations at the meeting and photos from the tour for immediate posting.

Awards

There are three Extension awards that will be presented as part of the AAEA awards program: 1) individual 10 years or more of service, 2) individual less than 10 years of service, and 3) group program award. At the Extension luncheon, the Section will present an award for Outstanding Website. There were eight nominations, all of good quality. Two nominations were tied for best place and each will be recognized.

A motion was approved to continue with an annual website award.

Larry Sanders reported on a new Extension Section award to be called the Graduate Student Award. This award will be presented jointly with the Graduate Student Section to provide incentive for students to take something from their thesis or dissertation and extend it to a popular audience. Farm Foundation has agreed to fund a cash award of \$500. Nomination deadline will be February 1st. The award has been formally approved by the AAEA Board.

Revision of Bylaws

Jim Novak circulated copies of the Section Bylaws with proposed changes for discussion and input. A motion was approved to present the proposed changes to the entire Section membership for a vote. Consistent with the current bylaws, voting on the proposed changes will occur next spring at the same time as the officer elections.

Extension Track Symposia

Offering have been reduced from seven sessions to six. Currently the deadline for submissions is December 1. Later deadlines help with selection of timely topics. Topics for consideration included immigration reform, energy issues, potential co-sponsorship with the Agribusiness Section, and co-sponsorship with COSBAE Section. Jim Novak, Duncan Chembezi, and Ntam Baharanyi will work with COSBAE to look at potential opportunities to work together.

Pre-conference Tour

A motion was approved to hold a pre-conference study tour in conjunction with next years meeting in Portland.

Nominating Committee

It was noted that Jim Novak has been selected to represent Extension on the Nominating Committee. William Edwards will develop guidelines for submission of Fellows nominations from the section. It is the responsibility of the Extension BOD to surface names for consideration.

Extension Related Meetings.

It was discussed how there are numerous meetings, workshops, seminars, etc., sponsored by a host of organizations, that complement extension programming. Members were encouraged to provide information about such offerings to Bob Craven so he may list them on the website to help inform extension members about these opportunities.

A motion to adjourn was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Laurence Crane, Secretary

2006 AAEA Extension Section Annual Business Meeting Attendance

William Edwards	Iowa State University
Karen Klonsky	University of California—Davis
Laurence Crane	National Crop Insurance Services
George Patrick	Purdue University
Ken Bailey	Penn State University
Jim Novak	Auburn University
Don Ricks	Michigan State University
Brad Lubben	University of Nebraska
Sam Funk	Kansas State University
Damona Doye	Oklahoma State University
Steve Halbrook	Farm Foundation
John Robinson	Texas A&M University
Steve Amosson	Texas Cooperative Extension
C.W. “Bill” Herndon	Mississippi State University
Otto Doering	Purdue University
Bob Jolly	Iowa State University
Doug Jose	University of Nebraska
Bob Craven	University of Minnesota
Doug Goeller	University of Nebraska
Rodney Jones	Kansas State University
Ron Plain	University of Missouri
Matt Stockton	University of Nebraska
Stan Ernst	Ohio State University
Corinne Alexander	Purdue University
Ntam Baharanyi	Tuskegee University
Jerry White	Cornell University
Larry Sanders	Oklahoma State University
Duncan Chembezi	Alabama University
Ron Rainey	University of Arkansas
Howard Rosenberg	University of California—Berkley
Wayne Hayenga	Texas A&M University
Shermain Hardesty	University of California—Davis
George Goldman	University of California—Berkley
Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem	North Carolina A&T University
Jon Brandt	North Carolina State University
Walt Armbruster	Farm Foundation
Steve Harsh	Michigan State University