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Election Results

Results of the balloting for Extension Section Board members are:

- President-elect: Karen Klonsky (U. California-Davis)
- Director-at-large: Sam Funk (Kansas Farm Management Association)
- Northeast Director: Wesley Musser (U. Maryland)
- 1890s Institutions Director: Duncan Chembezi (Alabama A.& M. U.)

Thanks to Pat Norris, Ted Alter, and Laurence Crane for their willingness to serve.

Extension Section events at the upcoming AAEA meetings:

Here's a concise listing with location of Extension Section events at the upcoming meetings. Hope to see you at many of them. Participation in our annual meeting is a great way to share your ideas to help ensure that the section helps meet your professional development needs. Please make an effort to attend the "Extension Section Meeting" on Sunday afternoon with reception following.

Ag Study Tour, 7 a.m., Saturday leaves from the front of the hotel.

There may still be a couple of seats available for this tour.

Extension Section Meeting, Sunday, Aug 1, 2:30- 5:00 PM

Plaza Building / Concourse Level - Plaza Court 7 – Note the time is different from what's listed in the program. We will finish in time for the reception.

Extension Section Member's Reception, Sun. Aug 1, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Tower Building, Room: Second Floor - Tower Court B. Sponsored by the Center for Farm Financial Management and the Extension Section.

Extension Luncheon: Mon, Aug 2, 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Tower Building, Second Floor - Grand Ballroom,

Lowell Catlett, New Mexico State University, "New Frontiers That Change Everything"

Extension Section track: All Track Sessions will be held in the Plaza Building / Concourse Level - Governor's Sq. 14

States' Responses to the Budget Shortfalls of 2001-04, Mon., Aug 2, 10:30 AM-noon

Extension Crops Outlook, Mon., Aug 2, 1:30-3:00 PM

Extension Livestock Outlook, Mon., Aug 2, 3:30-5:00 PM

Key Issues in Ag Trade, Tues., Aug 3, 10:30 AM-noon

Reconciling Different Points of View: The Example of COOL, Tues., Aug 3, 1:30–3 PM

Valuing Agricultural Land Beyond the Commodity, Tues., Aug. 3, 3:30–5 PM

Excellence in Extension Economics Education, Wed., Aug. 4, 10:30 AM–noon

Survey of the Membership

We need your guidance and feedback on Section activities. Please fill out the survey accompanying this newsletter and turn it in at the Section meeting or mail to Jim Novak at the address listed at the bottom of the survey form.

Academic Freedom, Credibility and Maintaining Independence

More and more discussions are being held over the issues of academic freedom, integrity in Science, and agency/scientist capture by special interests. The Extension Track Session, "Reconciling Different Points of View..." (1:30-3:00 PM Tuesday, Concourse Level, Plaza Building, Governor's Square 14) will focus the discussion on ways to maintain objectivity and independence. Another session following this theme is sponsored by C-FARE and is entitled "Academic Freedom versus Institutional Constraints in Performing Controversial Research." The objective of this symposium is to identify institutional factors that enable or constrain agricultural economists' contributions to controversial food, agricultural, and resource policy debates. The experiences of three academic researchers will highlight the need for university policies that support academic freedom and encourage the research necessary for fully-informed public and private decision making. Suggestions for policy protocols resulting from the symposium will be offered to the AAEA and C-FARE. This session will be held from 3:30-5:00 on the Concourse Level, Plaza Building, Governor's Square 12.

Extension Section Board Members

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2004 AAEA Extension Section Member Survey

To help the Extension Section achieve its mission in providing opportunities for professional growth and program enhancement, we need your active involvement. Please take a moment to indicate how you think the Section can best serve it's members and your interest in serving on the Extension Section Board or a committee below.

I. Home many years have you been an Extension Section member? _____.

II. How many years have you been an AAEA member? _____.

III. In the years you've been an "AAEA" member,

a. How many AAEA meetings have you attended? _____.

b. How many years have you participated in Extension Track events? _____.

IV. In your opinion, what are the most important activities for the Extension Section? (Please rank your first 3 in order of importance. 1 = most important, 2 = next most important, etc.)

- _____ Facilitate networking among Section members at the AAEA annual meeting.
- _____ Facilitate networking with organizations and individuals outside the Section.
- _____ Facilitate networking among members at events other than the AAEA meeting.
- _____ Provide educational programs (pre & post conferences) at the AAEA meeting.
- _____ Provide a forum for member presentations at the AAEA meeting.
- _____ Provide educational opportunities for members outside of the AAEA meeting.
- _____ Other. (Please specify.) _____

V. What products should the Extension Section offer? (Check all that apply)

- _____ Proceedings of Section presentations at the AAEA meeting
- _____ Electronic newsletter
- _____ Provide sponsorships for programs outside of the AAEA annual meeting
- _____ International ag. education tour for Section members
- _____ Domestic ag. education tours for Section members.
- _____ Other. (Please specify.) _____

VI. What should the Section do in conjunction with the AAEA meetings? (Check all that apply.)

- _____ Offer Extension Track symposia
- _____ Hold an Extension/outreach reception
- _____ Hold a pre-conference workshop
- _____ Hold an agricultural tour
- _____ Hold an Excellence in Extension symposia to feature award winners
- _____ Hold an Extension Section Luncheon with speaker
- _____ Hold crops, livestock and policy outlook sessions
- _____ Other (please specify). _____

VII. If offered, how should Extension Track proposals be developed? (Note: These have a very short turn around time, typically due November 1 at the AAEA office and we have 6 time slots.)

- _____ Issue a call to the Section membership for members to submit symposium proposals, have the Section Board review and select those to be presented
- _____ Let the Extension Section Board develop Track symposiums, start to finish
- _____ Other (please specify) _____

VIII. Would you be interested in serving on the Extension Section Board or a Committee? (Please check all that apply.)

- a. _____ Regional Director; b. _____ President-Elect; c. _____ Secretary/Treasurer;
- d. _____ Director At Large;
- e. _____ Committee (area of interest?) _____.

If so, please provide: Name: _____ e-mail: _____.

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