

### **AAEA Extension Section News, November 2003**

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North Central & Southern Farm Management Call for proposals – Dec. 1 deadline

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### **Call for nominations for President-Elect and Directors**

Nominations for President-Elect and directors to represent the Northeast and 1890s plus an at-large director of the AAEA Extension Section are sought. Ken Bailey, Albert Essel and Dave Miller will be rotating off the board at the annual Section meeting in Denver. Please send nominations of self or others to George Patrick, Past-President of the Section and Nominating Committee chair at [gpatrick@purdue.edu](mailto:gpatrick@purdue.edu).

### **Extension Triennial Conference Call for Presentation proposals**

#### ***Change in Rural America: Social and Management Challenges***

The joint North Central and Southern Extension Farm Management Committees are soliciting proposals for presentation in Lexington KY June 14-16, 2004. The conference is designed to help private and public sector educators, local and state government staff, and others involved in agriculture learn about ongoing and emerging farm management, marketing, and public policy education efforts. Presentation proposals should address the theme "Change in Rural America: Social and Management Challenges" and should be designed to help conference participants learn about successful programs to help producers and rural families achieve farm and family goals through reports from the "frontline".

Proposals are being solicited for either single presentations or concurrent sessions. Single presentations will be limited to 20 minutes with additional time allotted for questions. Proposals for complete concurrent session of either 1½ hours or 2 hours will also be entertained and may consist of 3-4 presentations or an alternative format approved by the review committee.

All proposals will be subject to peer review. To submit a presentation proposal, please indicate whether you are proposing a single presentation or a concurrent session; provide contact information and a brief abstract, no more than 250 words, explaining your educational effort and how it was of benefit to producers, their families, and/or U.S. agriculture. Presenters will be expected to provide PowerPoint or Word doc files for inclusion in conference proceedings by Friday, May 14, 2004. Abstracts for both single presentations and concurrent sessions must be submitted by December 1, 2003.

The conference is being planned and hosted by the North Central and Southern Extension Farm Management Committees together with the Southern Marketing and Public Policy Committees. See [www.ca.uky.edu/triennial](http://www.ca.uky.edu/triennial) for more information and the call for proposals.

### **Distinguished Extension Programs Awards**

Beat the Christmas (and new year) rush! Identify Extension program award nominees now. It is important that we take advantage of opportunities to recognize deserving Extension section professionals.

Nominations for the 2003 AAEA Awards must be received by Tom Harris, Extension Awards Subcommittee Chair, by Feb. 3, 2003. The Distinguished Extension Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics programs. A maximum of two awards are given: one for an individual and one for a group. Nominations can be made by any member(s) and selection is made from among those nominated. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education within one year of the nomination and the content of extension teaching effort must be principally in the field of agricultural economics. Renominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted. Each nomination must include a letter of nomination (maximum of three single spaced pages) which should be a concise statement summarizing the reasons why the nominee is worthy of award. The nomination letter is the centerpiece and should focus on hard evidence that the nominee meets the criteria by which entrants are judged. Supporting materials are limited to not more than three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) which are the nominee's best examples of quality work. No other material may be submitted. See the AAEA website for additional details:

<http://www.aaea.org/fund/awards/submit.cfm>.

#### **Track Session Plans for Denver in '04**

Thanks to many for your contributions to the Track Proposal submitted for the 2004 AAEA meetings. Next year we will send out a separate call for proposals in addition to mentioning the request for input in a newsletter. Here is what is planned with leaders noted:

1. Pre-conference ag study tour – Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University
2. Reception/brunch with annual section meeting – Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University
3. Principal paper proposal - Lessons from the Recent State Fiscal Crises – Laura Kalambokidis, University of Minnesota
4. Crop Outlook – Kim Anderson, Oklahoma State University
5. Livestock Outlook – Jim Mintert, Kansas State University
6. Key Issues in Ag Trade – David Miller, Iowa Farm Bureau, and Sam Funk, Illinois Farm Bureau
7. Reconciling Different Points of View: The Example of COOL - Lee Meyer, University of Kentucky, Larry Sanders, Oklahoma State University, and Jim Novak, Auburn University
8. Valuing Agricultural Land Beyond the Commodity- Jim Novak, Auburn University and Fritz Roka, University of Florida
9. Excellence in Extension Economics Education – George Patrick, Purdue University, and William Edwards, Iowa State University
10. Extension luncheon- Jim Novak, Auburn University

#### **Choices Editor Still Sought**

An editor for Choices is still being sought. For additional information, contact Donna Dunn ([donna@aea.org](mailto:donna@aea.org)) or Jon Brandt, AAEA President ([jon\\_brandt@ncsu.edu](mailto:jon_brandt@ncsu.edu)). Please note that there is a negotiable stipend associated with this job. We would consider a good Extension person running this show to be real gold star for the Section.

#### **Extension Section website improvements planned**

Dennis Fisher, Texas A&M University, is leading efforts to update the Extension Section website (<http://www.aaea.org/sections/extension/index.html>). Send suggestions to Dennis at [d-fisher@tamu.edu](mailto:d-fisher@tamu.edu)

**Membership recruitment committee members needed**

A new membership recruitment committee for the Extension Section is being formed. Please contact George Patrick ([gpatrick@purdue.edu](mailto:gpatrick@purdue.edu)) or Jim Novak ([jnovak@acesag.auburn.edu](mailto:jnovak@acesag.auburn.edu)) if you would be willing to serve on this important committee.

**Other suggestions for Extension Section activities?**

We need your ideas and feedback on Extension Section projects or activities. Your input is important to ensure that the Section meets your professional needs. Please contact one of the Section Board Members listed below to provide input on current activities or activities we should be conducting on your behalf. Remember...It's your Section.

**Extension Section Board Members**

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