



Graduate Student Section Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **2012-2013 GSS
Board nominations
are due by March
9th**

Greetings all,

As many of you are aware, the 2012 AAEA Meeting in Seattle is scheduled for August 12-14. The GSS Executive Committee is in the process of confirming speakers for track sections and organizing the competitive competitions. The track sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by GSS for the 2012 meeting are:

- How to be a Reviewer
- Job Interviewing Tips
- Organizing and Teaching Courses for Beginners
- Publishing Strategies for IBES Research (Co-sponsored by IBES)
- Using Surveys to Establish a Successful Research Agenda
(Co-sponsored by AEM)
- Teaching Tips from Top Teachers: 2011 AAEA Award Recipients
(Co-sponsored by TLC)
- Graduate Student Extension Competition Winners Presentations
(Co-sponsored by EXT)



In addition to offering graduate students value through track sessions, GSS provides graduate students a platform to compete. Represent your academic institution by competing in a GSS competition. The competitions co-sponsored by GSS for the 2012 meeting are:

- GSS Case Study Competition (Co-sponsored by AEM)
- GSS Extension Competition (Co-sponsored by EXT)

More details about meeting events will be in the next newsletter.

Need help with funding travel to the meeting? Apply for a travel grant at:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/submit-a-proposal/young-professional-and-graduate-student-travel-grants>

2012-2013 GSS Executive Committee Nominations

You should have received an email with a GSS Board Nomination form attached. Please complete the nomination form and email it as an attachment to the current Chair-Elect, Lance Weaver (lance.weaver@okstate.edu). **Nomination forms are due no later than MARCH 9.** You can also email Lance if you did not receive the email and would like to make a nomination.

To be an *eligible* nominee you must be a member of *both* AAEA and GSS.

The positions and their descriptions are:

Chair-Elect: Has the responsibilities of proposing the GSS activities for the 2013 Annual Meeting to the AAEA foundation, planning the budget, and finalizing the activities for the meeting. In 2013-2014, the Chair-Elect will take the position of chair and lead the GSS.

Duties as outlined by bylaws:

- Organize Track Sessions for the Annual Meeting
- Ensure all policies and procedures are followed relating to annual elections
- Draft AAEA Foundation proposals on behalf of the Section
- Assist Chair in planning AAEA Annual Meeting special events
- Facilitate communication on the Section listserv and/or online forum
- Participate in conference calls and other Section activities

Secretary/Treasurer: Has the responsibilities of taking the minutes at the GSS meetings, keeping track of the budget, and writing the Student corner articles for the AAEA newsletter "The Exchange".

Duties as outlined by bylaws:

- Take Section Minutes at all official Section Meetings using the standard meeting minutes template supplied by the AAEA Business Office
- Lead the development of the annual budget
- Maintain Section website, or oversee website maintenance performed by an individual designated by the Secretary/Treasurer
- Facilitate communication on the Section listserv and/or online forum
- Participate in conference calls and other Section activities

Member-at-Large of Communication: Has the responsibilities of preparing the GSS newsletter for issue to the members, and updating and maintaining the GSS Website design.

Member-at-Large of Publicity and Membership Recruitment: Has the responsibilities of keeping our members up-to-date by sending updates and newsletters, and publicizing events and working to recruit new members at the annual meeting.

Member-at-Large of Activities: Has the responsibility of organizing activities at the annual meeting; such as the reception, seminars, and case study competition.

What is the GSS

The Graduate Student Section (GSS) of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) was developed to provide an opportunity for graduate students to come together to foster the professional development through various activities and seminars. The specific objectives of the AAEA-GSS are:

- To promote the professional development of graduate students in agricultural economics and related graduate programs
- To increase participation and involvement of students with both academic and non-academic career goals in the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association
- To provide more opportunities for graduate student involvement at the Annual Meetings and any other related activities of the Agricultural & Applied Economics

How to Join the GSS

Join the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association. The registration fee to join the AAEA is \$25. While registering, indicate your desire to join the GSS by checking the GSS box under the sections portion of your registration form. The fee to join the GSS is \$10. The membership fee for the GSS is located on the AAEA member form and fees are paid through the AAEA.

If you are already a member of AAEA and would like to join GSS, you can do so by logging in to the My Account section and completing the Online Section Form.

Find us on the web @ <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/gss/>

or

Search AAEA-GSS on facebook and join the group to stay updated!



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