

SS-AAEA Spring 2011 Newsletter

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Greetings from the SS-AAEA Officers and Advisors:

As students return from their spring break adventures, it is time to prepare for the 2011 SS-AAEA Quiz Bowl and Undergraduate Paper competition, and polish applications for the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Chapter competition.

We are excited to announce new software for the Quiz Bowl competition. Nothing will change about the tournament, except that the questions may now use graphs and sounds, allowing us to better reflect the substance of your class lectures into the tournament questions.

The rules of the undergraduate paper competition have changed, in order to help facilitate the creation of the *SS-AAEA Journal of Agricultural Economics*, where students with outstanding papers can receive a resume-line for their accomplishment, regardless of their placing in the competition.

More information on these and other developments, including SS-AAEA social and business activities, is provided below.

SS-AAEA Social Event, Business Meeting, and Officer Elections

1. The SS-AAEA social will be held at 5:30 PM on Sunday, July 24, 2011. We hope this will allow the students to meet each other prior to the business meeting on Monday and acquire information about officer elections. We expect to gain more involvement in the officer elections if the students are aware of the positions available and their responsibilities. The social is also an ideal venue for exchanging ideas about future events.
2. The business meeting will be held immediately following the AAEA awards ceremony on the evening of Monday, July 25.
3. Officer elections will continue to be held in the same manner as previous conventions, where votes are submitted by ballot during the business meeting. However, we do want students to have knowledge of who is running for what positions prior to the meeting, allowing others to join the race if they so chose. We anticipate that this will eliminate uncontested races or elevate crowded ones.

Please contact Jessica Martini regarding the social event, business meeting, or officer elections.

Quiz Bowl Tournament

1. An orientation session will be held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 24, where the new software, rules, and tournament schedule will be discussed. The first rounds will begin at 1:00 PM on the same day, will continue the next day (July 25) starting at 9:00 AM, and the final round to decide the winning team will be held that night during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.
2. The SS-AAEA is excited to release the new Quiz Bowl software, which will resemble the old software closely, except the new format can employ graphs and sounds within the question. Corey Miller originated this idea and pursued it with zeal—we are grateful for his work. All active chapters of the SS-AAEA may download one copy of this software, and additional copies may be purchased for a small

Important Dates (2011)

- ✓ **May 31:** Paper Competition Statement of Intent Form Due.
- ✓ **June 30:** Submissions for Paper Competition due.
- ✓ **June 30:** Submissions for Creative Chapter Award due.
- ✓ **June 30:** Submissions to Outstanding Chapter due.
- ✓ **June 30:** Quiz Bowl registration due.
- ✓ **Don't forget** to pay your member dues before the AAEA annual meeting.
- ✓ **9:00 AM on July 24:** Paper competition presentations begin.
- ✓ **11:00 AM on July 24:** Quiz Bowl orientation session.
- ✓ **1:00 PM on July 24:** Quiz Bowl tournament begins.
- ✓ **5:30 PM on July 24:** SS-AAEA Social Event.
- ✓ **9:00 AM on July 25:** Quiz Bowl tournament resumes.
- ✓ **Evening of July 25:** Final Quiz Bowl round during AAEA Awards Ceremony.
- ✓ **Evening of July 25:** SS-AAEA business meeting following AAEA Awards Ceremony.

For more information about the SS-AAEA, check out the handbook posted at the SS-AAEA website (link at top of page).

Quiz Bowl (continued)

fee. All information about acquiring the new software will be posted to the SS-AAEA website (link shown above) soon.

Please contact Michael Gunderson for questions about the Quiz Bowl tournament, and Corey Miller for questions about the new Quiz Bowl software.

Paper Competition and SS-AAEA Journal of Agricultural Economics

1. The paper competition will be held on Sunday, July 24. The deadline to submit a Statement of Intent form is May 31, and complete papers must be submitted by June 30.
2. The AAEA has often lamented that many students submit quality papers to the SS-AAEA paper competition, yet if they do not place their papers are not made available to the public and the student receives no recognition. To alleviate this injustice, the SS-AAEA is proud to announce the resurrection of the *SS-AAEA Journal of Agricultural Economics*, where all quality papers submitted to the paper competition are published online. Students wishing recognition for their papers but cannot attend the meetings are welcome to submit their papers directly to the journal.
3. To streamline the submission process to the journal, the paper competition, or both, a single file is available at the SS-AAEA website containing the necessary forms, rules, and formatting instructions. The new paper format differs from the formats of the past, in order to minimize the effort needed to make the papers consistent and publishable.
4. Each contestant will be contacted by the SS-AAEA during the summer via email about the schedule of the presentations, equipment available in the rooms, and the like.

For questions about the paper competition of the SS-AAEA Journal, please contact Bailey Norwood.

Outstanding Chapter and Creative Chapter Competition

1. Both the Outstanding and Creative Chapter Award applications are due June 30. Details on submitting can be found at the SS-AAEA website, and winners will be expected to give a brief presentation during the business meeting regarding the highlights of their applications.

For Creative Chapter Award questions contact Corey Miller, and for Outstanding Application Award questions see Sierra Howry.

More information about the meetings schedule will be available later, and posted on the AAEA webpage (www.aaea.org).

The SS-AAEA is always looking for next year's faculty advisor. Please nominate your favorite professor by contacting Jessica Martini.

Remember, the Quiz Bowl competition requires the help of faculty members to act as judges, moderator, and software operator. Tell your advisor to contact Michael Gunderson and volunteer today!