



# AAEA

Agricultural & Applied  
Economics Association

# Undergraduate Student Section

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Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

I hope each and every one of you enjoyed the Spring semester! As the Spring semester comes to an end, it is time to prepare for the 2013 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl and Undergraduate Paper competitions and buff up applications for the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club competitions.

Additionally, following your suggestions we are excited to announce a more concise schedule of events that will allow chapters either the opportunity to save funding on lodging during their journey to the meetings and/or allow students an extra day for exploration of Washington, DC, similar to last year's schedule. For those smaller chapters that would like to combine for lodging with other universities please contact Sierra Howry at [sierra.howry@angelo.edu](mailto:sierra.howry@angelo.edu) so arrangements can be made.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

*Sunday, August 4*

3:00-5:30pm: Paper Competition

7:00-9:00pm: Academic Bowl Orientation / Student Mixer

*Monday, August 5*

8:00am-4:00pm: Academic Bowl Competition

6:00-6:30pm: Academic Bowl Finals

8:00-9:00pm: SS-AAEA Business Meeting

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ACADEMIC BOWL

This year marks 25 years since the first Academic Bowl competition was held at the AAEA meetings in 1988. The Student Section would like to commemorate this anniversary by recognizing the chapters and individuals who have participated over the years and made the competition a success. If your chapter has pictures of students participating in Academic Bowl (the older the better!) in electronic format, please send them to Corey Miller. In addition, if your department has any faculty members or outstanding alumni who participated in Academic Bowl, please forward their names as well. The pictures and names received will be included in a display and/or presentation for the meetings in DC!

### SS-AAEA SOCIAL EVENT, BUSINESS MEETING, AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

#### *Social Event*

- The SS-AAEA Social will be held at 7:00 on Sunday, August 4, 2013.
- The purpose of the mixer is to allow 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 available positions and their responsibilities. The social is also an ideal venue for exchanging ideas about future events.

#### *Business Meeting*

- The business meeting will be held immediately following the AAEA awards ceremony at 8:00 on Monday, August 5, 2013.
- Officer elections will be held at the business meeting. Votes for candidates will be submitted by secret ballot during the business meeting. However, we do want students to have knowledge of who is running and for what positions prior to the meeting. The purpose of this is to allow others to join the race if they so choose. We anticipate that this will eliminate uncontested races or alleviate crowded ones. Candidates will be required to submit a picture of themselves and information regarding their credentials. These slides will be displayed during the candidates' speeches prior to voting. Please contact Thomas Samant regarding the social event, business meeting or officer elections.



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## Important Dates - 2013

- ◆ **May 31:** Paper Competition Statement of Intent Form due
- ◆ **June 30:** Submissions for Paper Competition due
- ◆ **June 30:** Submission forms for Creative Club Award due
- ◆ **June 30:** Submission forms for Outstanding Chapter Award due
- ◆ **June 30:** Academic Bowl Registration due
- ◆ **Don't Forget** to pay your Chapter dues before the AAEA Meeting!
- ◆ **Aug 4:** Paper Competitions and Presentations
- ◆ **Aug 4:** Academic Bowl Orientation & Mixer
- ◆ **Aug 5:** Academic Bowl
- ◆ **Aug 5:** Academic Bowl Finals
- ◆ **Aug 5:** AAEA Awards Ceremony
- ◆ **Aug 5:** SS-AAEA Business Meeting

## Academic Bowl/ Undergraduate Paper Competition

- The first rounds will begin on the following day (Monday) and will continue through that afternoon. The final round to decide the winning team will be held that evening prior to the AAEA awards ceremony.
- All active chapters of the SS-AAEA may download one copy of the academic bowl software, and additional copies may be purchased for a small fee. All information about acquiring the new software is posted on the SS-AAEA website. Additionally, 5 complete sample rounds of questions were recently posted to the SS-AAEA website.

*Please contact Corey Miller for questions about Academic Bowl or the Academic Bowl software.*

- The paper competition will be held Sunday, August 4, 2013. Please remember that the deadline to submit a Statement of Intent form is May 31.

*For questions about the paper competition please contact Sierra Howry. For further information: <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/>*

## Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club Competition

- Both the Outstanding Chapter and Creative Club 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 Club Award questions contact Tyler Mark and for Outstanding Chapter Award questions see Steve Vickner.

More information about the meetings schedule can be found on the AAEA Annual Meeting webpage (<http://www.aaea.org/2012am>).

Finally, the SS-AAEA is always looking for next year's faculty advisor. Please nominate your favorite professor by contacting Thomas Samant. Also, remember that the Academic Bowl competition requires the help of the faculty members to act as judges, moderators, and software operators. Tell your advisor to contact Corey Miller and volunteer today!

Best Regards,  
**Thomas Samant**  
Student Section AAEA President



**See you  
in D.C.!**