

AAEA Teaching, Learning and Communications Section
Minutes from the Annual Section Meeting
Sunday, July 27, 2008
Orlando, Florida

Members in attendance: Jay Akridge, Andrew Barkley, Mike Boland, Jim Beierlein, Josh Detre, Cheryl DeVuyst, Frank Dooley, Molly Espey, Mike Gunderson, Lisa House, James Sterns, Larry Van Tassel, John Foltz, Dixie Watts Reaves, Heather Johnson, Paul Wilson, Chris McIntosh, Arlo Biere, Steve Turner, Aaron Johnson, Al Wysocki, and James Kliebenstein

Co-chair Mike Boland called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

- a. Ballots for co-chair elect were distributed. Christine Wilson, chair of the nominating committee was not able to attend, so Co-Chair DeVuyst collected the ballots. James Sterns was elected co-chair elect.
- b. Cheryl DeVuyst will serve as the section's representative on the AAEA nominating committee
- c. Corrections regarding spelling of last names to the minutes were noted. A motion was made to approve the minutes with those two spelling corrections.
- d. It was noted that the section has 93 paid memberships for 2008 and \$4,880.38 on hand in the AAEA section treasury account. This does not include the \$100 per person fee from the Teaching Academy.
- e. A motion was made to pay Dr. Mark Taylor \$2,500 part as an honorarium for the Young Professionals' Teaching Academy presentation and reimburse his travel expenses. \$1500 of his honorarium will be paid from a CSREES grant obtained by Boland and the remaining \$1000 of the honorarium and expenses will be paid from the treasury. The budget for the Teaching Academy participants included \$50 to contribute to the honorarium and \$50 for food and other expenses at the Teaching Academy. Motion passed unanimously.

AAEA Board Representative Lisa House reported to the membership

- a. The name of the Association has been changed to the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- b. Membership fees have changed to lower the cost to all and, in particular, graduate students.
- c. 2010 is the AAEA Centennial – sections should consider planning events to celebrate the milestone
- d. The location of future annual meetings is 2009 in Milwaukee, 2010 in Denver, and 2011 in Pittsburgh

Summary of Program Track for 2008

- a. The 2008 TLS Section Track was highlighted on page 10 of the program
- b. Cheryl DeVuyst encouraged section members to consider collaborating with other sections on sessions
- c. Track session time is tied to the size of membership in the section and attendance at section session the previous year
- d. The co-chairs will work together to develop the 2009 section sessions

2008 Young Professional Teaching Academy (YPTA)

- a. There were 24 attendees at the YPTA this year; they were a good mix of Ph.D. students and new assistant professors
- b. There was one speaker, Dr. Mark Taylor. Due to time and space constraints at the Conference Center, the six hour presentation was squeezed into three hours
- c. Comments suggested that the content was strong, but not tied to implementation in the ag economics classroom well enough
- d. Boland will send a follow-up email to attendees to gauge the interest in a webinar before 2009 AAEA meeting with more content from Dr. Taylor

2009 YPTA

- a. There was concern that the program will not be able to be scheduled on Sunday anymore
- b. A discussion ensued regarding the goals of the YPTA and what would be the best structure to achieve the goals
- c. It was suggested YPTA be held on Wednesday, consider a two-track approach, presenter materials be reviewed,
- d. A motion was made to recognize CSREES for its strong resource support of the YPTA through programming and resources. The resolution reads. "The Teaching, Learning, and Communication section of the American Agricultural Economics Association would like to recognize CSREES for its contribution to the 2008 Young Professionals Teaching Academy. Without their generosity we would not have been able to utilize the services of this year's speaker." Motion passed unanimously.
- e. The name of YPTA was changed to the AAEA Teaching Academy by consensus.

Other business

Bailey Norwood, senior advisor to the Student Section, inquired about having additional interaction between their section and TLC. Membership determined that with the move of YPTA to Wednesday, it would be best to avoid scheduling TLC meetings so as not to conflict with the undergraduate and graduate student sections. A discussion was held about whether dues should be increased or reduced. The overwhelming conclusion was that they remain the same for 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Gunderson, Secretary and Treasurer