Teaching, Learning, and Communications Section Annual Business Meeting July 26, 2009

In attendance: Cheryl Devuyst (Oklahoma State University), Dixie Watts Reaves (Virginia Tech), Aaron Johnson (University of Idaho), Josh Detre (Louisiana State University), Allan Wysocki (University of Florida), Mary Marchant (Virginia Tech), Michael Boland (Kansas State University), Frank Dooley (Purdue University), Michael Wetzstein (University of Georgia), Lisa House (University of Florida), Michael Gunderson (University of Florida), Dan Lass (University of Massachusetts).

Co-chair Devuyst called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. CDT.

The section report was shared with the group and approved without objection.

Co-chair Devuyst presented a year-to-date financial report. A motion was made to approve the financial report (Detre/Johnson). Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the AAEA suggested operating procedures for the TLC section (Marchant/Johnson). Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve a slate of candidates that included Dixie Watts Reaves as Chair, James Sterns as Chair-elect, Cheryl Devuyst as Immediate Past Chair, and Michael Gunderson as Secretary/Treasurer (Boland/Marchant). Motion was approved unanimously.

House provided an update from the AAEA Board.

- The Board is encouraging sections to give awards to section members
- The Sections will have the opportunity to enhance their websites
- The Extension Section is close to launching a website for sharing materials
- Applied Economics Policies and Perspectives submissions to the new journal are encouraged
- A new opportunity to present Case Studies at the meeting and inclusion in the AJAE proceedings issue is being developed to replace the opportunity lost with the loss of the *Review of Agricultural Economics*
- The AAEA is working to develop a relationship with the *Journal of Natural Resources Life Sciences Education*, which would be an opportunity to publish teaching and learning related research

House suggested that the Young Professional Teaching Academy incorporate the use of simulation including the bank simulation and input supplier simulation. The discussion considered leveraging the USDA Challenge Grants that had been awarded to create these simulations.

The TLC membership applauded Dixie Watts Reaves for her outstanding leadership of the 2009 Young Professional Teaching Academy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Gunderson Secretary