

**Monthly Teleconference
Extension Section**



February 3, 2016
14:00 CST

MEETING NOTES

Present: Gregg Ibendhal, David Anderson, Keri Jacobs, Shannon Neibergs, Laurence Crane, Jon Biermacher, Ross Pruitt.

- I. AAEA Meeting Tour: the tour will be on Wednesday, August 3, following the AAEA Annual Meeting Boston. Tour options being considered are: tour of Ocean Spray processing (Keri will check), Sam Adams Brewery (Jon will check), aquaculture/seafood processing facilities (Gregg will check), and Fenway Park (Gregg will check). Gregg and Shannon will work with Sarah Kenner on the tour options (bus, meals, pricing, etc).
- II. Reception at the AAEA Annual Meeting: we have requested a reception following the business meeting, as in the past. Laurence reports that past sponsorship of the reception has come from NCIS (\$400), The Finance Center at UM (\$400), and Farm Foundation (\$1,000). Laurence has been asked to follow up with past sponsors for this year's sponsorship.
- III. Luncheon at the AAEA Annual Meeting: plans are to host a joint luncheon with COSBAE and CWAE again this year. Last year's event was well attended, though there was some concern about the meal price relative to prior years.
- IV. Nominating Committee: David will head this effort.
- V. Case Study Competition: Ross will begin the process and work on identifying judges for this year.

The next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 at 2:00pm CST.

**EXT Section Leadership
Conference Call**



September 28, 2016
1500 CST

MEETING NOTES

Present: Jon Biermacher, Gregg Ibandhal, Keri Jacobs, Shannon Neibergs, Ross Pruitt, John Michael Riley

I. Extension Section Leadership

Open positions within the section leadership were discussed, as well as possible candidates for positions. Directors for the NC region, NE region, and 1890 Institution need to be identified, as well as a Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

II. Track Sessions

The section expects to have 6 sessions allocated for the 2017 annual meeting, and options were discussed. Farm bill / policy updates as well as crops and livestock updates are popular and expected, and the Graduate Student Extension Competition will remain. Calls for proposals will go out mid-October with a mid-November deadline.

III. Dues and Memberships

Section financials and member lists show that though our membership has increased, dues are falling. This is because we offer free membership to graduate students, and there are fewer faculty in extension positions. The section needs to address how to connect with younger and beginning faculty and engage with graduate students.

IV. Deadlines

Upcoming AAEA deadlines and meeting logistics were discussed. Tour, reception, and business meeting requests will be coming from the AAEA.

The next conference call is scheduled for Monday, October 31 at 1530 CST.

**EXT Section Leadership
Conference Call**



October 31, 2016
15:30 CST

MEETING NOTES

Present: Jon Biermacher, Laurence Crane, Gregg Ibandhal, Keri Jacobs, Shannon Neibergs, John Michael Riley

I. Budget

The current section financial statements were reviewed based on the latest report from AAEA. The section has approximately \$15k in net assets as of 7/31/2016, but some items from the annual meeting were not yet accounted for. Section budgets are due December 1, 2016 to the AAEA office for review. Sponsorships and expenditures on section events at the annual meeting were discussed.

II. Tour Options

The AAEA Extension Section tour will take place the Wednesday following the annual meeting. Tour options were discussed, including a visit to an alternative-ag warehouse and the port of Chicago.

III. Filling Open Board Positions

The NC board seat needs to be filled, as does the 1890s Institution seat. The board discussed possible options; Crane offered to help identify candidates.

IV. Track Sessions

Riley will put out the track session proposal call soon; please consider submitting and pass along the call to colleagues.

**EXT Section Leadership
Conference Call**



November 29, 2016
15:30 CST

MEETING NOTES

Present: Jon Biermacher, Laurence Crane, Keri Jacobs, Shannon Neibergs, Ross Pruitt, John Michael Riley

I. AAEA Extension Section Luncheon

Possible speakers were discussed. Commentator Max Armstrong with Agribusiness and Scott Irwin, U of Illinois and FarmDoc have been identified.

II. Vacant Board Positions

Potential candidates for vacant board positions were discussed. Particularly challenging is the 1894 school since currently only one section member is from a qualifying institution.

III. Extension Section Tour

The Extension Section Tour will be Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at the conclusion of the AAEA Annual Meeting. Tour options being considered are: Farmed Here, Fair Oaks Dairy, and potentially a corporate farm. Ibendahl is pursuing the Farmed Here option.

IV. Extension Section Track Sessions

The Extension Section has been allocated 6 track sessions. Options for full and shared sessions were discussed with consensus on pursuing 4 section-only session and 4 joint sessions. These will be finalized soon, and currently are:

- Washington Update (Policy)
- Livestock & Crop Outlook (merged session)
- Farm Stress (Damona Doye)
- Financial Condition of Farmers (Alejandro Plastina)
- Graduate Student Extension Competition (joint with GSS)
- Agricultural Risk and farm Bill (joint with ARA)
- Extension Programming Toolbox for New/Early Faculty (joint with GSS)
- Preferred Option: Rural Entrepreneurship (joint with CRENET); if CRENET slate is full then back-up plan is Nutrition (joint with FSN) and

V. Budget

The section budget and sponsorship were discussed. Jacobs shared sponsorship from prior years, and sponsors for this year are being contacted.

The next conference call will be scheduled via email following the Christmas/New Year holiday.