

Extension Section Addendum to the AAEA Section Operating Policies

Approved by the Extension Section Board, February 2010.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Name. The name of this section shall be the Extension Section, hereafter referred to as the “Extension Section.” The Extension Section operates under the AAEA Section Operating Policies, established in 2009.

Section 2. Vision. The vision for the Extension Section is to lead in the professional development of extension and other applied economists with major outreach and/or industry responsibilities.

Section 3. Mission. The Extension Section mission is to provide opportunities for professional growth and program enhancement for extension economists and other applied economists with major outreach and/or industry responsibilities in both the public and private sectors. It will promote excellence, facilitate continuous professional development, and recognize the significant professional contributions of its members.

Section 4. Objectives.

1. Provide a forum for discussion of issues important to extension and other applied economists with major outreach and/or industry responsibilities.
2. Provide opportunities for professional development of extension and other applied economists with major outreach and/or industry responsibilities.
3. Provide opportunities to enrich extension, outreach and/or industry programs through program sharing and program development.
4. Recognize the intellectual contributions of Extension Section eligible economists to society and the profession.
5. Enhance the effectiveness of extension economists and other applied economists with major outreach and/or industry economists’ participation in the American Agricultural Economics Association and enhance synergy with research/teaching economists.
6. Increase membership and participation of extension and other applied economists with major public outreach and/or industry responsibilities in the AAEA.

ARTICLE II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SECTION BOARD

In addition to the four officers of the Section Executive Committee, specified in the AAEA Section Operating Policies, the Extension Section shall elect a Section Board with the following composition:

Section 1. Regional Executive Committee Members. Four (4) regional Executive Committee members elected by Extension Section membership from their respective regions for staggered three-year terms. Where regional extension committees are functioning, suggested nominations for regional Executive Committee members will be provided by those committees. If no regional extension committee exists for a region, the Extension Section Nominating Committee will solicit suggested nominations from extension professionals employed in that region and may select nominees from the list so generated. The Executive Committee will determine which states and/or provinces are represented in each region. A state or province shall not be represented in more than one region. The regions to be represented include: Northeast, North Central, South, and West.

Section 2. 1890/1994 Institution Member. One (1) Executive Committee member from the 1890/1994 institutions elected by Extension Section membership at 1890/1994 institutions for a three-year term.

Section 3. At-Large Executive Committee Members. Two (2) at-large Executive Committee members elected by Extension Section membership for staggered three-year terms. Members whose major responsibilities are as applied economists in outreach at non-land grant universities, non-profits, government and/or industry programs are preferred for the at-large positions.

ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS

Elections for the Section's Executive Committee follows AAEA Section Operating Policy. Elections for Section Board members are specified below.

Section 1. Elections. Voting for the regional Section Board members shall be only by members from states and/or provinces in a region. Voting for the 1890/1994 Executive Committee member shall be only by members employed by 1890/1994 institutions. Voting for the at-large Executive Committee members shall be by the general membership of the Section. Ballots shall be developed and conveyed to the members utilizing the offices and service of AAEA.

Section 2. Counting Ballots: Ballots shall be counted utilizing the tellers of AAEA.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee and Section Board shall meet annually in conjunction with the AAEA annual meetings and at other times as requested by the chair. Conference calls may be utilized as meetings. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee and Section Board shall constitute a quorum for all Executive Committee meetings.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting and Quorum. The chair of the Section shall call a full membership meeting. At business meetings of the section membership, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of fifteen (15) qualified voting members or 5 percent of the membership, whichever is smaller.

ARTICLE V. FISCAL

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Extension Section shall be the same as the fiscal year for the Association (which begins January 1 and ends December 31 of the same year).

Section 2. Dues. Members in the Extension Section must annually pay AAEA dues (determined by AAEA) plus dues to the Extension Section at the level set by the Executive Committee and Section Board.

Section 3. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the Extension Section or revocation of its charter, all section funds remaining after the discharge of all debts and obligations shall be conveyed to the AAEA Foundation.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

The Extension Section Addendum to the AAEA Section Operating Policies may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Extension Section Board .