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President's Column

Martin D. Heintzelman

It is an exciting time for NAREA. As usual, as fall comes to an end, and winter begins in earnest, lots of things are getting done in the background in preparation for NAREA's future. This year, the most exciting news of all is that we have (finally) signed a contract with Cambridge University Press (CUP) to publish our journal Agricultural and Resource Economics Review, beginning with the April 2016 issue. This signing is the culmination of several years of effort by many people. The hope is that this agreement will allow the organization to receive some net proceeds from the journal which we did not get through the self-publishing model. It is also the hope of both CUP and NAREA that this arrangement will allow for the expansion of the journal's reach and impact through CUP's marketing efforts. In the long run, the goal is to continue to increase the quality of the journal and gain SSCI listing, which we were denied earlier this year. It is important that I thank all of those who have helped NAREA negotiate this process and most especially Kent Messer (former editor) and Ted Jaenicke (Past-President).

We are currently in the process of making the transition to CUP, and there is no doubt that this will be a challenging process, particularly for the editorial team. On the

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plus side, we successfully recruited Dave Abler from Penn State to the editorial team, taking over from Arnab Basu (Cornell). In addition, former President and leader of the CAM program, Jill Caviglia-Harris (Salisbury University) has agreed to step into an editorial role beginning this July. I am thankful to have such a capable team at the helm of the journal during this process.

I am also excited to remind everyone about the upcoming Annual Meeting this June 19-22 in Bar Harbor, ME. Since I have been a member of NAREA, and on the board, I have often seen people glow as they think back to the last meeting in Bar Harbor in 2001. With that in mind, I can't wait to see what Bar Harbor has in store for us this year! Details about the meeting are below, but I want to thank Mario Teisl and his local organizing committee for their work so far in putting these meetings together. President-Elect Will Wheeler will be leading the effort to put together a great program. Mario is also leading the charge for the post-meeting workshop on the Economics of Changing Coastal Resources.

We have also begun the process of planning for our 2017 meeting in Washington, DC. Allison Borchers (USDA-ERS) has agreed to take over as chair of the local organizing committee for this first-ever meeting in DC. Sahan Dissanayake (Colby College) is leading the charge for the 2017 workshop, tentatively on Climate Change and Land Conservation: Advances in the Economics of Adaptation and Mitigation Policies.

NAREA is transitioning this year to an integrated online membership management and conference registration system. You will have the opportunity to renew your membership online once the registration site is live, hopefully by the end of January. At

that time you will be getting an e-mail asking you to renew and update your membership information.

Finally, I want to look back briefly at our 2015 Meetings in Newport, RI which we held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. I think these meetings were a big success and in a spectacular location! I would like to thank Emi Uchida (URI) and Todd Guilfoos (URI) for their hard work on local organizing and the workshop on the economics of water quality. Additional thanks to Richard Vyn who took the lead in putting together the program as NAREA's co-chair of the Selected Papers and Symposia Committee. He really led that process for both NAREA and CAES and he is deserving of special thanks and recognition. Also, Joe Pittle from URI's conference services unit was a tremendous resource and aid in helping to negotiate the hotel contract and run the registration system, in addition to his help on site. As an organization we were so pleased with our experience with Joe that we have signed a contract with him to assist us in planning and running the meetings through 2018.

NAREA continues to be a small but vibrant organization that fills an important niche in the Agricultural and Resource Economics profession. I am confident that NAREA is heading in a positive direction with our upcoming conferences and in signing with Cambridge University Press. I am looking forward to continuing to lead the organization over the next few months as we finalize preparations for Bar Harbor and complete the transition to CUP.

Follow NAREA on Twitter!

NAREA is dipping its toe into social media by starting a Twitter account (@NAREA_economics). The purpose of the account is to promote the activities of the organization and its members. As new issues of the journal come out, and as we approach deadlines for the Annual Meetings, we will be tweeting these news items out. As we hear good news about our members we will try to help promote that as well. So, if you are on Twitter, please follow @NAREA_economics. If you aren't on twitter, join up!

Please Support the Presidents' Fund

The Presidents' Fund has been established to support graduate student and early-career professional members' involvement in the Association. All members can contribute to this fund. Past Presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to support this fund. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for managing the proceeds of the Past-Presidents' Fund, as well as soliciting contributions to the Fund. The fund largely supports the CAM program. The Association currently has \$11,798.96 in this fund. Please consider adding your financial support to this endeavor through a tax-deductible contribution. To contribute contact the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris (dr.doug@unh.edu) or send contributions (made out to NAREA) to:

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2016 NAREA Annual Meeting

Mario Teisl and Will Wheeler

NAREA will hold its 2016 Annual Meeting from Sunday, June 19, 2016 through Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Meeting events will take place at the oceanfront Bar Harbor Regency Hotel in spectacular Bar Harbor, Maine.

This year's conference features many opportunities to interact and learn including: Selected Paper sessions, Symposia, Plenary Talks, and Workshop Sessions. A two-day post conference workshop on the "Economics of Changing Coastal Resources", led by Mario Teisl (University of Maine), will be held after the Annual Meeting beginning at noon on Tuesday, June 21, and concluding in the afternoon on Wednesday, June 22. The Annual Meeting will begin with an informal opening reception at the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel on Sunday evening; the academic program will follow on Monday and Tuesday. We encourage participation from academic, public, and private sector agricultural and resource economists; and welcome professionals, faculty, and graduate students.

Abstracts for the Annual Meeting Selected Papers and Symposia and for the Workshop are due February 12, 2016. The submission site is operating and accepting submissions. Please go to <http://www.narea.org/2016/> for more information or see the call for papers elsewhere in this Newsletter.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel for \$171-190 per room (a small number of rooms will be

available at the government per diem rate of \$107) plus taxes from June 19 through June 22. Accommodations can be booked by phone. Please identify yourself as associated with the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Meeting Group. To reserve by phone please call the hotel at 1-800-234-6835. This reduced rate will be available until May 20, 2016. Reservations received by the hotel after May 20, 2016 will be accepted based on availability. Since availability cannot be guaranteed, we encourage you to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

The annual meeting registration fee is \$260 for members, \$290 for non-members, \$155 for member students and \$195 for non-member students prior to May 1, 2016; after this date the registration fee is \$295 for members, \$315 for non-members, \$185 for member students and \$225 for non-member students. The registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception, continental breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday, and ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$110 for members, \$130 for non-members, \$70 for member students and \$90 for non-member students prior to May 1, 2016; after this date the registration fee is \$130 for members, \$150 for non-members, \$90 for member students and \$110 for non-member students. The registration fee includes the two luncheons and one breakfast.

The Local Arrangements Chair for the 2016 NAREA Annual Meeting is Mario Teisl (University of Maine). The Program Chair is President-Elect William Wheeler (US EPA). The 2016 NAREA Workshop Chair is Mario Teisl (University of Maine). Questions related to Annual Meeting paper and

symposium submission can be directed to Will Wheeler (Wheeler.William@epa.gov). Questions related to local arrangements can be directed to Mario Teisl (narea2016mtg@gmail.com), while questions related to the workshop can be directed to Mario Teisl (narea2016wksp@gmail.com).

The 2016 NAREA Annual Meeting and Workshop is made possible by support from the University of Maine's Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station, Maine EPSCoR Office, US Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the School of Economics.

2016 NAREA Workshop on the Economics of Changing Coastal Resources

Mario Teisl

NAREA is excited to host the 2016 Workshop at the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel in Bar Harbor, Maine immediately after the NAREA Annual Meeting; the workshop will take place on June 21-22. The workshop is designed to improve understanding of changing coastal resources by synthesizing insights across different lines of economics research focused on coastal and marine resource management issues & the nexus of food, energy, and water systems. Priority topic areas include economic analyses of:

- (1) siting and expansion of aquaculture;
- (2) linkages between land-based and sea-based food systems;
- (3) vulnerability of fisheries and fishing communities to climate change, ocean acidification, and other shocks;
- (4) energy production in coastal areas;
- (5) vulnerability of coastal infrastructure and built environments to climate change;

- (6) application of behavioral and experimental economics to coastal management issues;
- (7) interactions between fresh and marine water system management;
- (8) coastal governance at the nexus of food, energy, and water systems.

The Workshop may be attended alone or in combination with the NAREA Annual Meeting. The workshop will include addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. A special issue of the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER)* will be published in August 2017 from workshop papers accepted after an expedited peer-review process.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Workshop will cover the publication charges (\$1,500) and also provide an \$800 honorarium to the presenting author (up to a maximum of 12) upon successful completion of their submission of their paper to ARER. Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA Workshop must submit an extended abstract by Friday, February 12, 2016. Abstracts may be submitted online at http://narea.org/2016/workshop/submit_workshop-google.asp.

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) Editors' Report

Neha Khanna (Managing Editor), Todd Schmit, and Dave Abler (Editors)

ARER welcomes David Abler (Penn State) as the new editor, replacing Arnab Basu (Cornell). Arnab graciously extended his term by three months through September 30, 2015, to help with the transition and while

Todd Schmit and Neha Khanna were managing personal/family health issues. We thank Arnab for his dedication to ARER and for voluntarily stepping up to the plate.

Neha took over as Managing Editor on October 1, 2015; her term will expire on June 30, 2016, with Todd Schmit following her as the next Managing Editor. In a deviation from past practice, the ARER Managing Editor now continues to handle a few papers in his/her area of specialization. So, we expect that Neha will handle some papers in environmental economics, though the bulk of the papers will be divided between Todd and Dave.

Since the beginning of 2015 we have received 62 submissions. Of these 7 are for the Special Issue on Water Quality Economics, and 12 other papers were submitted under the Expedited Review process. Of the 62 submissions this year, 10 papers were desk rejected without consulting reviewers. An additional 22 papers were rejected after review. This means 32 papers been rejected so far, which is just over half of what we have received since January 1, 2015. 8 papers have been accepted for publication, and the remaining are still under review or with authors for revision. So far, 28 papers have been (or are being) handled by Todd, 18 by Neha and 5 by Dave Abler. All of Arnab's papers that were under review have been reassigned to one of the three current editors.

Emi Uchida and Todd Guilfoos (both from the University of Rhode Island) are jointly co-editing the 2016 Special Issue. They are considering 7 papers for this issue. That's a little less than usual: we had 11 submissions for the 2015 special issue of which 9 we eventually published. However, we expect these to be good quality papers. We expect

the August 2016 Special Issue to make the usual ~150 pages mark.

The December 2015 issue of ARER (volume 44 issue 3, comprising eight papers) was recently published at AgEcon Search and paper copies of the journal should be available before long. We have created a successful back-log of papers such that the April 2016 issue is filled and we are now accepting papers for the December 2016 issue. From an Editorial stand point, this year-long back log allows us to be more selective in the review process. Hence we are now able to desk reject papers more frequently, and we are also able to push authors harder to improve the quality of their submissions and resubmissions.

The terms of all but one Editorial Board members currently listed on the ARER website will end on June 30, 2016. We are looking to expand the Editorial Board and to particularly expand the international presence. We added Shreekant Gupta, Delhi School of Economics, to the Board on Oct 1, 2015, for a three year term ending in June 2018 and we expect to add a few more.

The ARER website has been updated to reflect the new policy which states that the expedited review process is for manuscripts that are “solo-authored by graduate students or have graduate students as lead authors”. So we will no longer be accepting papers with a graduate student as a second or lower author for Expedited Review.

Finally, the editors are working with CUP staff on transitioning the journal from our current software, Editorial Express, to CUP’s editorial software. CUP is developing a new website and submission portal for ARER, along with some promotional material to be displayed at

conferences and other venues. The transition from one editorial software and associated databases to another is a fairly complex process and it is still too early to tell how quickly we will be able to complete the transition. Nonetheless, we hope to start accepting new submissions via the CUP portal before too far into 2016.

2015 NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics

Ted Jaenicke



The 2015 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics was awarded to **Stephan Goetz**, Professor of Agricultural and Regional Economics and Director of The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development at Pennsylvania State University. Here are excerpts from the nomination letter:

Since 1999, Professor Goetz has served as the Director of the Northeast Regional

Center for Rural Development at The Pennsylvania State University. Through the support of several post-conference workshops and other NAREA activities, Professor Goetz and the Center have been great friends of NAREA.

Under Professor Goetz's leadership, the Center has helped coordinate important multi-state projects with policy-relevant research and outreach components. These efforts—which have involved numerous students, faculty, staff members and stakeholder groups—focus on key policy issues such as land use, local foods and community economic development.

As a scholar, Professor Goetz has published or presented over 200 professional papers. In the area of rural development, he is one of the most-cited authors with well over 3,000 citations (Google Scholar) as of early 2015. Goetz's research—which spans topics such as human and social capital, poverty, clusters, entrepreneurship, and even the impacts of Walmarts on their surrounding communities—addresses important policy issues. His research and related outreach activities have helped communities, economic development organizations and policymakers throughout the region and beyond.

Over the years, Professor Goetz has provided valuable service to numerous professional associations and organizations. In addition, he has held leadership roles in the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, the Rural and Urban Community Vitality priority areas, and the Social Sciences Sub-Committee of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy.

2015 NAREA Awards

***ARER* Articles of the Year**

Michael Delgado and Neha Khanna: "Voluntary Pollution Abatement and Regulation" *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 44/1 (April 2015): 1-20.

Hisham S. El-Osta: "Assessing the Impact of Health Insurance and Other Socioeconomic Factors on Inequality in Health Care Expenditures among Farm Households" *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 44/1 (April 2015): 35-64.

NAREA Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award

Patrick Cavanagh
Univ. of Rhode Island
Advisor: Corey Lang

“Unintended Consequences of Environmental Cleanup: Evidence from a Voluntary Brownfield Remediation Program”



NAREA M.S. Thesis Awards of Merit

Yu Na Lee
Cornell University
Advisor: Nancy Chau

“Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers in the US: Program Participation and Policy Impact.”

ARER Young Scholar Award

Magnus A. Kellerman
University of Rhode Island

Magnus A. Kellermann. "Total factor productivity decomposition and unobserved heterogeneity in stochastic frontier models." *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 44(1):124-148

ARER Advisor Award

Co-winners:

Klaus Salhofer,
Univ. of Natural Resources and Life
Sciences, Vienna, Austria
Giannis Karagiannis
University of Macedonia

NAREA Distinguished Member Award

Kathleen Bell, University of Maine

NAREA Honorary Life Members:

Marilyn Altobello, Univ. of Connecticut
Richard N. Boisvert, Cornell University
Douglas E. Morris, Univ. of New
Hampshire
Wesley N. Musser, University of Maryland

2015 NAREA Conference Scholarship Recipients

Jackie (Xiaojie) Chen, Colby College
Yoon-Young Choi, Univ. of Connecticut
Shun Chonabayashi, Cornell University
Iryna Demko, Penn State University
Zachary Esakof, Colby College
Jill Fitzsimmons, Univ. of Massachusetts
Xi He, University of Connecticut
Kyle Hoy, Penn State University
Elizabeth Hunter, Univ. of Massachusetts
Walker Jones, University of Delaware
Yangxuan Liu, Purdue University

Qin Luo, University of Guelph
Haoran Miao, University of Rhode Island
Qing Miao, Syracuse University
Jocelin On, University of Guelph
Jamie-Ann Picardy, Tufts University
Carson Reeling, Michigan State University
Stephanie Rogus, New York University
Ashish Tyagi, Penn State University
Hongli Wei, University of Massachusetts
Seth Wiggins, West Virginia University
Shuiqin Yu, University of Delaware

2015 NAREA Annual Meeting

Emi Uchida

The 2015 NAREA Annual Meeting was held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society at Hotel Viking in Newport, RI in June 27-30, 2015. The meeting was attended by a total of 227 participants. The breakdown by association membership was roughly 70% NAREA / 30% CAES; and by membership type, 65% professional / 35% students. The Annual Meeting included keynote talks by Dr. Dan Dudek (Environmental Defense Fund) and Dr. Christian Vossler (University of Tennessee), and presentations of over 150 selected papers.

The local host committee would like to thank University of Rhode Island's Coastal Institute for their generous financial support. We also thank current and former board members of both associations, students and faculty in the Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at URI, the URI Conferences and Special Projects Development and the staff at Hotel Viking for all their support.

2015 NAREA Workshop on the Economics of Water Quality

Todd Guilfoos

The workshop on Water Quality Economics was run on June 27-28th in Newport, RI just prior to the NAREA Annual Meeting. The 2015 NAREA Workshop on Water Quality Economics had 80 registered participants with 15 high quality papers being presented that expand the frontier of water quality economics in four sessions that cover (1) water quality markets and energy; (2) behavioral and experimental economics; (3) valuation of water quality impairments related to ecosystem services that agriculture; (4) regulation and non-source point pollution. The workshop also has two high profile keynote speakers that intersect with these topics; Catherine Kling Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics, Iowa State University, and Gregory L. Poe, Professor, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University. To cap off Workshop roughly 45 participants took a field trip hosted by Save the Bay that explored water quality in Narragansett Bay. The workshop was funded from a conference grant through USDA NIFA and the Center for Experimental and Applied Economics (C-BEAR).

A special issue of *ARER*, edited by Todd Guilfoos and Emi Uchida, is expected to include a majority of the workshop papers.

NAREA Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program

Jill Caviglia-Harris and Will Wheeler

Mentoring Program:

Our second year-long mentoring program is off to an excellent start: we have a total of 15 mentees and 11 mentors in this program. We were able to match 11 mentor/mentee pairs and have the remaining 4 mentees

working together. We divided the 15 mentees into three working groups of 5-6 mentees (identified below), and, for the first time in the CAM program asked these mentee working groups to hold regular virtual meetings throughout the year. These meetings will be used to allow group members to get to know one another, discuss issues relative to their careers, and develop a CAM session to be held during the 2016 NAREA annual meeting. We will work with the 20106 annual meeting program committee to ensure that we have one or more sessions set aside for this session. We expect that the format and topic of the session(s) to be determined by the three CAM working groups. Look for more on this session in the spring newsletter.

2015 Program:

The Newport program went well. We introduced mentors and mentees at our CAM breakfast. The mentee/mentor pairs discussed their ideas for how they planned to work together in the coming year during the day over coffee. We then shared these ideas at the CAM dinner, reviewed mentor and mentee expectations, and set up the three mentee working groups.

2015-2016 Mentor/Mentee Pairs

Katherine Zipp

Mentor: Kathleen Liang, University of Vermont

Christine Crago

Mentor: Donna Ramirez, University of Vermont

Scott Colby

Mentor: Parke Wilde, Tufts University

Laura Grant

Mentor: Kent Messer, University of Delaware

Sunny Jardine
Mentor: Bradley Rickard, Cornell University

Corey Lang
Mentor: Gal Hochman, Rutgers University

Shana McDermott
Mentor: Alan Collins, West Virginia University

Caroline Noblet
Mentor: Gerard D'Souza, West Virginia University

Jeffrey O'Hara
Mentor: Ted Jaenicke, Penn State

Leah Palm-Forster
Mentor: Evert Van Der Sluis, South Dakota State University

Nikos Ziogiannis
Mentor: William Wheeler, EPA

CAM Working Groups:

Group 1

Jeffrey O'Hara, Agricultural Economist, USDA AMS

Leah Palm-Forster, Assistant Professor, Univ. of Delaware

Nikos Ziogiannis, Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University Bloomington, School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Shana McDermott, Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico

Group 2

Katherine Zipp, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics, Pennsylvania State University

Scott Colby, Assistant Professor, Penn State

Laura Grant, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Sunny Jardine, Assistant Professor, University of Delaware

Corey Lang, Assistant Professor, U of Rhode Island

Caroline Noblet, Assistant Professor, University of Maine - School of Economics

Group 3

Yusuke Kuwayama, Fellow, Resources for the Future

Jennifer Ifft, Assistant Professor, Cornell University

Brian Vander Naald, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska

Shadi Atallah, Assistant Professor, NH

Christine Crago, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

C-FARE Update

Caron Gala, C-FARE

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit organization that enhances the effectiveness of the food, agricultural, resource, rural, and related economic sectors through a stronger national presence of the agricultural and applied economics profession in the processes of identifying key economic issues, setting priorities, and generating support for research, education, and outreach programs. Below are some news items and opportunities that may be of interest to NAREA members.

The FY 2016 Funding Debate...

A short term extension of FY 15 funding was passed late last week by Congress in order to avoid a government shutdown. It is said that an appropriations deal will be reached within the next 24 hours by policymakers. According to Congressional Quarterly reporters, 95% of the negotiations have been made. Several policy riders

related to Syrian refugees, Planned Parenthood, and WOTUS (as well as 35 other riders) have slowed the progress on the bill down to a slow crawl over the past couple of weeks. The text of the bill has not been released, but C-FARE is monitoring and reporting the support for both research and statistical agencies, including US Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation, and the Department of Commerce among others.

C-FARE Projects

C-FARE invites NAREA members to express interest in participating in any of the following projects ongoing throughout 2016. Please contact Caron Gala at cgala@cfare.org if you have an interest in being involved in these efforts.

Big “Ag.” Data Project

A “Big Ag. Data Steering Committee” will be formed during the fall of 2015 to identify a disciplinary working definition of “big Agriculture data” opportunities and limitations of its use, potential changes in data sources and related perceived or real risks, and a set of research goals and priorities for publicly funded or privately funded research on big data and its implications for production, marketing, industry structure, and competition. The research goals and priorities will provide a public communication framework and guidance to federal research and statistical agencies about the implications of big data research and analysis.

Applied Economics Priorities and Solutions Project – Defining a Decadal Strategy

The “Applied Economics Priorities and Solutions Project” will engage agricultural and applied economists in developing a strategic vision of research and education to address societal challenges. The results of

this project will inform professional associations, industry and government about future program directions and priorities in agricultural and applied economics. This initiative will advise decisions about the framing of future research and analysis, the funding of that work, dissemination of agricultural and applied economics knowledge, and incorporation into educational curricula. C-FARE will facilitate this consensus-building project to identify research and education priorities.

Public Comment

C-FARE develops public comment on behalf of the profession to better represent the perspective and interests of the profession in the public sector.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking public comment on the development of a policy to increase access to the results of federally-funded agricultural research. Dr. Catherine Woteki, the USDA’s Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) announced today that USDA will receive comment at two live teleconferences and via email through Dec. 9, 2015. “Our goal is to help stakeholders understand and participate in planning for an increase in public access to scholarly publications and scientific data funded by USDA,” said Dr. Woteki. “We see this increased access as an opportunity to raise the profile of the field of agricultural research, highlighting its many contributions to scientific innovation and its value to society. Stakeholder insights are vital to planning this new era of open access so we can best meet the needs of society and of scientists.” A USDA REE Fact Sheet on Public Access to

USDA Funded Research Results is posted here(<http://www.ree.usda.gov/ree/news/Public Access Fact Sheet.pdf>). C-FARE seeks your comments and input via email on this effort. Please send any related information to cgala@cfare.org. Comments sent prior to 12-31-2015 will be considered.

Funding Opportunities

Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (<http://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/organic-agriculture-research-and-extension-initiative>)

2017 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

Allison Borchers

For the first time, NAREA's Annual Meeting and Workshop will be held in the Washington DC region in 2017. We are hopeful that this location allows for diverse attendance and germane research related to the complex policy issues facing our region and the world. The Request for Proposals for hotel rooms and conference space is currently being submitted to local venues. The dates are yet to be determined, but will most likely be in June 2017. The local arrangement committee is comprised of Allison Borchers (aborchers@ers.usda.gov), Patrick Walsh (Walsh.Patrick@epa.gov) and Yusuke Kuwayama (kuwayama@rff.org).

2017 NAREA Workshop

Sahan Dissanayake

The 2017 NAREA Workshop, "Climate Change and Land Conservation: Advances in the Economics of Adaptation and Mitigation Policies", will bring together experts and researchers analyzing climate adaptation and mitigation policies related to public and private land conservation. The

workshop will include keynote addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. For additional information regarding the workshop please contact the 2017 Workshop Committee: Sahan T. M. Dissanayake (sdissan2@gmail.com), Sarah Cline (clinesarah@gmail.com), or Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu).

Select papers included on the workshop program will be published in a special issue of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Doug Morris

Our current membership includes 195 regular members and 54 student members. There are 45 libraries that have subscribed to our journal, ARER. As of December 1, 2015, the Association has total assets of \$106,571.17. The NAREA money is currently invested in secure, easily accessible savings accounts plus minimal amounts in the operating checking account.

Webmaster Report

Sahan Dissanayake

A variety of general website updates were made during the June 1st 2015 – December 1st 2015 post-annual meeting period. I would like to highlight the following:

- The NAREA Website now features Tweets from the NAREA Twitter Account.
- Selected papers from each issue of ARER are now publicized on the NAREA homepage.

- Information for the 2015 annual meeting, workshop, and paper submissions is now on the website and is accessible at <http://www.narea.org/2015/>.

Summary Stats on Visitors (June 1-September 30):

	Sessions	Pageviews
2015	6,082	11,886
2014	2,943	6,555

	Visitors	% New Visitors
2015	4,420	68%
2014	3,089	71.20%

More people are using the website! Keep those visits coming!

The Journal sub-site received 28% of the pageviews.

The 2015 Conference and Workshop sub-site received 28% of the pageviews.

Geographical Stats

US visitors 2015 55% (Top 10: NY, RI, MA, DC, PA, CT, CA, MD, ME, VI)

International visitors 2015 45% (Top 15: Canada, India, China, Ukraine, Germany, Brazil, Japan, UK, South Korea, Italy, Australia, Netherlands, France, Russia, Taiwan)

US visitors 2014 65%¹ (Top 10: NY, PA, WV, DC, MA, MD, CA, TX, FL, RI)

International visitors 2014 35%¹ (Top 15: India, Brazil, Australia, Canada, Belgium,

Japan, Germany, China, France, UK, Iran, Pakistan, Spain, Italy, Netherlands)

Past-Presidents' Roundtable

Ted Jaenicke and Martin D. Heintzelman

The fourth annual Past-Presidents' Roundtable was held at the 2015 Annual Meeting. This annual event provides an important opportunity for current members of the executive committee to interact with those who have previously served in this position. All three current members of the Presidential rotation were in attendance along with five past presidents. Discussion centered on the journal and the move to Cambridge University Press as well as support for the editorial team. Other issues related to the organization were also discussed, including efforts to expand our presence in Canada and to support C-FARE (see below).

Join NAREA or Renew Your Membership!

We are transitioning this year to an integrated online membership management and conference registration system. You will have the opportunity to renew your membership online once the registration site is live, hopefully by the end of January. At that time you will be getting an e-mail asking you to renew and update your membership information.

There will be two options to pay 2016 dues: an annual fee of \$25 regular and \$10 student; or a three year membership at \$65 regular and \$20 student.

Questions should be directed to the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris (dr.doug@unh.edu).

Nominations for 2017 NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics

NAREA calls for nominations for the 2017 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics. This award honors and recognizes economists who have applied agricultural, environmental, consumer, resource, or community development economics in a unique way that has contributed toward solving important problems and improving the welfare of society. The recipient(s) need not be a member of the Association. The nomination letter should focus on why the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominees will be evaluated on the quality of their work and their demonstrated contribution to improving societal welfare as indicated by the nomination letter.

The recipient(s) will be invited to present an address at the 2017 NAREA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC that will be published as an invited paper in *ARER*. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 to cover travel costs. Additional information on nominations and past award recipients can be found at NAREA's website, <http://www.narea.org/awards/>.

The deadline for nominations is **September 1, 2016**. Please email nomination letters and to Ted Jaenicke (tjaenicke@psu.edu).

Nominations for 2016 Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and Honorary Life Member Awards. All members of NAREA are eligible for nomination to receive the Distinguished Member Award, in recognition for “continuous and outstanding contributions to the Association, the region and the profession” and typically “to

recognize members for significant recent professional achievements in the context of an overall meritorious record.” Recipients may be in teaching, research, extension, administration, government, or business.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their main professional position. It recognizes members in good standing of NAREA who have actively participated in the affairs of the Association and its predecessor organizations, as appropriate, and who, while maintaining an active interest in their profession, have recently retired from their formal professional position that comprised the major reason for their initial involvement with the Association.

A NAREA member in good standing must nominate candidates for both awards. The nomination letter should specify why the member is deserving of the award. Additional information can be found at the NAREA website under “Awards”.

The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2016**. Please email nominations to: John Spraggon (jmspragg@resecon.umass.edu)

Nominations for 2016 NAREA Master’s Thesis Awards

The NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award includes a \$250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in *ARER* at no charge to the award winner.

The NAREA Master’s Thesis Award of Merit includes a \$50 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in *ARER* at no charge to the award winner. Up to three awards of merit may be granted.

These nominations for considerations by the Awards Committee will be evaluated according to the problem formulation, conceptual approach, quality of research, and quality of communication. Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2016**.

Eligibility: Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

(1) The thesis must have been accepted by any institution of higher learning in the Northeast including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C., during the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

(2) The thesis topic must address an issue within the purview of NAREA. The committee will consider a maximum of two theses per department. The committee will consider only those theses nominated by the department chair or graduate program director. In addition, any member of NAREA may petition the Committee to consider a thesis accepted by another institution in the Northeast, including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C. Before the thesis is considered, the Committee will evaluate the petition.

Submission guidelines: To submit a thesis for consideration, please send via email pdf copies of the following: (1) A nominating letter; (2) The full thesis; and (3) The thesis abstract (250-word maximum) to Sunny Jardine (jardine@udel.edu) of the M.S. Thesis Awards Committee by March 1, 2016.

Graduate Student Conference Scholarships

NAREA Graduate Student Conference Scholarships encourage graduate students to attend the annual NAREA Annual Meeting.

Each scholarship covers the student registration fee, helping to defray some costs of conference attendance. Priority for scholarships will be given to NAREA members and students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia, although others who may benefit from attendance are also encouraged to apply. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the NAREA Awards Luncheon.

Applicants for the 2015 Scholarships must complete the application form found at <http://www.narea.org/awards>. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The application deadline is **April 20, 2016**. Questions about these scholarships can be sent via email to President-Elect Will Wheeler (wheeler.william@epa.gov).

Future Meetings

2016 Bar Harbor, Maine
2017 Washington, DC
2018 Pennsylvania
2019 New Hampshire
2020 Nova Scotia
2021 Maryland
2022 Connecticut
2023 Delaware

2015-2016 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to the needs of the Association in any year.

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Call for Papers and Symposia
NAREA 2016 Annual Meeting
Bar Harbor, Maine
June 19 – 21, 2016

Submission Deadline: February 12, 2016

Abstracts will be able to be submitted beginning on December 15, 2015.

Annual Meeting: Selected Papers and Symposia. Selected Paper sessions are an opportunity for individual NAREA members to share their current research. Symposium sessions allow members to organize a group of three or four papers on a specific area that is of interest to the membership. Papers and Symposia are invited in any areas relevant to the breadth of applied economics practiced by NAREA members.

For information on submission of papers for the Workshop on “Economics of Changing Coastal Resources: the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems”, please refer to the Workshop website at <http://www.narea.org/2016/workshop/callforpapers.asp>.

Selected Paper Proposals: Selected paper submissions should include: (i) the title of paper; (ii) names and institutional affiliations of the author and co-authors; (iii) name and e-mail address of paper presenter; and (iv) an abstract of no more than 500 words. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of Significance to the Field, Strength of Methodology/Design, Clarity of Writing, Fit Within the Conference Topics, and – if necessary – the number of presentations proposed by the paper presenter. Selected paper proposals should be submitted through NAREA's online submission system accessible at <http://www.narea.org/2016/proposal/submit.asp>.

Symposium Proposals: Symposium proposals should be submitted by the symposium coordinator. Symposium proposals should include: (i) the title of the symposium; (ii) name and institutional affiliation of the authors submitting individual papers; (iii) the titles of these three-to-four papers; (iv) name and e-mail address of the symposium coordinator; and (v) a symposium justification of no more than 500 words. The justification should describe the strengths of the combined papers and the addition the symposium will make to the conference. Paper abstracts are to be submitted individually by each author. Individual paper submissions do not need to include any introductory material describing the symposium or a description of how the paper fits into the symposium. Symposium proposals should be submitted through NAREA's online submission system accessible at http://www.narea.org/2016/proposal/submit_symposium.asp.

The Selected Papers Committee will review symposium submissions as a complete package. Rejection and acceptance decisions will be made for the entire proposal rather than for any individual papers; however, the program chair reserves the right to reject individual abstracts if deemed necessary. The order in which the individual abstracts and symposium proposal are received is not important for review. Individual papers may be submitted at any time before the submission deadline.

Submission Deadline: February 12, 2016. Electronic acknowledgement of submissions will be sent to all submitters. We expect to notify the authors by March 31, 2016 for all types of submission. Please note that, if accepted, all presenters must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting by May 1, 2016. Submission questions can be directed to the paper selection chair, President-Elect Will Wheeler (Wheeler.William@epa.gov). Local arrangements questions can be directed to local arrangements co-chair Mario Teisl (narea2016mtg@gmail.com).

Call for Workshop Papers

Economics of Changing Coastal Resources: the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems

Abstract Deadline: February 12, 2016

The Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) is excited to host the 2016 Workshop on the Economics of Changing Coastal Resources: the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems. The workshop is designed to improve understanding of changing coastal resources by synthesizing insights across different lines of economics research and launch an applied economics research program focused on coastal and marine resource management issues & the nexus of food, energy, and water systems. These systems face a variety of economic, social, and environmental challenges and opportunities. For example, the demand for, and supply of, food, energy, and water depends on human settlement patterns and the development and use of new infrastructures and technologies. A changing climate also influences the competitiveness of natural resource industries, the viability of long-standing cultural traditions, and the sustainability of ecological and social systems. By bringing together economists studying diverse aspects of coastal resources, this workshop strives to build a fundamental knowledge base and research network responsive to the growing calls for research of innovations at the nexus of food, energy, and water systems.

The 2016 workshop will be held on June 21-22 at the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel in Bar Harbor, Maine immediately after the NAREA Annual Meeting on June 19-21. The Workshop may be attended alone or in combination with the NAREA Annual Meeting.

The workshop will include addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. A special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) will be published in August 2017 from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's peer-review process.

Depending on the availability of funding, the Workshop will cover the publication charges (\$1,500) and also provide an \$800 honorarium to the presenting author (up to a maximum of 12) upon successful completion of their submission of their paper to ARER. The Workshop is supported from a variety of sources.

Topics for Selected Papers

We will convene recognized and emerging experts to debate and advance research on the economics of changing coastal resources. We welcome submissions from economists studying a range of coastal and marine management issues. Priority topic areas include economic analyses of: (1) siting and expansion of aquaculture; (2) linkages between land-based and sea-based food systems; (3) vulnerability of fisheries and fishing communities to climate change, ocean acidification, and other shocks; (4) energy production in coastal areas; (5) vulnerability of coastal infrastructure and built environments to climate change; (6) application of behavioral and experimental economics to coastal management issues; (7) interactions between fresh and marine

water system management; and (8) coastal governance at the nexus of food, energy, and water systems.

The format of the workshop includes three components: (1) invited talks by a leading researcher and a leading voice on sustainable food systems; (2) presentation of papers selected using a competitive review process, with accompanying time for detailed questions, answers and dialogue; and (3) work sessions to conceptualize pressing research questions, topics, and extension and education needs, and catalyze new collaborations and research networks

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA Workshop must submit an extended abstract by Friday, February 12, 2016. Abstracts may be submitted online at http://narea.org/2016/workshop/submit_workshop-google.asp. Abstracts may be e-mailed at any time prior to 2/12/16.

The abstract file (MS Word or pdf) should contain the following information:

Cover page with:

- title of paper;
- name, address, e-mail address and phone number of paper presenter or primary contact;
- name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s); and
- 4-6 key words.

Abstract with:

- title of paper; and
- extended abstract (1000 to 1500 words maximum; title and any references cited are not included as part of this word limit).

Abstracts that do not comply with these guidelines will not be reviewed. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. Abstracts will be reviewed by the NAREA Workshop Selected Papers Committee in terms of the significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2016.

Selected paper presentations will be 20 minutes. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 15, 2016, to be included in the workshop's program. ARER must receive final papers by July 31, 2016, to be considered for expedited review in the special issue of ARER.

For More Information

Further information concerning workshop registration and the final program will be provided in the spring issue of the NAREA Newsletter and on the NAREA website.

For more information, contact the NAREA Workshop committee:

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Important Dates for NAREA Members

January, 2016	Renew Your NAREA Membership http://www.narea.org/membership/
February 12, 2016	Selected Papers and Symposia Abstract Submission Deadline http://www.narea.org/2016/
February 12, 2016	Workshop Paper Abstract Submission Deadline http://www.narea.org/2016/
March 1, 2016	Nomination Package Deadline for the M.S. Thesis Award http://www.narea.org/awards/
March 1, 2016	Nomination Letter Deadline for the Distinguished and Honorary Lifetime Member Awards http://www.narea.org/awards/
March 31, 2016	Notification on Selected Paper Abstracts for the NAREA 2016 Annual Meeting and Workshop
April 20, 2016	NAREA Conference Scholarships Application Deadline http://www.narea.org/awards/
May 1, 2016	Registration Deadline for Presenters at the NAREA 2016 Annual Meeting and Workshop http://www.narea.org/2016/
May 13, 2016	Deadline for NAREA Block Rates at the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel
May 15, 2016	Initial Paper Deadline for the NAREA 2016 Workshop
June 19-21, 2016	2016 NAREA Annual Meeting, Bar Harbor, ME http://www.narea.org/2016/
June 21-22, 2016	2016 NAREA Workshop <i>Economics of Changing Coastal Resources: the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems</i> , Bar Harbor, ME http://www.narea.org/2016/
July 31, 2016	Final Paper Deadline for Submission of NAREA 2016 Workshop Papers to <i>Agricultural and Resource Economics Review</i>
September 1, 2016	Nomination Letter Deadline for Outstanding Public Service through Economics Award http://www.narea.org/awards/