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**2007 NAREA Annual Meeting &
Crop Insurance and Risk Management
Workshop
June 10-13
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware**

**Renew Your NAREA Membership
NAREA Dues Now Due!**

President's Column

Harry M. Kaiser

Our annual meetings and workshop in Mystic, Connecticut were quite a success thanks to the efforts of many people. I would especially like to thank Rob Johnston and David Just for their contributions. There were 55 papers presented at the meetings, and judging by the feedback I received, the sessions were excellent

Thanks also to Todd Gabe and Stephen Goetz who organized the post conference workshop on the rural creative economy. The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development generously provided financial support for this workshop, and about 30 people attended.

Josh Duke and Steve Smith have been hard at work on the **2007 meetings in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware on June 10-13, 2007**. Josh was able to secure some very low hotel rates at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, which is right on the boardwalk of Rehoboth Beach. The location is really nice, and you may want to bring your families to this meeting.

The NAREA Executive Committee had a productive meeting this fall, in which we discussed a number of issues including the selection of new editors for *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, the creation of a new fund called the "Presidents' Fund," the issue of page charges for the journal, the 2007, 2008, and 2009 annual meetings and workshops, electronic submission of papers for the meeting, and getting past issues of the journal onto Ag Econ search for broader exposure.

I am pleased to report that Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse from the University of Delaware have been chosen by the Executive Board to be the new editors of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. Congratulations to the Delaware team for putting

together an outstanding proposal, and the new editors will be taking new submissions beginning January 1, 2007 (see further details below).

The Board approved the creation of the "Presidents' Fund," which will solicit past presidents of the association, as well as NAREA members to raise revenue for an endowment that will be used to fund graduate students and early career professionals involvement in the association. The Board decided that the creation of this fund should be set forth by an addition to the bylaws of NAREA, and hence we will be distributing wording on this addition to all members before next summers' annual meeting. Members will be asked to vote to approve this change in the bylaws at our business meeting on Monday afternoon following the last paper session of the day (see details below about the language of the additions to the bylaws).

The Board continued its discussion of the use of page charges as a primary vehicle for financing the journal. Like all other regional association, we have decided to continue page charges at their current levels to finance the journal since we do not see any viable alternative to them at this time.

We are in good shape in terms of planning for future meetings. In addition to next year's meeting in Rehoboth Beach, the 2008 meetings will be in Quebec City, followed by Burlington, Vermont in 2009.

One new feature of next summers' meetings will be electronic submission for the selected papers and symposia proposals. The Board thanks Jill L. Caviglia-Harris for organizing this feature for the meetings, which should make organizing more efficient.

Finally, the Board is working with the University of Minnesota to get issues of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* into Ag Econ search so that it is web accessible. We are doing this to broaden the visibility of our Association's journal, as well as make it easier for members to access and use articles from the journal.

I must say that I am really enjoying my stint as president and I want to thank the members of the Executive Board for making my job so easy. Thanks also to our Past-President, Tim Phipps, for doing such an excellent job running the Association last year. I would also like to thank all of the members who so willingly serve on NAREA committees. We are a small association and must often call upon our members to serve. Finally, I would like to thank president-elect Steve Smith and Jeff Stokes for doing such a great job in planning and organizing next year's meetings. I am looking forward to the Rehoboth Beach meetings, and I hope to see all of you there next summer.

2007 NAREA Annual Meeting

*Steve Hastings,
Tom Ilvento,
Joshua Duke*

Mark your calendars! The 2007 NAREA annual meeting will be held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, on June 10-13, 2006 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel. A **call for papers** is included towards the end of this newsletter. The post-conference workshop, entitled "Crop Insurance and Risk Management" is also scheduled for June 12-13. Travelers can fly into Philadelphia, Baltimore, Salisbury MD or Atlantic City. All airports are within a 2 hour drive from Rehoboth Beach. The Atlantic Sands Hotel (<http://www.atlanticsandshotel.com>) is located directly on the ocean-front, wooden boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach—one of the country's great beach towns. Within easy walking distance are many fantastic restaurants, shops, and beach amusements. After the paper sessions, relax on the wide sandy beach or visit the hotel's outdoor pool and Tiki bar. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$100 per night plus tax. A limited number of rooms have been blocked for Saturday at \$130 per night plus tax. The opening reception will be held on Sunday evening (June 10th), and is free for those registering for the conference. The conference registration fee will be \$135 for regular members (for early registration), which includes a ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon. Anyone with questions regarding local arrangements or facilities for the 2006 NAREA meetings, please contact Josh Duke (duke@udel.edu).

2007 NAREA Workshop

Calum Turvey

The subject for the 2007 NAREA Workshop will be crop insurance. Cal Turvey has graciously agreed to take the lead on planning the workshop program. The other members of the planning committee are Wes Musser, Mike Roberts, Bob Parsons and Don Tilman. Harry Kaiser and Tim Phipps are ex-officio members. If you are interested in participating in this workshop or have suggestions for invited papers or funding sources please contact Cal Turvey (cgt6@cornell.edu). Also see the detailed call for papers below.

2008 NAREA Annual Meeting

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The 2008 NAREA meetings will be held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. Planning has already begun as Quebec will celebrate its 400th anniversary in 2008. The meetings will be held Sunday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 1, at the Quebec Hilton (www.hiltonquebec.com). A block of rooms is being reserved at \$194 per night (Canadian). These later dates will also position our meetings just prior to the peak of Quebec's celebrations, July 3, the anniversary date of the founding of Québec City by Samuel de Champlain (for more on the celebrations visit: www.quebec400.qc.ca/en/fest_programme.asp). This will be a great time of year to visit Quebec and bring the family for an extended stay (for more on what's available in and around Quebec, visit www.bonjourquebec.com/us-en/villesquebec0.html). We

look forward to seeing you there in 2008.

Secretary/Treasurers Report

2007 Membership fees are now due. After the first of the year, you'll receive a statement; however, feel free to pay in advance by sending a check for \$25 US to:

Doug Morris
Secretary - Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and
Resource Economics Association
56 College Road, 316 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589

Past members may just send me a check for \$25 and note any changes in postal or e-mail addresses.

Current membership, including subscriptions, in the association is 368, down from 433 last year at this time. The breakout by category is as follows: Regular 239, Honorary 24, Student 31, and Library 74.

ARER Editor's Report

Lori Lynch and Wes Musser

The October 2006 issue is nearing completion. This issue will contain eleven submitted articles, three invited papers from the June 2006 NAREA Meeting in Mystic, Connecticut (the 4th to be published in October 2007), abstracts of presented selected papers, and abstracts of award winning theses.

The April 2007 issue will contain articles from the 2006 NAREA Workshop on the Creative Economy. Because of a limited number of papers at this conference, we also had a call for papers on rural development to complement these papers. We also reserved the article written by the recipient of the 2006 NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics for this issue. Two invited papers were presented at the workshop and will also be included in the April issue. In total, thirteen papers were submitted for the special issue. Two were withdrawn by the authors or returned to the authors as inappropriate for our journal, two were rejected after the first round of reviews, and the remaining nine are in the revise and resubmit phase. In addition, one article submitted in 2005 has been accepted and will be included in the April 2007 issue due to similarity of its topic.

During 2004, 37 new articles were submitted. Of these, 19 have been accepted (two for the October 2004 issue, seven for the April 2005 issue, seven for the October 2005 issue, and three for the October 2006 issue) (51 percent), twelve were rejected (32 percent) including four that were returned to authors without review, and two are in the revise-resubmit category (5 percent). Four were withdrawn from consideration after the first round of reviews (about 11 percent).

In 2005, 60 new articles were submitted. So far, 23 have been accepted (one in the October 2005 issue, 13 in the April 2006 issue, eight for the October 2006 issue, and one for the April 2007 issue) (38 percent), one conditional acceptance that will probably be in the October 2007 issue (2 percent), 18 have been rejected (30 percent), five were returned to the authors without review (eight percent), one was withdrawn after first round review (two percent), and 12 are in the revise and resubmit phase (20 percent). We are pleased that submissions were higher in 2005. Our acceptance rate has fallen though from 51 percent in 2004 to 38 percent in 2005. It could be that another 22 percent could be accepted in the coming year given the conditional acceptance and the 12 manuscript still in the revise and resubmit phase.

So far in 2006, 32 articles have been submitted. This number is similar to the submissions at this date in 2004 but is fewer than in 2005. One was accepted for the April 2006 issue (3 percent), five have been rejected (16 percent), four were returned to the authors without review (12 percent), one was withdrawn from consideration before the first round review (3 percent), 16 are in the revise and resubmit category (50%), and five are in the first round of review (16 percent).

New Editors, *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*

Harry M. Kaiser

Congratulations to Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse, who the NAREA Board chose to be the new team of editors of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. Titus and Josh will be working closely with Wes Musser and Lori Lynch in the editorial transition. Lori and Wes will be taking new manuscript submissions through the end of the year, and beginning in 2007, Titus and Josh will be responsible for new manuscripts, and their first official issue will be April 2008.

Call for Nominations: NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

Harry Kaiser, Chair

NAREA calls for nominations for the *2007 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 an important problem and improving the welfare of society.

Nominees should be economists who have used economics to help solve important problems faced by society. 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. Detailed guidelines for nominations can be found on NAREA's website (www.narea.org).

The recipient(s) will be invited to present a keynote address at the 2008 annual meeting in Quebec City that will be published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 to cover travel costs.

Nominations must be received by **May 1, 2007**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be sent to:

Harry M. Kaiser
Cornell University
350 Warren Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
Ph: 607.255.1598
E-mail: hmk2@cornell.edu

Nominations for Distinguished and Life Member Awards

Julie Caswell, Chair

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and 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. According to the by-laws (see October 2005 *ARER*), an individual may receive the award more than once.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their main professional position.

The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2007**. Please mail or email nominations to:

Dr. Julie Caswell, Chair
Department of Resource Economics
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
215 Stockbridge Hall
80 Campus Center Way
Amherst, Massachusetts 01003-9246
E-mail: caswell@resecon.umass.edu

Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Chris Anderson, Chair.

NAREA calls for nominations for Outstanding 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 the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 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 the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 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 **February 15, 2007**.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

- (1) 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, 2005 to December 31, 2005.
- (2) The thesis topic addresses any of the issues within the purview of NAREA.

A maximum of two theses per department will be considered by the committee. Only those theses nominated by the department chair, or graduate program director, will be considered by the committee. 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.

To submit a thesis for consideration, please send:

- (1) A nominating letter;
- (2) Six copies of the thesis;
- (3) Six copies of the abstract (250 word maximum).

Submit thesis award nominations to:

Dr. Chris Anderson
Department of Environmental and Natural
Resource Economics
Kingston Coastal Institute, 1 Greenhouse Road
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881.
USA
E-mail: cma@uri.edu Tele: (401)874-4587

Presidents' Fund

Harry M. Kaiser

The Executive Board has approved the creation of the Presidents' Fund, and members will be asked to vote on an addition to the bylaws next summer. A first draft of the wording of the addition to the bylaws is the following:

A fund entitled "The Presidents' Fund" is established

whereby the interest on this fund shall be used to support graduate student and early-career professional members' involvement in the Association. While anyone can contribute to this fund, past presidents' of the Association are especially encouraged to support it. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for managing the proceeds of the Past-Presidents' Fund, as well as soliciting contributions to the Fund. A committee composed of the President, Past-President, and President-Elect will be responsible for awarding grants from this fund to graduate students and early-career professionals.

Join NAREA

To join NAREA **send \$25 with your name and address**, including e-mail address, to the Secretary-Treasurer. You can also renew when you renew your AAEA membership.

Doug Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
University of New Hampshire
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316 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589
USA

Future Meetings

2006	Connecticut
2007	Delaware
2008	Quebec City
2009	Vermont
2010	New Jersey
2011	Massachusetts
2012	New York
2013	West Virginia
2014	Rhode Island
2015	Maine
2016	Pennsylvania
2017	Nova Scotia

2006-2007 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to need to conduct the business of the Association each year. Membership for each committee for 2006-2007 is presented below, with term expiration dates in parentheses. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws.

Executive Committee

President

Harry M. Kaiser
Cornell University

President Elect

Stephen Smith
Pennsylvania State University

Past President

Tim Phipps
West Virginia University

Secretary-Treasurer

Douglas E. Morris
University of New Hampshire

Editors

Lori Lynch (2005-2007)
Wes Musser (2005-2007)
University of Maryland

Directors

Cynthia Nickerson (2007)
USDA/ERS

Joshua Duke (2007)
University of Delaware

Jacqueline Geoghagen (2008)
Clark University

Kathleen Bell (2008)
University of Maine

David Just (2009)
Cornell University

Robert Johnston (2009)
University of Connecticut at Avery Point

Government Representative

Susan Leetmaa
USDA/ERS

Industry Representative

Robert Yonkers (2008)
International Dairy Foods Association

2007 Program Committee

Steve Smith, President-Elect, Chair
Penn State University

Harry M. Kaiser, President
Cornell University

Tim Phipps, Past President
West Virginia University

Douglas E. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
University of New Hampshire

Joshua Duke, Host-Institution Representative
University of Delaware

Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards

Julie Caswell (2007), Chair
University of Massachusetts

George K. Criner (2008)
University of Maine

Masters Thesis Awards

Chris Anderson (2007)
University of Rhode Island

David Just (2007)
Cornell University

Rigoberto A. Lopez (2008)
University of Connecticut

Ramu Govindasamy (2008)

Finance Committee

Tim Phipps, Past President, Chair
West Virginia State University

Todd Schmit
Cornell University (2006)

Audit Committee

Alberto Manalo, Chair
New Hampshire

Bruce Lindsey
New Hampshire

John Halstead
New Hampshire

Nominating Committee

Tim Phipps, Past-President, Chair
West Virginia State

Harry M. Kaiser, President
Cornell University

Steve Smith, President-Elect
Penn State University

Membership Committee

James Hanson (2007), Chair
University of Maryland

Joshua Duke (2008)
University of Delaware

Ken Bailey (2009)
Penn State University

Special Award Committee

Harry Kaiser (2007), President, Chair
Cornell University

Steve Smith (2007), President-Elect
Penn State University

Qingbin Wang
University of Vermont

Select Papers and Symposia Committee Term Expires 2008

Jeffrey Stokes
Pennsylvania State University, Chair

Term Expires 2007

David Just
Cornell University

Kathleen Bell
University of Maine

Dee-Singh Knight
West Virginia State University

Don Blayney
Economic Research Service

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University of Delaware

Nathalie Lavoie
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Bob Conn
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John Mackenzie
University of Delaware

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Calum Turvey, Chair
Cornell University

Wes Musser
University of Maryland

Mike Roberts
Economic Research Service

Don Tilman
University of Delaware

Bob Parsons
University of Vermont

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Harry Kaiser, President
Cornell University

Tim Phipps, Past-President
West Virginia University

2008 Workshop Committee

Barrett Kirwin, Chair
University of Maryland

Bruce Gardner
University of Maryland

Steve Smith
Pennsylvania State University

2007 NAREA Annual Meetings in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware Call for Selected Papers and Symposia

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2007

The 2007 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting will be held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, June 10-13.

NOTE: All submissions must be made through the NAREA web site.

Proposals for a Symposium have no restrictions on format or content, but should emphasize audience discussion. Proposals should include: 1) a title; 2) description of the topic; 3) reasons why the topic is timely and of interest to the membership; 4) suggested format and description of the presentation; and 5) names and affiliations of presenters.

For Selected Papers please submit an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, plus a 50-word abstract for publication in the journal. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of problem statement, methods, results, and relevance to NAREA membership. Individuals whose abstracts are selected will be notified on or about April 1, 2007, and will be asked to write a paper for presentation at the meetings in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2007. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2007, will not have abstracts of their selected papers published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. Group submissions around a specific topic also are encouraged.

Papers are invited in the following subject categories:

Consumer	Environment
Marketing	Natural Resources
Trade	Rural/Regional Development
Production/Management	Other – Specify

Proposals for Symposia and Selected Papers must be submitted through the web form on the NAREA web site (<http://www.narea.org/>) no later than February 15, 2007.

The submission process proceeds in **two steps**.

- 1) You first must fill out the submission form providing contact and proposal information. The second step includes checking the status and accuracy of your submission. You may do this using the "Proposal Status" link in the left banner of the NAREA 2007 Conference web pages.
- 2) You can track the status of your proposal (whether it has been accepted, rejected or is pending) using the "Proposal Status" link as well. Information about the acceptance and rejection will be posted to the conference web page. Emails will be sent to inform of updates when these postings are made.

For further questions, please contact either Jeff Stokes, Chair of the Selected Papers Committee (814-863-2984 or email jstokes@psu.edu), or Steve Smith, President-Elect of NAREA (814-863-8245 or e-mail smsmith@psu.edu).

Call for Papers
2007 NAREA Workshop on:

Crop Insurance and Risk Management

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
June 12-1, 2007

In Conjunction with the 2007 annual meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association, the Association and its partners is sponsoring a two-day post-conference workshop on Crop Insurance. The workshop will be held on June 12-13th 2007 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. It will feature keynote speakers and selected papers on a variety of crop insurance related issues with particular attention to innovative research in crop insurance, including state of the art contract design, and also to outreach and extension efforts in risk management.

The workshop objectives are to (1) disseminate current research on crop insurance, (2) establish the means of linking research efforts to extension and outreach and (3) identify areas of interest and support for future work. Some possible topics of research include delivery mechanisms of crop insurance education to farmers, translating theory into practice, innovations to crop insurance including but not limited to livestock insurance, weather risk management, income insurance, identifying or measuring adverse selection and moral hazard, the political-economy of crop insurance and so on.

To be considered for the selected paper sessions, author(s) are asked to submit a 3-5 page extended abstract that will be evaluated by the organizing committee on the bases of scholarly merit and relevance to the workshop topic. Honoraria of \$500 per selected paper will be provided. Papers presented at the workshop will also be considered for a special edition of NAREA's journal, Agricultural and Resource Economics review. Journal Submission will be selected through a separate peer-review process.

Please send paper abstracts electronically to Calum Turvey, Cornell University, at cgt6@cornell.edu. Please use the subject heading "NAREA 2007" in your message. Submission deadline is February 16th 2007. For more information about NAREA and its 2007 conference, please visit www.narea.org. Please contact Calum Turvey at the e-mail address above for additional information about the post-conference Crop Insurance and Risk Management Workshop.