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Atlantic City, New Jersey

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President’s Column

Jackie Geoghegan

The 2009 annual meeting was held in lovely Burlington VT, and if I do say so myself, was a fabulous success. Our local hosts, Qingbin Wang and Bob Parsons of UVM were great in setting up all the logistics for both the conference and workshop.

The meeting began with our usual Sunday evening Welcome Reception, which had plenty of Ben and Jerry’s ice cream for make-your-own sundaes. The format of the meeting from Monday morning through Tuesday midday was four 90-minute sessions, each consisting of four concurrent sessions with each session containing four papers. The selection committee that assisted me in putting the program together consisted of Jill Caviglia-Harris, Dana Bauer, and Rob Johnston. They were wonderful to work with, thank you! There was a large range of papers submitted and I enjoyed the challenge of putting the program together into a semi-coherent whole. Thanks as always to the many members who moderated the sessions. In addition, we had two excellent plenary talks, the first by Julie Hewitt of U.S. EPA, and the second by

Vivian Hoffmann of the University of Maryland, both of which will be forthcoming soon in *ARER*.

Something new for the meeting in Burlington was a “bridging” lunch on the Tuesday between the annual meeting and annual workshop where Jay Shogren gave one of his ever-entertaining and impressively wide-ranging talks. The workshop was a tremendous success. The report by co-chair Kent Messer is included below.

As always, a huge ‘thank you’ is extended to Jill Caviglia-Harris of Salisbury University for continuing to improve and moderate the web-based submission process (which included a section for the annual workshop this year for the first time), in addition to her work on the review committee and as a Board Member.

Sanjib Bhuyan of Rutgers University has been putting the final touches on the plans for the 2010 meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey to be held at the Trump Plaza. Sanjib was able to negotiate a rate of \$90/night for rooms. More details on the annual meeting are below, as well as the call for abstracts, which is included at the end of the newsletter.

The 2010 Workshop on The Economics of Local Food Markets, organized by Lori Lynch, Cheryl Brown, and Luanne Lohr, promises to be very timely and relevant. They have received funding from the Economic Research Service for the workshop and are still actively writing grants for further support. The call for the workshop is included at the end of the newsletter.

As described below by Lori Lynch, the annual NAREA meeting 2011 will be held

jointly with AAEA. As a follow up on our new event at the 2010 meeting on “Engaging Young Scholars” described below by Jill Caviglia-Harris & Jeff Hyde, the Board is considering a workshop for the 2011 meeting, in a similar vein: mentoring early career scholars. For 2012, the meetings are scheduled to come back to Massachusetts, so I have started talking with Dan Lass for a jointly sponsored University of Massachusetts and Clark University meeting. Stay tuned.

The NAREA Board of Directors had a productive meeting in October 2009 in Cambridge MA. When I got off the T that morning, I discovered that I was not the only President on MIT campus that day. However, the NAREA meeting did not get the press coverage that President Obama received. Abridged versions of the reports presented at the meeting are included below in this newsletter. The major decision facing the Board at this meeting was the selection of the new Editors of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* and I am delighted to report that David Just (recent Board of Directors member) and Garrick Blalock, both of Cornell University, will be taking over from Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse. They are all working together now on a transition plan. Finally the Board approved of a new program to be held at continued to discuss ways to help mentor junior colleagues, more details below.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their continued work, as well as all the committee members for their contributions to the continuing success of NAREA. As a small association with no staff, we only manage to provide services to our membership and our graduate students through your efforts.

2010 NAREA Annual Meeting

Robert Johnston

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its 2010 Annual Meeting from June 13 – June 15 at the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ—a location famous for its boardwalk, casinos, beaches, shopping centers, and spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Information is available at <http://www.narea.org/2010/>, including details on the meeting, transportation, hotel and area. The Call for Papers and Symposia is included at the end of this newsletter and also is on the web site, along with submission instructions.

Atlantic City is readily accessible by air through two nearby International Airports (Atlantic City or Philadelphia), or by car and bus along three major highways. NJ Transit Rail also runs direct rail service to Atlantic City from Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, which is on Amtrak's main Northeast track from Boston to Washington, DC. The main conference hotel is the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino. Located on the famous Atlantic City boardwalk and a few minutes from downtown businesses and shopping, the Trump Plaza is ideal for business and leisure travelers alike. Parking is complementary for hotel guests. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$90 per night plus tax; see <http://www.narea.org/2010/> for details. In order to receive this rate, rooms must be booked by May 7.

The opening reception will be held on Sunday evening (June 13th) on the roof of the Trump Plaza overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, and is free for those registering for the conference. The conference registration fee is \$160 for members, \$185 for non-members and \$75 for students (for early registration). The registration fee includes

the Sunday evening reception and ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon. The conference program and registration form will include further details once posted.

Questions related to the conference and location can be directed to the local arrangements committee chair Sanjib Bhuyan of Rutgers University, bhuyan@aesop.rutgers.edu. Questions related to paper submission or the conference program can be directed to the paper selection chair President-Elect Robert Johnston, rjohnston@clarku.edu. Questions about the web submission process can be directed to Jill Caviglia-Harris at jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

NEW EVENT at the 2010 NAREA Annual Meeting “Engaging Young Scholars”

Jill Caviglia-Harris & Jeff Hyde

Pre-tenure faculty and end degree graduate students in Agricultural and/or Natural Resources Economics fields are cordially invited to attend the first annual Engaging Young Scholars Program sponsored by the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economist Association (NAREA) to be held in concert with the 2010 annual conference June 13-15, Atlantic City, NJ. This event will provide young scholars with the opportunity to learn about the organization and will include short presentations on how to publish in top journals and grant writing “do and don'ts”. The event will also include opportunities for young scholars to interact and get to know the NAREA board members. The first ten participants to sign up will receive free registration to the NAREA 2010 conference. The Engaging Young Scholars Program is free with pre-registration. To register for the event please contact Jeff Hyde, jeffhyde@psu.edu or Jill

Caviglia-Harris, jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

2011 Annual Meeting Joint with AAEA in Pittsburg

Lori Lynch

NAREA will be having a joint meeting with the Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEA) in 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting will be held July 24-27, 2011 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, located in the hub of Pittsburgh's cultural, business and entertainment district. Pittsburgh and the reserved convention center are reported to be quite beautiful. NAREA will hold up to 18 total concurrent sessions – similar to the number at our normal meeting. Registration will approximate the cost of the 2009 AAEA annual meeting at \$300. However, for many of us – combining the meeting will be more cost-effective than attending both. A discounted student rate (around \$95) will be available.

2009 NAREA Workshop on “Experimental Economics”

Kent Messer

The 2009 NAREA workshop on experimental economics was held successfully on June 9th and 10th in Burlington, Vermont. The workshop benefited from a high number of applicants (63 applicants – 76% of which were from non-NAREA members) and strong financial support from the EPA (\$60,410) and joint support from USDA Economics Research Service and the Farm Foundation (\$10,000). These factors enabled the workshop to be expanded from one to two days allowing ample time for presentation and discussion of eighteen papers and an experiment demonstration. The invited speakers were Jason Shogren and Tim Cason. Workshop

papers that are accepted after a normal review will be published in the Spring issue of the ARER in 2010.

Many thanks to the organizing committee co-chairs: Kent Messer and Jim Murphy; and members: Titus Awokuse, Jill Caviglia-Harris, Josh Duke, Jackie Geoghegan, Lori Lynch, Bob Parsons, and Qingbin Wang. Special thanks to Brett Snyder and David Ack at the EPA, Marca Weinberg, Dan Hellerstein, and Mary Bowman at ERS, and Neilson Conklin and Vicki Liszewki at the Farm Foundation.

Time to Join NAREA!

2010 Membership fees are due on January 1, 2010. There are two options to pay dues: an annual fee of \$25 regular and \$5 student; or a three year membership at \$65 regular and \$10 student. These options are also available through the AAEA website for individuals who wish to pay for multiple memberships at once: www.aaea.org.

Send to:

Dr. Doug Morris
Secretary – Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource
Economics Association
131 Main Street, 307 Nesmith Hall
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After Jan 10, 2010, new address will be:

Dr. Doug Morris
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Please note any changes in postal or email addresses.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Doug Morris

Membership continues to exhibit a trend in long term slippage. We continue to attract new members, but we also lose members especially as they retire or attended a single annual meeting. As of the 2009 year, we had 78 members from the 2008 year that opted not to continue. Our current membership includes 224 regular members and 41 student members. We also have 25 honorary members. There are 76 libraries have subscribed to our journal.

The Association currently has total assets of almost \$98,000. The NAREA money is invested in secure CDs or more accessible secure accounts.

ARER Editor's Report

Joshua M. Duke and Titus O. Awokuse

We are pleased to report that the status of ARER is strong and is continually improving. A major new development is the expansion of ARER from two to three issues per year. In June 2008, the Board authorized the editors to pursue the option of three issues. This has become a reality. In addition to the two regular issues of the journal, we have almost completed work on two special issues for 2009 and 2010. Furthermore, as of February 2009, ARER has become a partner with EBSCO and our published abstracts and papers are now accessible via EBSCO's databases worldwide. We have also enjoyed our most successful year (91 manuscripts so far) in terms of numbers of manuscript submissions to the journal.

The addition of a third issue of ARER is part of a larger effort by the editors to expand the appeal and coverage of the journal while maintaining a high quality threshold for accepted and published papers. Our central

message is that the journal expansion does not reflect lower quality standards, but rather an expansion in interest with our topic areas and an increasing quality of the journal articles. Indeed, the journal maintains a rigorous refereeing process and during our editorship the acceptance rate is 36% (on decided manuscripts).

Before the New Year, we will publish two issues. One is the regular October issue, and the second is a special issue from the 2009 joint conference of the Research Committee on Commodity Promotion (NEC-63) and the Food and Agricultural Policy Section (FAMPS) of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. Former *ARER* editor Harry Kaiser guest edited this issue with Shida Henneberry, Chanjin Chung, and Joe Balagtas. We are grateful for the efforts of the guest editors.

In the spring, we will publish two additional special issues. The February 2010 special issue will contain refereed papers from the 2009 W2133 meeting with emphasis on the economics of ecosystems. Special thanks go to John Bergstrom and Michael Kaplowitz for coordinating the submission process.

Preparation of the April 2010 issue from the NAREA Experimental Economics workshop is moving along. We appreciate the efforts of the 2009 Workshop Organizers Kent Messer and Jim Murphy for organizing and facilitating an excellent workshop. The workshop was well attended and attracted many accomplished scholars in experimental economics.

Our final issue, targeted for October 2010, is filling up quickly with papers that are already accepted and those with revise and resubmit status. We look forward to working with David Just and Garrick Blalock during the 2010 transition.

Presidents' Fund

Jacqueline Geoghegan

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. 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.

The Association has managed to raise \$5600 to begin this fund. Please consider adding your financial support to this endeavor.

Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Ken Leonard, Chair

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.

Theses 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 5, 2010**.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

(1) Accepted by any institution of higher learning in the Northeast during the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

(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:
Professor Kenneth Leonard
Agricultural and Resource Economics
2200 Symons Hall
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards

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: <http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html> , 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 5, 2010**. Please email nominations to: Tom Ilvento @ ilvento@udel.edu

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

NAREA calls for nominations for the *2009 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.

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 2010 annual meeting in Atlantic City, NJ 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 **December 15, 2009**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be emailed to: jgeoghegan@clarku.edu

Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards

The NAREA travel grant program encourages graduate students to attend the annual NAREA meetings. Priority will be given to students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia. Others who may benefit from attendance are encouraged to apply. Recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

Applications for the 2010 awards should include the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number, and email address.
2. Current status as a graduate student, department and institution where enrolled, degree program, years at institution, and anticipated time to completion of degree.
3. A statement of the applicant’s plans for participating in the meeting and benefits from attending the meeting.

The application deadline is **May 1, 2010**. Applications should be sent via email to: Robert Johnston, President-Elect rjohnston@clarku.edu

2009-2010 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. Membership for each committee is present for 2009-2010. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws:

<http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html>

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Call for Papers and Symposia

NAREA 2010 Annual Meeting

June 13– 15, Atlantic City, New Jersey

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its annual meeting in Atlantic City, NJ, June 13 – June 15, 2010. Detailed information is available at <http://www.narea.org/2010/>.

Call for Selected Paper Proposals: Submit an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, plus a 50-word abstract for publication in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, through <http://www.narea.org/2010/>. Individuals whose abstracts are selected will be notified no later than March 31, 2010. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected Papers Committee no later than May 31, 2010.

Call for Symposium Proposals: Symposium sessions allow members to organize a group of three or four papers on a specific area. Symposia are submitted in two stages: 1) The session proposal and justification must be submitted by the symposium coordinator. 2) Paper abstracts to be included within each symposium should be submitted individually by each author(s). Symposium abstracts follow the same formatting guidelines and word limitations as Selected Papers.

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2010. See <http://www.narea.org/2010/> for more details. Submission questions can be directed to the paper selection chair, President-Elect Robert J. Johnston (rjohnston@clarku.edu). Questions about web submission can be directed to Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu). Questions related to conference location can be directed to arrangements coordinator Sanjib Bhuyan (bhuyan@aesop.rutgers.edu).

Call for Papers:

2010 NAREA Workshop on Economics of Local Food Markets

June 15-16, 2010

Abstract Deadline: February 1, 2010

The 2010 Workshop on the Economics of Local Food Markets will be held at the Trump Plaza Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, immediately following the annual meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). The goal of the workshop is to highlight current research and bring together researchers, extension educators, private sector participants, and policy makers to exchange ideas and develop a common set of priority research and education needs for local food systems. The synthesis of ideas that result from this workshop will be disseminated in a variety of relevant outlets to encourage collaboration on local foods research and extension. The format will include two thematic sessions emphasizing rural and urban local food issues. Each session will begin with a presentation by an invited speaker selected for expertise in practical or theoretical aspects of local food markets.

A special issue of the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER)* will be published from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's normal peer-review process.

An honorarium of \$500 to \$1000 (depending on funding) will be provided for selected papers upon submission to *ARER*. Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA workshop should submit an extended abstract to: <http://www.narea.org/2010/>. The file should contain the following information:

Cover page with:

- title of paper;
- name, address and e-mail address of paper presenter;
- name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s);
- up to six key words.

Separate pages with:

- title of paper; and
- an extended abstract of the paper (three to five pages).

Abstracts submitted without all the required information will not be considered. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. The deadline to submit is Monday, February 1, 2010. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Workshop's selected paper committee. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2010. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 1, 2010 to be included in the Workshop's program. *ARER* must receive papers

by July 15, 2010 to be considered for expedited review and to receive the honorarium. Manuscripts accepted for publication can request a waiver of the journal's normal page charges.

Major support for the workshop comes from the USDA Economic Research Service.

For more information contact the NAREA Workshop co-chairs:

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