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President's Column

Jill L. Caviglia-Harris

Greetings colleagues and friends. It is amazing how fast a year can pass, and hard to believe that my role as president is quickly coming to a close. As I put together this newsletter, annual meeting registration has begun with strong numbers, plans are being made for our very first past-presidents' round table, and we are making great strides on the incorporation of NAREA.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight recent activities and upcoming events. The executive staff, board, and other dedicated members have been working on several substantial issues over the past few months including the identification of new journal editors, the initiation of the process of incorporation, the launch of a new website, and the finalization of changes to the by-laws. Thus, I can enthusiastically report that the Association continues to make great progress. I will begin by highlighting recent activities, continue by outlining ongoing plans of action, and conclude with a note of thanks to the many individuals that have made my time as president that much easier.

Kathleen Bell continues to work closely

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with our local organizing committee, including Jackie Geoghegan and Daniel Lass, to put together the program and

arrangements for the upcoming annual meeting and workshop to be held on June 10-13, 2012 in Lowell, MA. Jackie and Dan deserve special recognition for setting up our first online meeting registration. I would like to thank them for modernizing a complex and important association function.

NAREA will continue with its traditional two-day program followed by a post-conference workshop. Preliminary programs are included at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to Mario Teisl (University of Maine) for overseeing the paper selection committee (including Peyton Ferrier (USDA/ERS), Martin Heintzelman (Clarkson University), Todd Schmidt (Cornell University), Farhed Shah (University of Connecticut), Dana Bauer (Boston University), and Kathleen Bell (University of Maine)) and developing an impressive program that represents the diverse interests of our membership.

The 2012 Workshop on the Economics of Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services is also coming together nicely. Thanks to the coordinators including Dana Bauer, Chair (Boston University), Robert Johnston (Clark University), and Carolyn Dimitri (New York University); and financial support from National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA/NIFA).

The highlights of the annual meeting and workshop include our plenary speakers and award recipients. David Hart (University of Maine) and James Boyd (Resources for the Future) will serve as plenary speakers at the annual meeting. David Hart will discuss the role of economics in sustainability science. I think that we will all find his ecological perspective and stories about interactions with economists intriguing. James Boyd will speak the following day along a similar

interdisciplinary theme, bridging the annual meeting and workshop, by discussing cross-disciplinary research on ecosystem services. (Workshop attendees are welcome to attend this talk and the concurrent session on Ecosystem Services session that morning at no additional charge). The workshop will include two additional keynote speakers: James Shortle (Pennsylvania State University) and Stephen Swallow (University of Connecticut) who will discuss water quality trading and innovative ecosystem service markets, respectively. Our award recipients will be announced at the annual awards luncheon, to be held on June 11, 2012. To conclude, I would like to thank Jackie Geoghegan, Daniel Lass, Kathleen Bell, Mario Teisl, Dana Bauer, Robert Johnston, and Carolyn Dimitri for doing such a wonderful job planning and organizing these meetings and program.

Planning is also underway for our 2013 meetings in Ithaca, NY. Harry Kaiser has selected a location and venue (more below) and Brad Rickard has commenced the initial planning for the 2013 Workshop on the Economics of Developing New Wine Regions. And, looking further ahead, Mark Sperow and Cheryl Brown (West Virginia University) have narrowed down the (likely) 2014 annual meeting location to Morgantown, West Virginia.

Beyond our annual meetings, there have also been several changes to the editorial staff and policies of *ARER*. David Just is now serving in his final year as editor. We are happy to report that after providing letters of interest outlining future intent and interest in the editorship (and unanimous support from the executive staff and NAREA board), that Kent Messer (University of Delaware) and Sean Cash (Tufts University) have agreed to serve as editors of the journal. Furthermore,

if the by-law changes related the editorship of the journal are approved, Kent and Sean would serve staggered 3-year terms (and as Managing Editor in the last term year). In anticipation of these changes, David has agreed to serve in a similar role, helping to transition Ken and Sean into these positions. The journal is in its third year of thrice-yearly publications. Recent issues include the December 2011 themed issue compiling papers from the workshop “*The Economics of Land- Use Change: Advancing the Frontiers*” organized by Lori Lynch (University of Maryland) and Jacqueline Geoghegan (Clark University). The April 2012 edition is due to arrive shortly and will include papers from last year’s workshop “*Economics and Child Nutrition Programs*” organized by David Just with support from the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics and Child Nutrition Programs, and the cooperation of the Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the AAEA. This edition also includes the widely praised address by NAREA’s Outstanding Public Service Through Economics Award recipient, Ron Cotterill.

As reported in the Fall newsletter, the Board is proposing several changes to the current by-laws. These include dissolving several committees that have been inactive in recent years, instituting the requirement of NAREA membership for all executive and other committee members, and restructuring the *ARER* editorship. I provided some detail on the proposed changes to the editorship and those impacting the journal in the fall newsletter and will expand on the justification of the remaining changes in this newsletter (see section below). Please look for a final email from secretary/treasurer, Doug Morris, in the near future with detail on the wording of each of these amendments, as well as the ballots.

Amendments will be voted on by the membership at our annual business meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012. Descriptions and wording changes will also be provided at this meeting for discussion along with copies of these ballots for voting. We will be voting on a total of 13 amendments.

Another new initiative that we are developing is our inaugural past-presidents’ round table planned to be held June 10 prior to the conference welcome reception. This round table is intended to be a formal way in which past members of the organization can provide historical information and institutional knowledge to help contextualize current decisions. We hope that many of our past-presidents and other active members can attend this inaugural event.

We are also poised to begin the formal process through which NAREA will become an incorporated association. You may recall that Rob Johnston first began this process during his presidency. After addressing a few road blocks involving cost and a formal mailing address, Doug Morris is now making considerable headway in proceeding with incorporation in New Hampshire. He has also enlisted an incorporation lawyer who is willing to attend our board meeting planned to be held in June to discuss this process. Many thanks to Doug for his efforts on this important issue.

In closing, I express my appreciation to the executive staff, board members, and NAREA members that have contributed to the running of the Association. Thanks to Rob Johnston for his advice on presidential duties and for lending out his exceptional editorial skills. I thank David Just for initiating and crafting the by-law changes related to *ARER*. I think that this combination of amendments will greatly

enhance the editorship and journal quality of our association. I would also like to pass on a big thanks to Doug Morris. I am sure that few members know how much he has done for the association since he first joined in 1973, and was appointed as secretary/treasurer in 2003. Doug attends to all of our records, oversees the lengthy tax process each year, and is now spearheading not only the incorporation of the Association but has also agreed to serve as our historian by merging and collecting past documents to post on our website. Finally, I thank Kathleen Bell for handling the many details necessary to plan the annual meeting, to assist with the program organization, and to help build the annual meeting website. The creative and clever ideas that she has revealed assure me that I will leave the organization in good hands. I look forward to working with her as past-president in the upcoming year and seeing all of you in Lowell, MA.

2012 NAREA Elections

Robert Johnston

The NAREA 2012 elections will soon be underway. Once again we have an exceptional slate of candidates, and we thank them all for their willingness to stand for election. For the position of President-Elect, the two candidates are Josh Duke (University of Delaware) and Barrett Kirwan (University of Illinois). There are two open positions for the Board of Directors. The four candidates for these positions are: Martin D. Heintzelman (Clarkson University); Mark Sperow (West Virginia University), Allison Borchers (USDA ERS), and Donna Ramirez Harrington (University of Vermont). All of these candidates have made substantial contributions to NAREA, and all are deserving of your vote. The elections will

run until mid-May. Emails with information on voting will be sent in late April. If you have paid your 2012 dues and do not receive the email by early May, please let me know (rjohnston@clarku.edu). Don't forget to vote!

2012 NAREA Annual Meeting

Kathleen Bell, Jacqueline Geoghegan, and Daniel Lass

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its 2012 annual meeting at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell Inn and Conference Center in historic downtown Lowell, Massachusetts, June 10-12, 2012. The post-conference workshop on Ecosystem Services will be held on June 12-13, 2012. Detailed information about the annual meeting and the post-conference workshop is available at the NAREA website: www.narea.org/2012. We are very excited about these two complementary events and look forward to seeing you in June.

This year's Annual Meeting will feature sixteen selected paper sessions and two invited plenary talks (see the draft program at the end of the newsletter for more details). In addition, we are thrilled to be hosting plenary speakers David Hart from the University of Maine and James Boyd from Resources for the Future. We invite all members to join us for the NAREA awards luncheon on Monday, June 11 from 11:30 to 1:00 PM. This luncheon includes recognition of winners of annual awards, followed by an invited lecture by the distinguished recipient of the NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics. All NAREA members are encouraged to attend.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell Inn and

Conference Center. Room rates range from \$89 to \$109 per night (single occupancy) plus tax. Accommodations can be booked through the "Accommodations" meetings page. The opening reception will be held on Sunday evening (June 10th) at the Inn and Conference Center and is free for those registering for the annual meeting. The annual meeting registration fee (for registration prior to and including May 11) is \$175 for members, \$200 for non-members, \$85 for member students and \$95 for non-member students. The registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception and ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon.

Situated at the confluence of the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, Lowell, Massachusetts is approximately twenty-five miles northwest of Boston. Located within minutes of the intersection of I-495 and I-93, Lowell is easily accessed by car. Lowell is served by two airports, Boston's Logan International Airport and Manchester's Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Shuttle service between the annual meeting hotel and either airport is provided by Flight Line Inc. More details about this service can be found at their website: <http://www.flightlineinc.com>. Lowell is also served by the MBTA's commuter-rail service, which connects Lowell with various destinations, including ultimately Boston's North Station.

Birthplace of Jack Kerouac and James Whistler, home of the Lowell Spinners Minor League Baseball team, and host to burgeoning Southeast Asian and Arts Communities, Lowell is no longer your classic New England mill-town, although everyone is sure to enjoy the Lowell National Historic Park, which celebrates the textile industry, located a short walk away from the conference center

We look forward to seeing you in Lowell. Visit the NAREA website soon to register early (May 11 deadline), book your hotel accommodations, and learn more about Lowell, Massachusetts.

Questions related to the program can be directed to President-Elect Kathleen Bell (kpbell@maine.edu). Questions related to local arrangements can be directed to local arrangements co-chairs Jacqueline Geoghegan (jgeoghegan@clarku.edu) and Dan Lass (dan.lass@isenberg.umass.edu).

Useful links

NAREA 2012 Annual Meeting and Workshop Website

<http://www.narea.org/2012/>

Hotel Accommodations

<http://www.narea.org/2012/travel/accommodations.asp>

Online registration

<http://www.narea.org/2012/conference/registration.asp>

Student Conference Scholarships

http://www.narea.org/2012/conference/student_awards.asp

2012 NAREA Workshop on the Economics of Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services

Dana Bauer

As part of the 2012 NAREA Annual Meeting in Lowell, MA, NAREA will offer a post-meeting workshop on The Economics of Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services. The workshop will be held June 12-13 and is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Rural and agricultural ecosystems both provide and rely upon a broad array of ecosystem services. Evaluation of these services can help ensure that policy decisions consider the full relevance of these ecosystems to social welfare and rural sustainability. The goal of the workshop is to convene recognized and emerging experts to debate and advance research on the economic analysis and valuation of rural and agricultural ecosystem services, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary coordination across social and natural sciences and development of policies and institutions for sustainable agriculture and rural communities.

The workshop includes invited speakers, selected papers, and a special working session. A detailed workshop program is included at the end of this newsletter. The standalone registration fee is \$50 for NAREA members and \$65 for non-members. The add-on registration fee for those attending the Annual Meeting is \$35. Student scholarship awards are available (see meeting website for application instructions). More information and online registration can be found on the annual meeting website (<http://www.narea.org/2012>). Questions related to the workshop can be directed to Workshop Chair Dana Bauer, bauer@bu.edu.

2013 Annual Meeting in Ithaca, NY

Harry Kaiser

Planning is progressing on the 2013 NAREA meeting in beautiful Ithaca, NY. The NAREA meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn beginning on Sunday June 23, 2013 through Tuesday June 28. A wine economics workshop is scheduled immediately after beginning at noon on Tuesday, June 28 and ending on Wednesday. A reception is scheduled for Sunday night from 7:00-9:00 PM. The awards luncheon will be on Monday. We are currently looking into the possibility of

having a Monday evening wine/beer tour accompanied by a meal at Wagner Winery. The rate of the hotel rooms is \$118 per night plus tax. There is a free shuttle to and from airport and to and from Cornell. The new Dyson School building may be completed by then, and people may want to take a tour of the building.

2013 Workshop on the Economics of Developing New Wine Regions

Brad Rickard

The topic for the 2013 NAREA Workshop, to be held in coordination with the Annual Meeting, is Economic Issues in Emerging Wine Regions. The organizing committee includes Brad Rickard, Todd Schmit, and Miguel Gómez. We are planning to organize sessions at the Workshop that examine management, marketing, and policy issues facing producers and consumers in new, or emerging, wine regions. Workshop plans include an opening session with a panel of New York State winery owners addressing some of their key business concerns and industry issues, and a post-Workshop tour of visits to selected wineries in the Finger Lakes region. Further details will be forthcoming in future NAREA Newsletters. Questions should be directed to Brad Rickard, b.rickard@cornell.edu.

2014 Annual Meeting in Morgantown, WV

Mark Sperow and Cheryl Brown

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) is planning to hold its 2014 Annual Meeting in Morgantown, WV. Final decisions on venue and dates in June 2014 are being made by

the local arrangements committee. Please see future newsletters for these details.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Doug Morris

Our current 2012 membership includes 112 regular members and 54 student members. We also have 27 honorary life members. There are 52 libraries that have subscribed to our journal so far in 2012.

As of March 15, 2012, the Association has total assets of \$117,031.24. The NAREA money is currently invested in secure, easily accessible savings accounts plus minimal amounts in the operating checking account. The separate NAREA Presidents' Fund currently has a balance of \$10,425.41.

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) Editor's Report

David Just, Kent Messer, and Sean Cash

A big welcome to Kent Messer and Sean Cash who joined the editorial team of the ARER this January. The April 2012 issue of the journal has been sent to the publishers and should be showing up in your mailbox soon. This issue will consist of eleven articles, including Ron Cotterill's address on "The Evolution of Quantitative Marketing" delivered as he received NAREA's Outstanding Public Service through Economics Award. In addition to this substantive and important piece, the remaining articles consist of a special issue developing out of the pre-conference workshop at the AAEEA-NAREA joint meetings in Pittsburgh this past July examining the Economics of Food Assistance. Many of the articles focus on how the National School Lunch Program

and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program could be affected by the continuing fight against obesity. The August and December issues will feature a wide selection of contributed papers.

Consistent with recent trends, the journal received 78 submissions in 2011. Of these submissions, 15 were associated with the special issue appearing in April. Of the contributed manuscripts, 31 were allowed to revise (with 19 still in revision), 19 were rejected, and 24 were accepted (see Table 1 below). The acceptance rate continues to creep slightly lower. The continuing editors (Kent Messer and Sean Cash) will present strategies for increasing the flow of submissions at the upcoming meetings. As well, the board will be proposing a new structure for editorial terms of service that we hope will help to create a more robust journal in the future. The ARER will be looking for a new member of the editorial team to start in 2013; interested parties should contact David Just for more information.

We are grateful to the NAREA Board and Doug Morris as Secretary/Treasurer of NAREA for their support. We also appreciate the technical editing expertise of Liesl Koch and newly hired technical editor Natalie Karst. Special thanks are extended to all the reviewers and editorial board members who have assisted us in reviewing the manuscripts.

Table 1
Flow of ARER Submissions and Disposition

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Submissions	78	71	78	55
R+R	31	35	40	21
Acceptances	24	29	37	23

NAREA 2011 Awards

Jill L. Caviglia-Harris

To continue with an old tradition, and start a new one, the 2011 NAREA awards presented at the annual awards luncheon will be included in this newsletter. In the Fall, we will begin posting these in the newsletter to follow these proceedings.

NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

Ronald W. Cotterill, Professor Emeritus,
University of Connecticut

*The Evolution of Quantitative Food
Marketing Policy: A Public Policy
Perspective*

NAREA Outstanding Article of 2010 Award

Roger H. von Haefen, North Carolina
State University

*Incomplete Demand Systems, Corner
Solutions, and Welfare Measurement*

NAREA Master's Thesis Awards of Merit

Jeffrey Hall, Cornell University
Advisor: Todd Schmit

*The Impacts of Agglomeration Economies
and Market Access on Firm Growth: An
Empirical Assessment of Food and
Beverage Manufacturers in New York
State*

George Szczepanski, University of
Delaware
Advisor: Titus Awokuse

*Effects of Food Safety Regulations on
International Trade in Shrimp and
Prawns: The Case of Oxytetracycline
Regulation*

NAREA Distinguished Member Awards

Jacqueline Geoghegan, Clark University
Jill Caviglia-Harris, Salisbury University

NAREA Conference Scholarship

Recipients:

Jaesung Cho, Cornell University
Sahan Dissanayake, University of Illinois
Jonathan Dressler, Cornell University
Teevrat Garg, Cornell University
Beverly Fernandez Guillen, University of
Connecticut
Zachary Johnston, University of Delaware
Lei Lei, Cornell University
Eric Njuki, University of Connecticut
Christopher Wright, University of New
Hampshire
Ruizhi Xie, University of Delaware
Steve Dundas, University of Delaware
Sudiksha Joshi, West Virginia University
Achyut Kafle, University of Rhode Island
Elisabeth Newcomb, University of Maryland
Hiroki Uematsu, Louisiana State University

Time to Join NAREA or Renew Your Membership!

2012 Membership fees were due on January 1, 2012. There are two options to pay dues: an annual fee of \$25 regular and \$10 student; or a three year membership at \$65 regular and \$20 student. Forms are available at

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

These options are also available through the AAEA website for individuals who wish to pay for multiple memberships at once: www.aaea.org. Questions should be

directed to the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris, dr.doug@unh.edu.

Send membership forms to:

Dr. Doug Morris
Secretary - Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource
Economics Association
56 College Road, G68 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589

Please note any changes in postal or email addresses.

Proposed Changes to NAREA By-Laws

Jill Caviglia-Harris

The Board is proposing several changes to the current NAREA By-laws. These include dissolving several committees that have not been active in recent years, instituting a requirement of NAREA membership for all executive and other committee members and several related to the operation and management of *ARER*. Elaboration on this latter category can be found in the Fall 2011 Newsletter.

The committees that we propose be removed include the Undergraduate Liaison Committee, Finance Committee, and Membership Committee. While in title these committees appear important, the tasks of these committees have been absorbed by other existing committees and as a result these committees have not been populated for several years. For example, the charges for the Undergraduate Liaison and Membership Committees are largely reflected in the charges taken on by the bi-annual early career workshop, while the finance committee charge to “review, and

recommend to the Executive Committee funding requests” has largely been undertaken by the Secretary-Treasurer and Board of the Association. We also have proposed expanding on the workshop committee roles, explicitly outlining how this committee would be staffed in years preceding and following a workshop. And, finally, we have added the Local Arrangements Committee that plans the logistical details for our annual meeting to the list of committees that are staffed by the president.

Summarizing these proposals, the following 13 amendments will be voted on at the NAREA annual business meeting to be held on June 11, 2012. (Please see the annual meeting program for further detail on the time and location of this meeting). Additional details on the justification, wording of the amendment changes and the wording in the current by-laws was emailed to the membership by our secretary/treasurer, Doug Morris, in January 2012 and will be emailed again in May prior to the annual meeting.

Amendment #1

Make clear that members of all NAREA standing committees are members of the organization.

Amendment #2

Make clear that members of the NAREA board and executive committee are members of the organization.

Amendment # 3

Change the term rotation of the *ARER* Editors.

Amendment # 4

Change the number of *ARER* Editors.

Amendment # 5

Create a regular publication schedule for *ARER*

Amendment #6:

Dissolve the Undergraduate Liaison Committee due to inactivity.

Amendment #7:

Dissolve the Finance Committee due to inactivity.

Amendment #8:

Dissolve the Membership Committee due to inactivity.

Amendment #9

Change the structure of the Workshop committee

Amendment #10

Allow NAREA officers to be reimbursed for travel expenses related to performance of their official duties in cases where other sources of funding are not available.

Amendment #11

Make clear that the government representative is a member of the organization.

Amendment #12

Delete all reference to the Finance Committee (if abolished)

Amendment #13

Add the local arrangements committee to the by-laws

Future Meetings

- 2013 Ithaca, New York
- 2014 West Virginia
- 2015 Rhode Island
- 2016 Maine
- 2017 Pennsylvania
- 2018 New Hampshire
- 2019 Nova Scotia
- 2020 Maryland
- 2021 Connecticut
- 2022 Delaware

Presidents' Fund

Jill Caviglia-Harris and Doug Morris

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 currently has \$10,425.41 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:

Dr. Doug Morris
 Secretary - Treasurer
 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource
 Economics Association
 56 College Road, G68 James Hall
 Durham, NH 03824-3589

Please specify that the contributions are to be directed to the Presidents' Fund.

2011-2012 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 presented for 2011-2012.

Executive Committee

President

Jill Caviglia-Harris
Salisbury University

President-Elect

Kathleen Bell
University of Maine

Past President

Rob Johnston
Clark University

Secretary-Treasurer

Douglas E. Morris
University of New Hampshire

Directors

Dana Bauer (2013)
Boston University

Rachel Bouvier (2012)
University of Southern Maine

Carolyn Dimitri (2013)
New York University

Ted Jaenicke (2014)
Penn State University

Barrett Kirwan (2012)
University of Illinois

Todd Schmit (2014)
Cornell University

Government Representative

William Wheeler
US Environmental Protection Agency

Editors, ARER

David Just (Managing Editor)
Kent Messer
Sean Cash

AWARD COMMITTEES

Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards

This Committee shall be comprised of three members. The President shall appoint one member each year, except that he may appoint more when a member is unable to complete his or her term. Each member shall serve three years except in cases where appointment has been made to an unexpired term. The senior member shall serve as Chairperson. The Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee all members to receive the Distinguished Member Award and the Honorary Life Member Award.

Todd Gabe (2012)
University of Maine

Dan Lass (2013)
University of Massachusetts

Donna Ramirez Harrington, Chair (2014)
University of Vermont

Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics Committee

The objective of this award is to recognize an individual(s) who has 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. Through this award, the Association intends to broaden the profession's concept of service and contribution, recognizing that traditional research, teaching and extension may not always be essential ingredients to make a positive impact on society's welfare. The recipient(s) need not be a member of the

Association. This award would indicate to economists within, as well as outside, our Association that we are concerned about the application of economics to solve problems affecting society. The President of the Association will establish a committee of six members to solicit nominations for the award and to accept self-nominations. Each member of the Committee will serve a three-year term with two new members appointed to the committee each year. The Committee will submit one nomination to the Executive Committee for approval at the fall Board Meeting each year.

Jill Caviglia Harris, Chair (2013)
Salisbury University

Carolyn Dimitri (2012)
New York University

Rob Johnston, (2012)
Clark University

Will Wheeler (2013)
US Environmental Protection Agency

Martin Heintzelman (2014)
Clarkson University

Ash Morgan (2014)
Appalachian State University

Master's Thesis Award Committee

The Committee shall be comprised of six members. The President shall appoint the members and the chairpersons as needed, with the understanding that each member normally serves 3 years. The senior member shall serve as Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Committee shall report the recipient of the NAREA Outstanding Master's Thesis Award of Merit to the president at least 30

days before the beginning date of the Annual Meeting.

Sean Cash, Chair (2012)
Tufts University

Mahesh Ramachandran (2012)
Clark University

Ash Morgan (2013)
Appalachian State University

Donna Ramirez Harrington (2013)
University of Vermont

Charles Abdalla (2014)
Penn State University

Fen Hunt (2014)
USDA

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEES

2012 Annual Meeting Program Committee

The Program Committee shall be comprised of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary-Treasurer and a representative of the host institution for the forthcoming annual meetings. The President-Elect shall chair this Committee. The Committee shall develop the program and the associated arrangements for the Annual Meeting and any other special meeting that the Executive Committee judges to be in the best interests of the Association.

Kathleen Bell, Chair
President-Elect
University of Maine

Jill Caviglia-Harris
President
Salisbury University

Rob Johnston
Immediate Past President
Clark University

Douglas E. Morris
Secretary-Treasurer
University of New Hampshire

Jacqueline Geoghegan
Host Institution Representative
Clark University

2012 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee

The Local Arrangements Committee shall be comprised of the President-Elect, and at least one representative of the host institution for the forthcoming annual meetings. The Committee shall work with the webmaster on developing the conference website, make arrangements for the conference site and meeting rooms, and organize the meeting registration.

Kathleen Bell, Chair
President-Elect
University of Maine

Jacqueline Geoghegan
Co-Host Institution Representative
Clark University

Dan Lass
Co-Host Institution Representative
University of Massachusetts

2012 Workshop Committee

The Annual Workshop Committee shall consist of six members appointed by the President at or before the Annual Business

Meeting, serving staggered three-year terms, with the chairperson appointed to a one-year term, and with the President and President-Elect serving as ex-officio members. The Committee shall be charged with: identifying a topic for each workshop; seeking funding sufficient to pay honoraria or other incentives suitable to attract outstanding papers for the Annual Workshop; identifying criteria and referees for selecting papers submitted for workshop consideration; scheduling workshop presentations in coordination with the Program Committee and including any invited speakers that the President-Elect may choose for presentations on the workshop topic; and, in consultation with the Editor, establishing a deadline for submission of workshop papers to the *Journal* (typically three weeks after the workshop) and assisting in identifying *Journal* referees.

Dana Bauer, Chair
Boston University

Rob Johnston
Clark University

Carolyn Dimitri
New York University

Jacqueline Geoghegan
Clark University

Josh Duke
University of Delaware

Ex-Officio
Jill Caviglia-Harris
Salisbury University

Kathleen Bell
University of Maine

2012 Selected Papers and Symposia Committee

The Selected Papers and Symposia Committee shall be comprised of a chairperson appointed to a one-year term by the President-Elect, and five at-large members of the Association. Each year the President-Elect will appoint three members to the committee for a two-year term. The President-Elect shall also appoint additional persons as necessary to replace Committee members who cannot complete the second year of their term.

Mario Teisl, Chair (2012)
University of Maine

Peyton Ferrier (2012)
USDA / ERS

Martin Heintzelman (2012)
Clarkson University

Todd Schmidt (2012)
Cornell University

Farhed Shah (2013)
University of Connecticut

Dana Bauer (2013)
Boston University

Ex-Officio
Kathleen Bell
University of Maine

OTHER COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three members appointed by the President. All Members of the Committee shall be located at the same institution as the

Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Agricultural Economics Department or its equivalent. The Committee shall be responsible for certifying to the Association the accuracy of the record of receipts and expenditures and that all expenditures are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

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Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Past President and two members appointed by the President. The Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President. The Committee shall be responsible for developing a slate of nominees consisting of two candidates for each office to be elected by the membership and shall serve as Tellers for the mail election of officers.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

- 11:00 pm – 12:00 pm NAREA Executive Committee Meeting, Tsongas Boardroom
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm NAREA Executive Board Meeting, Tsongas Boardroom
- 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm NAREA Past-Presidents' Round Table
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Welcome Reception, Lower Locks

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Registration

8:30 am – 9:30 am Invited Presentation, Concord Middlesex

The Role of Economics in Sustainability Science: A Call to Collaborative Action

David Hart, Professor and Director, Senator Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, University of Maine

Moderator: Kathleen Bell, University of Maine, President-Elect NAREA

- 9:30 am – 9:45 am Morning Break

9:45 am – 11:15 am SELECTED PAPER SESSIONS 1.a – 1.d

1.a Land Preservation

Concord Middlesex 1

Moderator: Allison Borchers, ERS-USDA

Endogenous Entry of Landowners in Conservation Markets over Time; Jacob Fooks, Kent Messer, and Joshua Duke, University of Delaware

Measure for Measure: How Definitions Impact the Valuation of Open Space; Vanessa Levesque, Kathleen Bell, and Aram Calhoun, University of Maine

Department of the Interior Conservation Lands and Rural Economic Growth in the United States; Sarah Cline and Peter E. Grigellis, U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Policy Analysis

The Role of Tenure in Conservation Adoption Decisions; Allison Borchers and Cynthia Nickerson, ERS-USDA

9:45 am – 11:15 am SELECTED PAPER SESSIONS 1.a – 1.d

1.b Energy Concord Middlesex 2

Moderator: Rachel Bouvier, University of Southern Maine

Demise of the Ethanol Tax Credit and Import Tariff: Who Bears the Cost? ; C. Kim , James Duffield, Marcel Aillery, and Utpal Vasavada, Economic Research Service, USDA

Demand for Electricity and Its Impact on Welfare: Evidence from Rural India; Rubaba Ali, University of Maryland College Park and Shahidur Khandker, Douglas Barnes, and Hussain Samas, World Bank

Deep-water and land-based wind power as substitutes: measuring the influences for wind power support in Maine; Sarah Marrinan , Mario Teisl, Caroline Noblet, and Hsaing-tai Cheng, University of Maine, School of Economics

Willingness to Pay for Natural Gas from Hydraulic Fracturing: Location and Preference Heterogeneity; Jennifer Popkin, Ram Pandit, and Rohan Sandler, University of Delaware

1.c Agricultural Practices and Productivity Lower Locks 1

Moderator: David Just, Cornell University

Adoption of Sustainable Agricultural Practices by Livestock Farmers; Haluk Gedikoglu, Lincoln University of Missouri

Impact of Rural Road Improvement on High Yielding Variety Technology Adoption: Evidence from Bangladesh; Rubaba Ali, University of Maryland College Park

The Impact of Crop Insurance Premium Subsidies on Farmland Values and Rental Rates; Shang Wu, University of Delaware and Jennifer Ifft, USDA-ERS

Assessing the Role of Undesirable Outputs: an Application to Agricultural Productivity Growth in the U.S.; Nataliya Plesha and Subhash Ray, University of Connecticut and Richard Nehring and Eldon Ball, USDA-ERS

1.d Fisheries Management Lower Locks 2

Moderator: Farhed Shah, University of Connecticut

A Bioeconomic Model of Traditionally Managed Marine Protected Areas: Insights from the Sasi System of Indonesia; Umi Muawanah, Farhed Shah, and Robert S. Pomeroy, University of Connecticut

Choice of Institutions: Experimental Approach in Fishery Management; Mihoko Tegawa and Chris Anderson, University of Rhode Island

Behavioral Response of Fishers to Hypoxia - Some Evidence from Lobster Harvest in the Long Island Sound; Zinnia Mukherjee , Connecticut College and Dipak Dey, University of Connecticut

Optimal Management of Oysters in Chesapeake Bay incorporating Sanctuaries, Reserves, Aquaculture and Externalities.; Nikolaos Mykoniatis and Richard Ready, The Pennsylvania State University

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Awards Luncheon and Welcome, Merrimack Pawtucket

The NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics

Moderator: Jill Cavaglia-Harris, President NAREA

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

SELECTED PAPER SESSIONS 2.a – 2.d

2.a **Farmland Preservation**

Concord Middlesex 1

Moderator: Paul Gottlieb, Rutgers University

What are the Outcomes of Farmland Preservation in the Mid-Atlantic Region? Perspectives of Program Administrators; Brian Schilling , Rutgers University, Joshua Duke, University of Delaware, Lori Lynch, University of Maryland, and Kevin Sullivan, Rutgers University

Farmland Preservation in New England: Cost-Benefit Analysis; Beverly Fernandez and Marilyn Altobello, University of Connecticut

Measuring the Effect of Farmland Preservation Program Participation on the Economic Viability of Farms; Witsanu Attavanich and Miguel Gomez , Rutgers University

Agricultural Zoning and Housing Development; Paul Gottlieb, Rutgers University, Anthony O'Donnell, College of New Jersey, Thomas Rudel, Rutgers University, Karen O'Neil, Rutgers University, and Melanie McDermott, Rutgers University

2.b **Food Demand**

Concord Middlesex 2

Moderator: Brad Rickard, Cornell University

Is Having a Sweet Tooth the Obesity Culprit? ; Chen Zu and Rigoberto Lopez, University of Connecticut

Estimating the Demand for Recreational Dungeness Crab Fishing in Puget Sound; Georgi Spiridonov and Howard Townsend , NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office/ Cooperative Oxford Lab, Jodie Toft, Stanford University, Michael Cary and Mark Plummer, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office, and Anne Guery, Stanford University

The Impact of Food Aid on West African Food Import Demand; James Kiawu and Keithly Jones, USDA Economic Research Service

Externalities from foreign promotion programs: implications for domestic food consumption and nutrient intake; Brad Rickard , Shuay-Tsyr Ho, and Jura Liaukonyte, Cornell University

2.c **Air Pollution and Climate Change**

Lower Locks 1

Moderator: Will Wheeler, US Environmental Protection Agency

The Importance of Modeling Air Quality in Hedonic Studies; Georgios Sfinarolakis and Corey Lang , University of Rhode Island

The Olympic Effect on Air Quality and Health; Yanhong Jin , Rutgers University, Maoyang Fan, Ball State University, Chen Chen, Rutgers University

CO2 emissions, energy consumption and economic growth in China: a spatial econometric approach based on panel data; Xueting Zhao and Gerald Fletcher, West Virginia University

Climate Change Impacts on U.S. Migration and Household Location Choice; Qin Fan, The Pennsylvania State University, Allen Klaiber, The Ohio State University, and Karen Fisher-Vanden, The Pennsylvania State University

2.d **Wildlife Management and Invasions**

Lower Locks 2

Moderator: Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Interspecies Management and Land Use Strategies to Protect Endangered Species; Richard Melstrom , Michigan State University

Social Capital and Environmental Quality: A meso-scale analysis examining the effects of social capital on biodiversity; Patricia Jarema and John Halstead, University of New Hampshire and Steve Deller, University of Wisconsin

Control of a stochastic biological invasion; Morteza Chalak and David Pannell University of Western Australia

Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire ? Ethanol and the CO2-N2O Trade-off, Shibas Mukherjee and Barrett Kirwan, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Afternoon Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

SELECTED PAPER SESSIONS 3.a – 3.d

3.a **Forest Management**

Concord Middlesex 1

Moderator: Jill Cavilgia-Harris, Salisbury University

An Econometric Analysis of the Impact of Forest Restoration on Agriculture in the Verde River Watershed, Arizona; Xiaobing Zhao , Abe Springer, and Sharon Lopez, Northern Arizona University

The Implications of Poverty Persistence for Reforestation Efforts and Deforestation Rates; Jamison Douglas and Jill Caviglia-Harris , Salisbury University

Urban Forest Management, Adebayo Shittu, University of Agriculture Abeokuta

The value of public and private urban tree cover; Maksym Polyakov, Ram Pandit, and Rohan Sandler, University of Western Australia

3.b **Water Management**

Concord Middlesex 2

Moderator: Mahesh Ramachandran , Clark University

Assessment of Cost-effectiveness of Best Management Practices in Watershed Management; Zeyuan Qiu , New Jersey Institute of Technology

Towards the Economics of Water Quality Improvement in the Long Island Sound; Beverly Fernandez , Farhed Shah, and Marilyn Altobello, University of Connecticut

Comparison between subjective assessments and objective water quality measures; Susan Gorelick and James Opaluch , Univeristy of Rhode Island

Modeling residential water demand and evaluating policies: is there value addition in using GIS to measure lawns?; Mahesh Ramachandran , Clark University

3.c **Food & Drink**

Lower Locks 1

Moderator: Todd Schmit, Cornell University

Reputation Spillovers: Examining Consumer Response to Information about Wine Appellations; Brad Rickard , Cornell University, Jill McCluskey, Washington State University, Rich Patterson, Cornell University

A Comparative Analysis of Retail Milk Pricing with and without State Pricing Policies; Adam Rabinowitz , University of Connecticut

Time to Eat? The Relationship Between Household Proxies of Time Resources and Food Spending Patterns.; Joseph Llobrera , Tufts University

Impacts of Local Food System Activities on a Regional Economy: A case study from upstate New York; Todd Schmit , Becca Jablonski, and Yuri Mansury, Cornell University

3.d **Land Conservation**

Lower Locks 2

Moderator: Josh Duke, University of Delaware

Do Land Conservation Programs Crowd out or Crowd in Each Others' Conservation?; Xiangping Liu , University of Gothenburg and Lori Lynch, University of Maryland

Current Use Property Taxation: Withdrawal Penalties and Their Effectiveness in Lowering the Rate of Land Development; Darshana Udayanganie , University of New Hampshire

How Does Subsidized Conservation Change Later Land Use? ; Sarah Jacobson , Williams College

The Effect of Ontario's Greenbelt Legislation on Rural Residential Property Values; Richard Vyn , University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm NAREA Business Meeting, Pawtucket

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

8:30 am – 12:30 pm **Registration for Annual Meeting & Workshop Continues**

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Invited Presentation, Concord Middlesex**

Cross-Disciplinary Ecosystem Services Research: Getting Ecology and Economics to 'Sing Together'

James Boyd, Resources for the Future

Moderator: Kathleen Bell, University of Maine, President-Elect NAREA

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Morning Break**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **SELECTED PAPER SESSIONS 4.a – 4.d**

4.a **Environmental Policy**

Concord Middlesex 1

Moderator: Edward Jaenicke, Pennsylvania State University

Price Drivers of CO2 Allowances under Regional Emission Trading Scheme: An Empirical Study on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; Rou Yu Wu, University of Connecticut

Targeting for enforcement: mandatory pollution prevention (P2) planning under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act of 1900, Donna Harrington, University of Vermont

Is There Motor Fuel Fiscal Competition in the EU?; Aliya Sassi , University of New Hampshire

The Effects of Adaptation Measures on Damages; Meri Davlasheridze , The Pennsylvania State University, Karen Fisher-Vanden, The Pennsylvania State University, and Allen Kaliber, The Ohio State University

4.b **Space, Information, and Household Behavior**

Concord Middlesex 2

Moderator: Kent Messer, University of Delaware

Spatial Externalities and Strategic Behavior in Accessing Groundwater Resource: Evidence from the Lab; Zhuo Liu , University of Delaware, Jordan Suter, Oberlin College, Kent Messer, University of Delaware, and Joshua Duke, University of Delaware

Contaminated Sites and Information in Hedonic Models: an Analysis of a New Jersey Property Disclosure Law; Patrick Walsh , US EPA: National Center for Environmental Economics

Household Preferences for Alternative Recycling Services; Christopher Wright and John Halstead, University of New Hampshire

Merging economics and psychology yields factors driving people to drive less; Mario Teisl and Stacia Dreyer, University of Maine

4.c **Tourism, Energy, and Economic Impacts**

Lower Locks 1

Moderator: Carolyn Dimitri, New York University

Factors Influencing Agritourism Adoption on Farms; Kevin Sullivan and Brian Schilling, Rutgers University

An analysis of the economic impacts of cruise tourism on coastal communities - a Bar Harbor Case Study; Emily Freedman, James McConnon, and Todd Gabe, University of Maine

Wind versus Coal: A Comparison of the Local Economic Impacts from Alternative Energy Developments in Appalachian; Alan Collins, West Virginia University, Evan Hansen, Downstream Strategies, and Michael Hendryx, West Virginia University

Consumer demand and willingness to pay for renewable energies and potential opportunities for farmers: Evidence from Vermont; Qingbin Wan, Robert Parsons, and Laurel Valchuis, University of Vermont

4.d **Ecosystem Services**

Lower Locks 2

Moderator: Dana Marie Bauer, Boston University

Evaluating the Demand for Ecosystem Service Credit Markets; Rondi Schei, Sahan Dissanayake, and David Ervin, Portland State University

Environmental Accounting and Depletion of Nonrenewable Resources in Presence of Technological Progress: A Case Study of Colombia; Michee Lachaud and Farhed Shah, University of Connecticut

The impacts of risk preferences and option value on the timing of conservation technology adoption; Jordan Suter, Oberlin College and Karina Schoengold, University of Nebraska

Valuing local carbon sequestration along an urban-to-rural gradient; Dana Marie Bauer, Lucy Hutyra, and Steve Raciti, Boston University

The Economics of Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services
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Tuesday, June 12, 2012

- 9:00 AM **Keynote Address** in coordination with NAREA Annual Meeting
Cross-Disciplinary Ecosystem Services Research: Getting Ecology and Economics to 'Sing Together'
James W. Boyd, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for the Management of Ecological Wealth, Resources for the Future
- 10:30 AM **Special Concurrent Session on Ecosystem Services at NAREA Annual Meeting**
TBA (4 papers)
- 12:15 PM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 12:30 PM **Lunch with Invited Plenary Speaker**
Economics and Environmental Markets: Lessons from Water Quality Trading
James S. Shortle, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Environmental Economics & Director, Environment and Natural Resources Institute, Penn State University
- 2:00 PM **Selected Papers Session I – Ecological Restoration**
Stated preferences for intermediate versus final ecosystem services: disentangling willingness to pay for omitted outcomes
Robert Johnston, Clark University

Valuing ecosystem restoration: tradeoffs, experience and optimal design
Sahan Dissanayake, Portland State University

Valuing environmental assets in rural landscapes using hedonic pricing method
Maksym Polyakov, University of Western Australia
- 3:30 PM **Break**
- 3:50 PM **Selected Papers Session II – Agriculture and Forest Lands**
Modeling the production of multiple ecosystems services from agricultural and forest landscape in Rhode Island
Tingting Liu, University of Rhode Island

Evaluating tradeoffs among ecosystem services in public lands management
Jeffrey Kline, USDA Forest Service

Prioritizing ecosystem service protection and conservation efforts in the forest plantations of the Red Hills region
Rebecca Moore, University of Georgia

5:20 PM **Planning Session for Day Two**

5:30 PM Adjourn Day One

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Day Two Opening Remarks

9:10 AM **Selected Papers Session III – Externalities**

Ecosystem service tradeoffs in the implementation of the Bay TMDL

Lisa Wainger, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

Biomass production, nitrogen fertilizer externalities, and forest ecosystem services: maximizing net benefits

David Timmons, University of Massachusetts Boston

The additionality of offsets in Chesapeake Bay nutrient trading

Joshua Duke, University of Delaware

10:40 AM Break

11:00 AM **Selected Papers Session IV – Wildlands**

An economic assessment of ecosystem service values supported by wetlands of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Douglas Patton, University of Georgia

The value of forever wild: an economic analysis of land use and land regulation in the Adirondack Park

Carrie Tuttle, Clarkson University

Valuation of ecosystem services: the case of Örség National Park, Hungary

Ildiko Losonci, University of New Hampshire

12:30 PM **Lunch with Invited Plenary Speaker**

Demand-Side Values for Ecosystem Services and Implications for Innovative Ecosystem Service Markets

Stephen K. Swallow, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut

2:00 PM **Working Session – A Research Agenda for Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services**

3:10 PM Break

3:30 PM **Working Session – Discussion of ARER Special Issue and Potential Edited Book Volume for Policy Audience**

4:30 PM Adjourn Conference