**Southern Region AAAE Program Improvement Committee Meeting**

**February 1, 2015**

**Atlanta, GA**

Attendance: David Jones, Wendy Warner, Gaea Wimmer Hock, Rebekah Epps, Joy Morgan, Shane Robinson

**Poster Chairperson’s Report:**

63 total posters

* 27 Research Posters with an 64% Acceptance Rate
* 18 Innovative Idea Posters with a 86% Acceptance Rate

**Points of Discussion**

* People’s Choice in posters leads to more diversity in awards, not just schools with the most graduate students present. People appreciate not having to judge posters and being able to visit all of the posters not just ones they are asked to judge.
* Friendly reminder that if you have the exact same poster and paper accepted to the conference to please decide which one should be pulled and notify the chairperson of either posters or papers.
* Recommend a 1 hour poster session if the poster session is early morning. Most people don’t arrive before 7:30 anyway.
* Recommend working with the conference planning committee to evaluate other times that the poster session may be held such as an afternoon session with ice-cream.
* Recommend to improve the Program Improvement Committee by diversifying membership. Teacher education is well represented, but we value and appreciate other interest areas in order to gain a better perspective.
* Moved that the Program Improvement Committee explore partnerships with the host city and state; and coordinate with the Professional Development Committee and Conference Planning Committee; to coordinate a panel discussion to better serve and reach major stakeholders in Agriculture. The Program Improvement Chair would be in charge of working with the Planning and Professional Development Committee. We seek $1000 from the AAAE Board to ensure this occurs.
* If you have a poster that has been accepted at a regional or national conference that poster is eligible for presentation at the NAAE Conference if directly related or of interest to agricultural teachers. The poster will not have to be reviewed again for any reason. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Becki Lawver or Tim Murphy.
* Friendly reminder to please pay your AAAE dues so that you can serve as a reviewer for posters and papers.

**Program Improvement Committee Members**

Rebekah B. Epps (2/14-2/16)

Diana King (2/14-2/16)

Stephen Edwards (2/14-2/16)

Gaea Hock (2/16-2/19) Chair

Joy Morgan (2/16-2/19)

David Jones (2/16-2/19)

Shane Robinson (2/16-2/19)

**2015 Poster Session Results**

**Distinguished Innovative Idea Poster Presentations:**

An Inverse Model for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in Urban Food Deserts

Lindsay Breuler and Gary Straquadine

The Ohio State University

Healthy You, Healthy Extension

Nicole Stedman and Christopher Mott

University of Florida

Helping Probationary Students Succeed: Digging Up the Roots of the Problem

Mary T. Rodriguez, R. Elaine Turner, and T. Grady Roberts

Teacher Professional Development: Modules of Instruction for Students with Disabilities

Rachel A. Manning and Andrew Thoron

University of Florida

The Five Essential Elements of Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs

R.G. (Tre) Easterly III and Brian E. Myers

University of Florida

**Outstanding Innovative Idea Poster Presentation**

Stepping Outside of Comfort Zones Through the Use of Service Learning

Joy Morgan and Elizabeth Wilson

North Carolina State University

**Distinguished Research Poster Presentations:**

A Comprehensive View of the Environmental Science Literacy of North Carolina Preservice Agriculture Teachers

Kevin Curry, Jr., Wendy J. Warner, Travis D. Park, Kathryn Stevenson

North Carolina State University

A Qualitative Examination of Success Factors for Tenure Track Women Faculty in Agricultural Education

Valerie McKee, Theresa P. Murphrey, Carley Christiansen, Summer F. Odom

Texas A & M University

Effective Teaching? Agriculture Teachers’ Confidence in Instructional Method Use and Perceived Effectiveness

Kasee Smith and John Rayfield

Texas A & M University

Measuring Student Critical in a Contemporary Issues in Agriculture Course

Laura Lemons and Carley Calico

Mississippi State University

Raising Awareness about Food Security with Generation Z: Outcomes of a Worshop with Florida 4H Members

Seth Heinert

University of Florida

**Outstanding Research Poster Presentation**

What is Urban Agricultural Education?

Emily P. Cabrera, Eric D. Rubenstein, and Kristopher M. Elliott

University of Georgia