

2019 AAAE Research Conference Chair Report

Presented May 22, 2019 by Scott Burris, 2019 Co-Chair

At the 2018 conference in Charleston, Dr. Courtney Meyers and myself volunteered to co-chair the 2019 conference.

The initial call for papers was sent on May 31, 2018. The deadline for submission was published as January 22nd, 2019. This was the same date as the previous year, but the conference dates were one week later, effectively giving an extra week for the review process. Reminder calls were sent in September, December, and January.

On October 10th, we presented a proposal to the research committee to deviate from the AAAE Conference Protocols by having a special research session for the distinguished manuscripts. After approval from the research committee, it was presented to the AAAE Board on November 1st.

We received 95 manuscripts by the deadline. We also received one a few minutes past the deadline and I made the decision to include it, bringing the total manuscripts for review to 96.

Two hundred and eighty-eight reviews were assigned on February 4th to 145 reviewers. Dr. Rayfield and Thoron can comment on the review process.

We received the summary data for the review process on March 23rd. Working with Marilyn, we determined the conference capacity for concurrent sessions to be 60 manuscripts (which is the same as last year). In addition, we had space for 5 additional manuscripts resulting from the special session for distinguished manuscripts. We notified authors for the top 65 ranked manuscripts of acceptance to the conference (acceptance rate = 66%).

On April 5th, we sent a call for facilitators and discussants. We had more than sufficient responses to fill all of the roles.

On April 19th, final manuscripts were sent to all discussants to prepare discussant comments to be included in the proceedings.

On May 9th, invitations were sent to judges for the distinguished manuscript selection.

Proceedings were posted to the AAAE website on May 20th.

Dr. Meyers and I would like to extend special thanks to the following;

Dr. Rayfield and Dr. Thoron – conference submission manager/manager elect

Reviewers, discussants, facilitators, judges, and volunteers

Caitlin Stanton – TTU Graduate Assistant for organizing the proceedings

Respectfully submitted,
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Conference Co-Chairs