**Program Improvement Committee Report**

SRAAE

February 2, 2019

Birmingham, Alabama

* 4 members and 3 graduate students attended
* Poster Numbers
  + 83% acceptance (36/30) – Innovative
  + 74% acceptance (28/38) – Research
* Mark Legendre discussed things SAAS provides for SR-AAAE
  + Negotiates rooms/AV/food/meeting rooms
  + No limit on posters presented
  + Super Bowl is optional – just need to tell SAAS
  + 3rd party shops for conference locations
  + Decision to part ways needs to be made within 6 months
* Discussed areas of concern and possible reasons for separating from SAAS
  + Time of year of conference
  + Affiliation with SAAS still worth it?
  + Collegiality with other disciplines vs our own conference
  + Location and planning can be easier on host state
  + Change rotation of SR-AAAE to match rotation of SAAS
  + Superbowl vs collegial reception
* Reviewed acceptance/rejection of posters and review process
  + Accept all vs keep current system
* Nominees
  + Rebekah Epps – Chair 2020
  + Tonya Dvorak
* Action Items
  + Move that we propose an opportunity to discuss the location, venue, and timing in regards to the conference in its current form. (Decision to split for 2021 conference needed within six months)
    - Need to include Ag Comm, Ag Leadership, etc. in the discussion to see their point of view also need to incorporate Oklahoma as they will be the host state in 2021.
  + Move to approach the full board that we will be contacting the other AAAE regions to evaluate their Innovative and Research submission and acceptance/rejection process and report back after complete.