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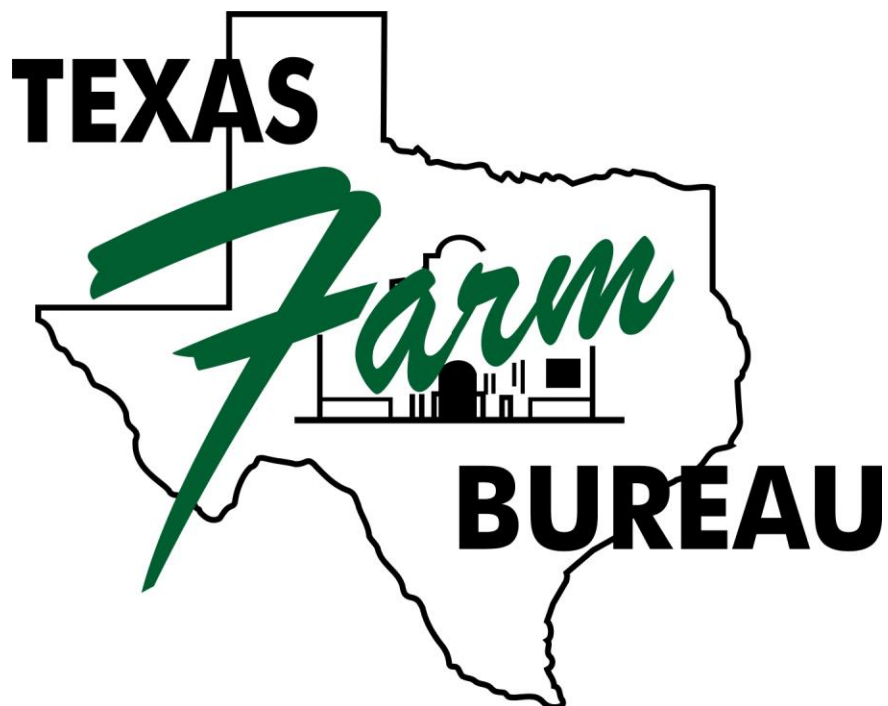
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2008 HOST STATE: NORTH CAROLINA

*February 2-5, 2008
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration..... Grand Hall**
John Rayfield, NC State University
- 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. Icebreaker Reception..... Press Club**
Facilitator: Antoine Alston
- 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. TAPS (Tenure & Promotion Support Session) Press Club**
Administrative & Faculty Perspectives on Promotion and Tenure
Presiding: Mark Kistler, NC State University
Speakers: James Leising, Oklahoma State University
Donna Graham, University of Arkansas
Barry Croom, NC State University
- 9:30 – 10:30 p.m. Night Owl Registration Grand Hall**
John Rayfield, NC State University

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration..... Grand Hall**
John Rayfield, NC State University
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Graduate Student Breakfast (must have preregistered to attend)..... Press Club**
Presiding: David Jones, NC State University
Speaker: Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech University
Facilitator: Sarah Brierton, NC State University
- 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Vespers Service.....Dallas Ballroom A2**
Presiding: James Flowers, NC State University
Facilitator: Curtis White, Clemson University

10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Opening SessionDallas Ballroom A3

Presiding: Antoine Alston, NC A&T State University
Call To Order : James Dyer, University of Florida
Welcome: Antoine Alston, NC A&T State University
Remarks: Dennis Duncan, SAAS Division Vice-President (Outstanding Paper Selection)
Gary Moore, Research Meeting
Jason Peake, Poster Sessions
Facilitators: Chastity Warren English, NC A&T State University
Rusty Miller, NC A&T State University

10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Research Session I

Session A: Extension Education..... City View 1

Chair: Christopher Mathis, South Carolina State University
Discussant: Penny S. Haase-Wittler, Southern Arkansas University
Facilitator: Rick Maxwell, Texas Cooperative Extension Service

Relationships Between the Perceived Characteristics of E-Extension and Barriers to Its Adoption

Amy Harder, University of Florida & James Lindner, Texas A&M University

Influences on Florida Agricultural Extension Agents' Decisions to Remain in the Extension Organization

Shannon Arnold, University of Florida; Nick Place, University of Maryland; Ed Osborne, University of Florida; Glen Israel, University of Florida & Sandra Tenbroeck, University of Florida

Extension Agents' Educational Preferences for Learning About Conservation Tillage Systems

K. S. U. Jayaratne, North Carolina State University; Julia W. Gaskin, University of Georgia; R. Dewey Lee, University of Georgia; D. Wayne Reeves, USDA ARS & Gary Hawkins, University of Georgia

Session B: Teacher Preparation..... City View 2

Chair: Shane Robinson, Oklahoma State University
Discussant: George Wardlow, University of Arkansas
Facilitator: Tanya Franke, Oklahoma State University

Cooperating Teachers' Perceptions of Student Teachers' Learning Gaps in FFA, Leadership Development, SAE and Program Management

Amy Crump, Habersham Central High School (Georgia); John C. Ricketts, University of Georgia; Dennis W. Duncan, University of Georgia and Jason B. Peake, University of Georgia

Perspectives of Successful Agricultural Science and Technology Teachers on their Preparation to Teach Agricultural Mechanics

Richard K. Ford, Glen C. Shinn, Texas A&M University & David E. Lawver, Texas Tech University

Structured Communication: Effects on Student Teacher – Cooperating Teacher Relationships

Don W. Edgar, South Dakota State University; T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University & Tim Murphy, Texas A&M University

Exploring The Effects of Structured Communication on Teaching Efficacy of Student Teachers and Student Teacher – Cooperating Teacher Relationships

Don W. Edgar, South Dakota State University; T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University & Tim Murphy, Texas A&M University

Session C: Secondary Agricultural Education ProgramsDallas Ballroom A2

Chair: Thomas Broyles, Virginia Tech

Discussant: Todd Brashears, Texas Tech University

Facilitator: Rebecca McGovney-Ingram, Texas A&M University

Secondary Agricultural Science as Content and Context for Teaching

T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University & Anna L. Ball, University of Florida

Identifying Early Career Secondary Agriculture Teachers' Needs and Preferences of Support

Ann M. De Lay, University of Florida & Shannon Washburn, University of Florida

Quality Indicators of Secondary Agricultural Education Programs

Charles Cordell Jenkins, III, Rolla Technical Institute (Missouri) & Tracy Kitchel, University of Kentucky

12:00 - 1:30 p.m

Brown Bag Luncheon & Committee Meetings

(Lunch will be delivered to Press Club)

AAAE Regional Committee Meetings

(all members are welcome and encouraged to attend committee meetings))

Professional Development Committee*

City View Room 1

Nicole Stedman - Chair

Jay Morgan

Robin Horstmeier

Program Improvement Committee*

City View Room 2

Jason Peake - Chair

Kathleen Kelsey

Dennis Duncan

David Jones

Research Committee*

Dallas Ballroom A2

Grady Roberts - Chair

Mark Kistler

Tracy Kitchel

Scott Burris

John Rayfield

Anna Ball

Member Services Committee*

Press Club

Adam Kantrovich - Chair

Kirk Swortzel

Curt Friedel

Department/Program Heads

Press Club

Matt Baker, Presiding

*Function and Duties of the Standing Committees are found at the end of this program.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. SIGS..... Press Club

Facilitator: James Dyer

- Ag Communication
- Ag Leadership
- Ag Education in Domestic and International Settings: Extension & Outreach
- Ag Education in University and Postsecondary Settings
- Ag Education in Schools

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Innovative and Research Poster Set-Up..... Grand Hall

Chair: Jason Peake, University of Georgia

Facilitator: K.S.U. (Jay) Jayaratne, NC State University

*Break Refreshments will be delivered to the Press Club at 2:00 in preparation for the Poster Session. You are to pick up refreshments there and then go to the Grand Hall and view the Posters

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Innovative and Research Poster Session Grand Hall

Research Posters

Student Attitudes vs. Technology Barriers: Who Wins??? - *Sara Brierton & David Jones, North Carolina State University*

The Effectiveness of a Dynamic Interdisciplinary Food Safety Curriculum Targeted on Middle School Students in Tennessee – *Sarah Johnson & Carrie Fritz, University of Tennessee*

What Affects Changes in Middle School Students' STEM Interests and Beliefs?
Shannon H. Degenhart, Gary J. Wingenbach, Diana L. Mowen, James R. Lindner & Larry Johnson, Texas A&M University

Enhancing Preservice Agriculture Teachers' Reflective Practice Using the Structured Field Experience – *Ann Marie De Lay, Shannon G. Washburn & Anna L. Ball, University of Florida*

Needs Assessment for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers Program: Who are Young Agriculturist in Virginia – *Rose Bradshaw, Virginia Tech, Doug Stoughton, Virginia Farm Bureau, Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech*

Is a Sense of Community Important to Distance Students? – *Rene P. Miller, Texas Tech/Texas A&M, Kim E. Dooley, Texas A&M University; David L. Doerfert, Texas Tech University; Theresa Pehl Murphrey, Texas A&M University; Scott H. Burris, Texas Tech University; Larry M. Dooley, Texas A&M University*

A Demographic Analysis of FFA Members' Chapter Leadership Engagement – *Brittany Wilkinson, Cameron White & Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky*

Keep the "Science" in Agriscience: The Importance of Science Integration into Agricultural Education – *Tiffany L. Johnston & T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University*

A Summation of the Preparation Level of First and Second Year Kentucky Agricultural Education Teachers – *Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky; Stacy K. Vincent, Murray State University; Amber Houck, University of Kentucky; Jay Morgan, Murray State University*

Factors Likely to Create Safety-Conscious Equestrians in the 4-H Horse Program – *Courtney Hathaway & John Rayfield, North Carolina State University*

The Effects of Reading Strategies upon Student Achievement Through the Content Area of Agricultural Education – *J. Chris Wilder, Williston High School; Anna J. Warner & Brian E. Myers, University of Florida*

Strategies Used by Agricultural Science Teachers to Serve Secondary Students with Disabilities – *Bob Williams, Texas A&M University Commerce; Terri Phillips, Corsicana Independent School District; Misty Lair & Erin Wilson, Texas A&M University Commerce*

Codifying the Wisdom of Expert Teacher Practice in Agriscience Fair Projects – *Brian Myers & Anna L. Ball, University of Florida*

Who is Living Where: An Assessment of Students Volunteering to Live in a Residential Learning Community or other On-Campus Resident Housing – *Steele Hogue & Todd Brashears, Texas Tech University*

Extension Education within the Land-Grant University System – *Matt Benge, Diane Mashburn & Amy Harder, University of Florida*

Providing a Safer Consumer Product: Will Beef Cattle Producers Take the Next Step – *Laura Lemons & Todd Brashears, Texas Tech*

Seven Years of Stakeholder Evaluation Trends Regarding Experiential Learning – *Sarah Baughman, Barry A. Garst & Nicholas E. Fuhrman, Virginia Tech*

An Assessment of Minor Crop Producers' Extension and Education Needs – *Tanya C. Franke, Kathleen D. Kelsey & Tom Royer, Oklahoma State University*

Understanding the Strengths of our Future Agricultural Leaders – *Eric K. Kaufman & Thomas W. Broyles, Virginia Tech*

Student Teacher Data Collection Yields Positive Results – *John Ricketts & Jason Peake, University of Georgia*

Assessing the Employability Skills of Graduates in Hard vs. Soft Disciplines in a College of Agriculture – *J. Shane Robinson, Oklahoma State University*

Experiences of First Year Agricultural Education Teachers – *Robin Peiter Horstmeier, Cameron C. White & Amber M. Houck, University of Kentucky*

Experiences of Agricultural Education Student Teacher Interns – *Amber M. Houck, Cameron C. White & Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky*

Gender Differences Among Agricultural Education Instructors' Attitudes Toward Information Technology – *Ryan Anderson, Murray State University; Rusty Miller, North Carolina A&T; Bob Williams, Texas A&M Commerce; Marshall Swafford, Moore High School; Kristy Brooks, Stony Point High School*

Implications of Maintenance and Motivator Factors on Extension Agent Turnover – *Robert Strong & Amy Harder, University of Florida*

Innovative Posters

Health Rocks! as a Leadership Tool – *Shanna Holder, Landon Summers, Jacquelyn Deeds & Susan Holder, Mississippi State University*

Future Agricultural Education Teacher Academy – *Jon W. Ramsey & Karie M. Smith, Oklahoma State University*

The Use of Action Research in a Reformed Pre-service Teacher Preparation Program – *Thomas W. Broyles, Rachel M. Morgante-Richmeier & Edward W. McCann Jr., Virginia Tech*

Developing a Comprehensive Recruiting Program: The Top Ten Things Deans/Department Chairs Should Know About Recruitment – *Lucas Dee Maxwell, University of Florida*

Save the Water! A Master Gardener Musical-Comedy with a Message – *Pat Grace, Virginia Tech*

Professional Development for Tractor and Machinery Certification – *Robert L. Williams Erin Wilson & Misty Lair, Texas A&M Commerce*

Program Evaluation and Development in Agricultural Leadership for FFA Officers – *John Lindsey, Worth County High School; Jamie Stevens, Lee County High Middle School; Dennis Duncan & John C. Ricketts, University of Georgia*

Internet Educational Games: Teaching Agriculture in the Digital World – *John C. Ricketts, Dennis Duncan & Frank Flanders, University of Georgia*

AgTube: Using Video Clips as a Pedagogical Tool to Teach Agriculture – *Dennis Duncan, John C. Ricketts & Frank Flanders, University of Georgia*

Student Success Workshop Series: A Student Retention Strategy Facilitated Through University Collaboration - *Amanda Lee, Barbara M. Kirby, Angel Johnson & Alease Hancock, North Carolina State University*

Reel me in! Using Movies to Reinforce Foundations in Teaching and Learning – *Amber M. Houck, Cameron C. White, Derek J. Smith & Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky*

The Big City, Big County Road Show Recruitment Model – *Lacey Brienne Frazee, Texas A&M University*

Documenting Accommodations for Special Needs Students in Agricultural Education – *Dana Melvin & Elizabeth Wilson, North Carolina State University*

The Importance of Sharing – A Web-Based National Database for Agricultural Education Lesson Plans – *Jason Peake & John Ricketts, University of Georgia*

Assisting Georgia Agriculture Teachers with Technology Integration – *Jason Peake, University of Georgia; James D. Scott, Coffee County High School*

Arkansas Biodiesel Research, Demonstration, and Education Project – *Garris T. Hudson, Donald M. Johnson & George W. Wardlow, University of Arkansas*

Computer Simulation of Statistical Concepts: A Visual Method for Enhancing Student Learning – *Donald M. Johnson, University of Arkansas*

LEI: Leadership Education Institute for Faculty in Colleges of Agriculture – *Penny Pennington Weeks, Jennifer Williams, William Weeks, Jay Barbuto, Cindy Blackwell, Christine Langone & Carol McBryde, Oklahoma State University*

Freshman College Orientation Courses in Agriculture: Enhancing Student Engagement – *Joey E. Mehlhorn & James N. Butler, University of Tennessee at Martin*

Using Movies to Teach – *David Jones, North Carolina State University*

Utilizing a Tablet Computer to Capture Evidence for Performance Based Assessment – *Richard Steffen, Illinois State University*

eLearning as a Tool for Faculty-Development Prior to Delivering Learner-Centered Workshops in International Settings – *Andrew C. Thoron, University of Florida; T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University; R. Kirby Barrick, University of Florida; Mohamed M. Samy, MUCIA-AERI Linkage Project*

Increasing Multicultural Diversity through Educational Partnerships – *Doug Morrish, Texas State University San Marcos; Nora Garza, Laredo Community College; Aditi Angirasa, Texas State University San Marcos*

An 1862–1890 Partnership to Deliver Agricultural Education - *T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University; Wash A. Jones, Prairie View A&M University; Gary E. Briers, Scott R. Cummings, Kim E. Dooley & Chanda Elbert, Texas A&M University; Richard W. Griffin, Prairie View A&M University; Julie F. Harlin, Alvin Larke, Jr., Landry Lockett, Theresa Pesl Murphrey, Tim H. Murphy, Don L. Renchie & Christine D. Townsend, Texas A&M University*

- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.** **SAAS Board of Directors Meeting.....Majestic Boardroom 1**
(Antoine Alston/Dennis Duncan/Craig Edwards)
- 3:30 p.m.** **SAAS General Session.....Dallas Ballroom A3**
- 5:00 p.m.** **SAAS Reception - Super Bowl PartyDallas Ballroom B/C**
(Kickoff: 5:18 p.m.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 a.m. Registration..... Grand Hall
John Rayfield, NC State University

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Research Session II

Session D: Leadership Development City View 1

Chair: David Jones, North Carolina State University

Discussant: Marcus Comer, North Carolina A&T State University

Facilitator: Thaysa Campbell, North Carolina A&T State University

FFA Chapters Involved in Civic Engagement Describe Member Role and Context of Leadership Activities

Robin Peiter Horstmeier, University of Kentucky; Brittany Wilkinson, University of Kentucky & Cameron C. White, University of Kentucky

Exploring Goal-Setting as a Tool for Leadership Development

Eric K. Kaufman, Virginia Tech; Glenn D. Israel, University of Florida & Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech

Professional Development for Local Volunteer Leaders: A Conceptual Plan

Eric K. Kaufman, Virginia Tech; Hannah S. Carter, University of Florida & Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech

Engaging Hispanic Students in Agricultural Education and the FFA: A Case Study

T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University; Johnathan L. Hall, Texas A&M University; Gary Briers, Texas A&M University; Ernie Gill, National FFA Organization; Glen Shinn, Texas A&M University & Alvin Larke, Jr., Texas A&M University

Session E: Higher Education..... City View 2

Chair: Kim Dooley, Texas A&M University

Discussant: Barbara Kirby, North Carolina State University

Facilitator: Holly Kasperbauer, Virginia Tech

Student Experiences as Peer Learning Assistants in the Life, Agricultural, and Natural Sciences

Anna Ball, University of Florida & Neil Knobloch, Purdue University

Academic Advising: Does a Match Between Advisors' Academic Advising Style and Students' Preferred Advising Style Have an Effect on Student Satisfaction?

Margo D. Hale, University of Arkansas; Donna L. Graham, University of Arkansas & Donald M. Johnson, University of Arkansas

Levels of Student Development in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida

Brian Estevez, University of Florida & Ed Osborne, University of Florida

Session F: Academic Integration in Agricultural Education City View 3

Chair: Jay Morgan, Murray State University
Discussant: David Doeffert, Texas Tech University
Facilitator: Shauna Holder, Mississippi State University

Effects of a Math-Enhanced Curriculum and Instructional Approach on Student's Achievement in Mathematics: A Year-long Experimental Study in Agricultural Power and Technology

R. Brent Young, North Dakota State University; M. Craig Edwards, Oklahoma State University & James Leising, Oklahoma State University

Self-Reported Level of Mathematics Integration of Outstanding Virginia Agricultural Educators

Ryan Anderson, Murray State University, Robert (Bob) Williams, Texas A&M University – commerce & John Hillison, Virginia Tech.

Integrating Academics into Agriculture Programs: A Delphi Study to Determine Perceptions of the National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy Participants

Brian E. Myers, University of Florida & Gregory W. Thompson, Oregon State University

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Break Majestic Board Room 4/5

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. AAAE – SRC Business Session I..... Majestic Board Room 4/5

Presiding: James Dyer, Southern Region AAAE Vice-President
Facilitating: Adam Kantrovich, Southern Region AAAE Alt. Vice President
Elizabeth Wilson, Southern Region AAAE Secretary

12:00 - 1:30 p.m Conference Luncheon..... Majestic Board Room 4/5

Presiding: Antoine Alston, Southern Region AAAE Vice- President
Invocation: John Ricketts
Introduction of New Faculty & Graduate Students: Antoine Alston
Memorial Recognitions: James Dyer
Mystery Speaker

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Issues Forum..... Majestic Board Room 4/5

Presiding: Barry Croom

Topic: The National Research Agenda for Agricultural Education and Communication: Where do we go from here?

Speakers: Larry Case, United States Department of Education
Kim Dooley, Texas A&M University
Rick Rudd, Virginia Tech University

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Break Majestic Board Room 4/5

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. AAAE – SRC Business Session II Majestic Board Room 4/5

Presiding: James Dyer, Southern Region AAAE Vice-President
Facilitating: Adam Kantrovich, Southern Region AAAE Alt. Vice President
Elizabeth Wilson, Southern Region AAAE Secretary

5:30 p.m. An Agricultural Education Evening Out WestSouthfork Ranch
*(Buses will pick attendees up from the Silhouette's Entrance
directly across from the gift shop at the front of the hotel.)*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 a.m. SAAS Board of Directors Meeting.....Majestic Boardroom 1
(Antoine Alston/Dennis Duncan/Craig Edwards)

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Research Session III

Session G: The Profession City View 1

Chair: Ben Byler, Tennessee Tech University
Discussant: Randol Waters, University of Tennessee
Facilitator: Landon Summers, Mississippi State University

Research Themes, Authors, and Methodologies in The Journal of Agricultural Education: A Ten Year Look

Leslie D. Edgar, University of Arkansas; Don W. Edgar, South Dakota State University, Gary E. Briers, Texas A&M University & Tracy Rutherford, Texas A&M University

Research Themes in Agricultural Education: Future Gap Analysis of the National Research Agenda

Leslie D. Edgar, University of Arkansas; Gary E. Briers, Texas A&M University & Tracy Rutherford, Texas A&M University

Factors Influencing Faculty Migration to Department Chair Positions in Colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Elio Chiarelli, Jr., University of Florida & Ed Osborne, University of Florida

Session H: Experiential Learning City View 2

Chair: Carrie Fritz, University of Tennessee
Discussant: James Dyer, University of Florida
Facilitator: Mary Brister, Mississippi State University

High School Principal's Current Perceptions Regarding Supervised Agricultural Experience
Beth Wilson, North Carolina State University & John Rayfield, North Carolina State University

Defining Utilization of The Texas Agricultural Science Record Keeping System According to Stakeholder Insight: A Delphi Study

J. Chris Haynes, Oklahoma State University; Kyle W. McGregor, Tarleton State University; Kimberly Bellah; Tarleton State University & David Drueckhammer, Tarleton State University

Examining iPod Use by Texas Agricultural Science and Technology Teachers

Theresa Murphrey, Texas A&M University; Kimberly Miller, Texas A&M University & T. Grady Roberts, Texas A&M University

Session I: Inquiry-Based Learning..... City View 3

Chair: Cliff Ricketts, Middle Tennessee State University

Discussant: James Flowers, North Carolina State

Facilitator: Jill Casten, Virginia Tech

Problems and Inquiry-Based Learning: A Theoretical and Practical Synthesis

John C. Ricketts, University of Georgia; Jon Ramsey, Oklahoma State University & Donna Moore, Virginia Tech

Influence of Creative Problem Solving upon Ninth Grade Student Achievement and Satisfaction

Kim Alexander, Roscoe, TX Independent School District; Matt Baker, Texas Tech University; Glen C. Shinn, Texas A&M University & Jacob Tiemann, Roscoe, TX Independent School District

Agriculture Teacher Perceptions of Preparation to Integrate Science and Their Current use of Inquiry Based Learning

Shannon Washburn, University of Florida & Brian E. Myers, University of Florida

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. BreakCity View 6

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Professional Development Seminar Majestic Board Room 4/5

Chair: Antoine Alston

Speaker 1: Larry Case – Chief Executive Officer and National Advisor, Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education for the U.S. Department of Education

Speaker 2: Larry Lippke , Head Information Technology, Texas Cooperative Extension Service

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon Majestic Board Room 4/5

Presiding: James Flowers

Presenters:

Outstanding Research Paper Presentation: Dennis Duncan

Outstanding Research Posters: Jason Peake

JSAER Award: Tim Murphy

AAAE Southern Region Awards: James Dyer/Adam Kantrovich

S-AAAE Conference Adjourns after Lunch

AAAE Standing Committees and Their Duties

Member Services

Purpose: The purpose of the Member Services Committee is to collect, summarize, and distribute appropriate information/data to the AAAE membership.

Committee Activities: To accomplish its purpose, the Member Services Committee carries out the following activities:

1. Revise and publish annually the Directory of University Agricultural Educators.
2. Conduct an annual salary survey and a periodic supply and demand study, summarize the data and distribute to the membership.
3. Collect and post on the AAAE website the positions available in agricultural education.
4. Provide information and establish policies for posting information on the AAE website and determine policy for release of directory information.
5. Carry out other activities agreed upon by the membership and/or Executive Committee.
6. Review and update the AAAE Constitution and Bylaws as they pertain to the Member Services Committee.
7. Develop opportunities to increase communication in the organization through the use of chat rooms, bulletin boards, and listservs.

Professional Development

Purpose: The purpose of the Professional Development Committee is to plan, develop and coordinate activities that enhance membership in AAAE, provide for the growth and development of members, recognize members for exemplary contributions, and secure competent leaders for the organization to ensure effective and efficient operation of the organization.

Committee Activities: To accomplish its purpose, the Professional Development Committee carries out the following activities:

1. Select a representative from each region to secure nominations for AAAE officers, under the direction of the Past-President.
2. Review the awards program and nominate individuals for appropriate awards.
3. Provide leadership for determining, planning and implementing professional meetings. (i.e. research pre-sessions)
4. Develop and request annually from AAAE a budget for the committee's activities.
5. Carry out other activities related to professional development agreed upon by the membership and/or Executive Committee of AAAE.

Program Improvement

Purpose: The purpose of the Program Improvement Committee is to enhance existing programs, encourage and support new program initiatives, and provide agricultural leadership that will positively impact agricultural education.

Committee Activities: To accomplish its purpose, the Program Improvement Committee carries out the following activities:

1. The committee will identify special interest groups and facilitate collegial working relationships.
2. Provide opportunities for collaboration within and outside of agricultural education.
3. Serve as an advocate for improvement of teaching and learning in agriculture.
4. Provided leadership and representation on organizations of the profession.

5. Coordinate the AAAE Poster Session to facilitate the exchange of ideas and activities among members.
6. Carry out other activities related to program improvement agreed upon by the membership and/or Executive Committee of AAAE.
7. Review and update AAAE Constitution and Bylaws as they pertain to the committee.

Research

Purpose: The purpose of the Research Committee is to promote scholarly research and development activities among the membership that leads to advancing the profession of agricultural education.

Committee Activities: To accomplish its purpose, the Research Committee is charged with the following:

1. Promote dissemination of research through professional research meetings such as the National Agricultural Education Research Conference and regional research conferences.
2. Identify individuals and/or departments to chair the National Agricultural Education Research Conference.
3. Recommend policies related to research conferences to facilitate the dissemination of research.
4. Recommend policies related to dissemination of research through journals and other appropriate media
5. Coordinate with the Communication Committee and other appropriate AAAE committees the dissemination or research on the AAAE web site.
6. Promote recognition of research and development activities of members through programs including: but not limited to:
 - Outstanding research papers at the National Agricultural Education Research Conference
 - Journal of Agricultural Education Author of the Year Awards Program
7. Carry out other activities related to research agreed upon by the membership and/or Executive Committee of AAAE.
8. Foster collaboration with other regions and communicate funding opportunities available for agricultural education research.
9. Maintain a connection with the goals and activities of other related societies and agencies.

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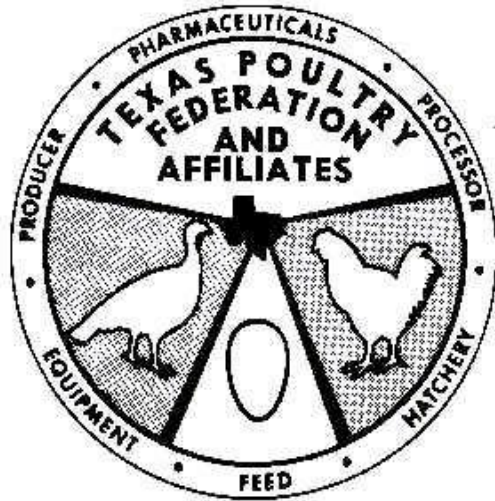
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Agricultural Education Room Locations

Room	Building (Hotel/Convention Center and Floor Number)
City View Room 1	Hotel - 4th Floor <i>(Can Use Center/North Tower Elevators)</i>
City View Room 2	Hotel 4th Floor <i>(Can Use Center/North Tower Elevators)</i>
City View Room 3	Hotel - 4th Floor <i>(Can Use Center/North Tower Elevators)</i>
City View Room 6	Hotel - 4th Floor <i>(Can Use Center/North Tower Elevators)</i>
Majestic Boardroom 1	Center Tower Hotel - 37th floor <i>(Must Use Center Tower Elevator)</i>
Majestic Boardroom 4/5	Center Tower Hotel - 37th floor <i>(Must Use Center Tower Elevator)</i>
Grand Hall	Conference Center - 1st Floor
Press Club	Hotel - 2nd Floor
Lobby	Hotel - 1st Floor
Dallas Ballroom A2	Conference Center - 1st Floor
Dallas Ballroom A3	Conference Center - 1st Floor