

**SAERC (AAAE-S) 2005
Research Committee Meeting
February 6, 2005
Little Rock, AR**

Committee members in attendance: Jim Dyer (chair), Craig Edwards (secretary), Jimmy Linder (past chair), and Todd Brashears

Absent: Barry Boyd

Items of Business and Discussion

1) **Minutes of the previous meeting (February 15, 2004, Tulsa, OK) were read and approved.**

2) **The SAERC 2005 Chair's report (Joe Kotrlik) was accepted.**

54 papers were submitted for the conference; 36 were accepted for presentation for an acceptance rate of 66.7%.

3) **Tim Murphy presented the editor's report for the *Journal of Southern Agricultural Education Research (JSAER)*.**

Based on peer review, 16 papers from the 54 (29.6%) submitted for the conference were considered worthy of review for possible publication in the 2005 *JSAER*. However, authors for three of the papers opted not to pursue publication in the *JSAER*; subsequently, those papers were withdrawn (leaving 24.1% of initial submissions). The editor with guidance from the research committee established a "review rubric" for the purpose of journal acceptance: "accept without revision," "accept with minor revision," "accept pending major revision," and "reject." Papers accepted pending major revision were returned to their authors for that purpose.

The committee discussed the need to solicit an editor-elect for the *JSAER*. It was proposed that this individual should serve one year as editor-elect and then a three-year term as journal editor. Dr. Murphy agreed to serve the 2005-2006 year as editor to facilitate the transition process described above. In addition, he agreed to draft an e-mail message to the AAAE-S listserv soliciting interest in serving as journal editor. It was decided that the proposal would be submitted to the full body during the business session on February 7, 2005.

The editor's report was accepted.

- 4) **Dr. Lindner indicated that he would re-visit the issue of ISSN designation for the *JSAER*.**
- 5) **Regarding committee leadership, Dr. Todd Brashears agreed to serve as chair for 2005-2006. Dr. Craig Edwards consented to serve another year as committee secretary. In an effort to align committee membership numbers (n = 4) with other regional committees and across all AAAE regions, the committee determined that it was not necessary to elect a new member for the 2005-2006 year. However, two new members will need to be elected in 2006: one to serve a two-year term and one to serve a three-year term. In 2007, two new members will need to be elected to serve three-year terms. Beginning in 2008 and thereafter, one new committee member will need to be elected annually for two years of service.**
- 6) **The committee discussed to the need to investigate further an on-line or Web-based manuscript submission process for the conference as well as the *JSAER*.**

Respectfully submitted,

**M. Craig Edwards
Secretary
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