



Western Region Agricultural Education Conference
Great Falls, Montana

Minutes - Business Session I

Thursday, April 22

3:15-4:15 p.m.

Aronson Room

- I. Call to Order – Steve Frazee, Vice-President, on behalf of Billye Foster, President, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
- II. Introductions – Western Region AA AE members and guests
 - a. 40 members were present representing University of Arizona (2), Chico State University (2), Colorado State University (2), University of Idaho (4), Montana State University (3), New Mexico State University (1), University of Nevada-Reno (1), Oklahoma State University (2), Oregon State University (2), Texas A&M University (8), Texas State University (1), Texas Tech University (8), Utah State University (3), and University of Wyoming (1).
 - b. Several graduate students from various Western Region universities were in attendance at the conference but were on a special tour.
- III. A correction to the minutes was recommended. Ben Swan was added to the 2009 winning innovative poster award. This change was also reflected on the Western Region AA AE Awards Record. Jim Knight moved for the approval of the corrected minutes of the 2009 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference. Motion was seconded by Vern Luft. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Conference agenda was reviewed with no changes being suggested or made. Carl Igo, Conference Chair from Montana State University, gave an overview and schedule of the educational tours for Thursday afternoon.
- V. No New Business Items were identified.
- VI. Carl Igo gave the Research Conference Report. The Western Region utilized the Fast Track system again this year. Dr. Igo expressed thanks to the 72 reviewers who assisted in the review process. He reported that 40 papers were submitted this year to the Western Region with 24 being accepted for an acceptance rate of 60.0%. Shannon Arnold expressed thanks to David Doerfert for assistance with the FastTrack system and Jason Peak for assistance in developing the online registration system for the conference. David Doerfert discussed some changes that will occur in the management of the FastTrack system for the regional and national conferences.

- VII. Steve Frazee requested a report from each state for the Supply and Demand Report. These are the number of teachers who will be certified during the 2009-2010 academic year. Members were encouraged to complete the supply and demand survey requested by Jason Peak if they had not done so already.
- VIII. At 3:45 the group was broken into individual committees with the charge to develop committee reports to be presented at the beginning of the second business session. Committees were also asked to provide a list of nominees for their respective committees to replace members with terms ending in 2010.
- IX. At 4:00 the group reconvened and nominations were called for. Nominations for committees included the following:
- a. Western Region Secretary: Cindy Akers and Carl Igo
 - b. Communication and Member Services Committee: Erica Irlbeck, Greg Thompson, and Carl Igo
 - c. Program Improvement Committee: Theresa Murphrey (3 yr.), Ed Franklin (3 yr.), and Mike Spiess (1 yr.)
 - d. Professional Development Committee: Rudy Ritz, Becki Lawver, and Jon Ramsey
 - e. Research Committee: Scott Burris, Michael Pate, and Kelli Ens
 - f. *Journal of Agricultural Education* Editing Managing Board: no nominees
 - g. *Journal of Agricultural Education* Editorial Review Board: Becki Lawver, Jon Ulmer, and Traci Nail
- X. Steve Frazee presented an AAAE update on behalf of President Lloyd Bell. Several items were provided for discussion as part of the update. David Doerfert will be heading up the 2011-2015 National Research Agenda in Agricultural Education. He provided an explanation of the process for updating the National Research Agenda. Information was provided on the AAAE Commons. Other executive board actions were shared including the Digital Object Identifier process, CAST membership, PAS representative, and the National Supply and Demand Study.
- XI. Dr. Frazee asked members to come prepared to Session II with any memorials and with the number of graduates from each institution.
- XII. Shannon Arnold made an announcement about the activities provided for graduate students at this year's conference.
- XIII. The first business session was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education Business Meeting
Western Region Agricultural Education Conference
Great Falls, Montana
Minutes - Business Session II
Friday, April 23, 2010
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Mansfield/Trailsend Room

- I. Steve Fraze, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and announced that it would adjourn at 11:45 for the purpose of loading buses for the educational tours.

- II. For information purposes, states were asked to report the numbers of graduates from each institution.
 - a. Arizona – certifying 10 with approximately six jobs open
 - b. California – certifying approximately 40 with approximately 40 openings
 - c. Colorado – certifying 10 with approximately 8-11 openings
 - d. Idaho – certifying three with 2-5 openings
 - e. Montana – certifying eight (plus three in alternate route) and approximately 11 openings
 - f. Nevada – certifying one with one anticipated opening
 - g. New Mexico - certifying 10 with approximately 10 openings
 - h. Oklahoma – certifying 37 with 12 posted openings and 10 more openings expected
 - i. Oregon – certifying 12 with approximately four openings
 - j. Texas – certifying around 170 with 40 jobs currently posted
 - k. Utah – certifying 20 with approximately six openings
 - l. Washington – no report
 - m. Wyoming – certifying three with three current openings; anticipating two more openings

- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications/Member Services: The committee discussed the concern of a possible disconnect between AAEE and NAAE at the Western Region meetings. To help improve this, it was recommended by the committee that a “best of practice” and “research summaries” be shared together at the western region meetings.

 - b. Program Improvement: Mike Spiess reported that twenty-nine poster abstracts were received by the January 23rd deadline. Of the 29 abstracts, 17 were in the research category and 18 in the idea category. Fourteen Western Region universities were represented. Posters were ranked by

mean Z score in each category (research and idea). Acceptance was based on Z score ranking, acceptance recommendation by the reviews, and the reviewer's comments. Based on the reviews, 26 posters were accepted (74% overall). Thirteen idea posters and 13 research posters were accepted and all authors were notified by email on March 3, 2010. Reviewer scoring and comments were made available to the authors on the web site: www.csuchicoag.org/aaae (reviewer is anonymous). Top three posters in each category will automatically be accepted for the AAEE national meeting. The Program Improvement Committee recognized Mike Spiess for all of his work in managing the poster session and thanked the reviewers and judges for their service. A full report is attached.

- c. Professional Development: Ben Swan gave the Professional Development Committee report which was primarily concerned with the development of educational seminars to be held at future Western Region Conferences. The committee commended Montana State for their pre-conference and in-conference professional development opportunities. The committee recommended that the 2011 conference in Fresno, CA include pre-conference industry tours, invite an educational technology expert outside of agriculture to present, and include round table sessions based on common courses between departments, sharing best practices. A full report is attached. Marty Frick provided a professional development planning guide to those in attendance.
- d. Research Committee: The research committee reported on a reconstitution of the committee. They also discussed the FastTrack system for reviewing research conference manuscripts. The committee recommended that FastTrack continue as the system used for reviewing manuscripts. The committee supports the idea of appointing a central person in the organization to serve as the coordinator of FastTrack for the regional and national conferences, in a three-year rotation, similar to the journal editor.
- e. Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board: A full report is attached.
- f. Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board: Steve Frazee announced that Grady Roberts had proposed a general set of review criteria allowing for a less cumbersome review process. The new review criteria are general enough to include all types of manuscripts.
- g. Consultant to FFA Board of Directors and FFA Foundation Board of Trustees: Jim Knight, Western Region FFA Board Consultant gave the report of the National FFA Board of directors and FFA Foundation Board. He reported that they had met with Dwight Armstrong, recently appointed COO of the National FFA Organization and that it was a positive

experience. He also reported a change in the foundation director, with Bill Fleet serving as the interim director of the foundation until a new director could be appointed.

- IV. Committee elections were held. (All committee members' terms will begin after the National Conference and go through the summer of 2013 unless otherwise noted).
- a. With Billye Foster's move from the Western Region, the terms of the officers were changed slightly. Jack Elliot will continue as past president through 2012, Steve Frazee will serve as the Western Region President through 2012, and Brian Warnick will serve as the Western Region President-Elect through 2012. This change made necessary the election of a new secretary.
 - b. Cindy Akers from Texas Tech University was elected as the secretary for the Western Region through 2012 and will have an eight year commitment in the officer rotation.
 - c. Elected to serve a two year term (through the summer of 2012) for the Communications/Member Services committee was Carl Igo from Montana State University. Elected to serve a three year term (through the summer of 2013) for the Communications/Member Services Committee were: Erica Irlbeck of Texas Tech University and Greg Thompson of Oregon State University.
 - d. Elected to serve a one-year term (through the summer of 2011) on the Program Improvement Committee was Mike Spiess of California State University, Chico. Elected to serve three-year terms on the committee were Theresa Murphrey from Texas A&M University and Ed Franklin from the University of Arizona.
 - e. Elected to serve on the Professional Development Committee were Becki Lawver of Utah State University and Rudy Ritz from Texas Tech University.
 - f. Scott Burris from Texas A&M University and Kelli Ens from Colorado State University were elected to terms on the Research Committee
 - g. Clarification was made related to the Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board. Lori Moore of Texas A&M University will be nominated from Western Region to replace Matt Baker in January 2011 to serve through December 2013. Cindy Akers of Texas Tech will be nominated from Western Region to replace Brian Warnick in January 2012 and will serve through December 2014.
 - h. Becki Lawver from Utah State University and Jon Ulmer from Texas Tech University will be nominated from Western Region to serve on the Journal of Agricultural Education Editorial Review Board from 2011 through 2013.

- V. The rotation of states to host the Western Region AAAE Conference are:
- 2011 – California – Fresno
 - 2012 – Washington
 - 2013 – Oregon
 - 2014 – Hawaii with assistance from Texas Tech and Texas A&M
 - 2015 – Arizona
 - 2016 – Idaho
 - 2017 - Wyoming
 - 2018 - Utah
 - 2019 – Nevada
 - 2020 – Montana with assistance from New Mexico
- VI. Steve Frazee made a request for resolutions with the following being listed:
- a. Carl Igo, Shannon Arnold and Marty Frick, Montana State University for coordinating the 2010 conference.
 - b. Carl Igo and Shannon Arnold at Montana State University for coordinating the research component of the conference.
 - c. Mike Spiess, Chico State for managing the poster session.
 - d. Outgoing President Billye Foster for her service to the region
 - e. The Montana Association of Agricultural Educators

Resolutions will be presented at the end of Business Session II.

- VII. Steve Frazee conducted the 2010 Awards Ceremony for the Western Region.
- a. Jim Knight presented the Outstanding Young Member Award to Scott Burris of Texas Tech State University.
 - b. Jack Elliot presented the Distinguished Research Award to Gary Wingenbach of Texas A&M University.
 - c. Marty Frick presented the Outstanding International Award to Theresa Murphrey of Texas A&M University.
 - d. Carl Reynolds presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Carl Igo of Montana State University
 - e. Vern Luft presented the Distinguished Service Award to Jack Elliot of Texas A&M University
- VIII. Carl Igo and Shannon Arnold presented the 2010 Western Region Research Awards with two papers receiving Distinguished Research Paper Awards and the top paper receiving the Outstanding Research Paper Award.

The Distinguished Papers were:

Entry Level Technical Skills That Agricultural Industry Experts Expect Students to Learn Through Participation in the SAE Component of Secondary Agricultural Education: A Delphi Study by Jon W. Ramsey and M. Craig Edwards of Oklahoma State University

The Effect of Educational Materials on Perceptual Attitudes of Ground Beef Consumers by Lacy Quebe, Todd Brashears, Cindy Akers, Scott Burris, and Gaea Wimmer of Texas Tech University

The Outstanding Research Paper for 2010 was:

Laboratory Management Inservice Needs of Wyoming Secondary Agriculture Teachers by Billy McKim, Texas A&M University, Ryan Saucier, University of Missouri, and Carl Reynolds, University of Wyoming

- IX. Mike Spiess announced that the Poster Session Awards would be presented at the evening banquet.

The Awards for **Research Posters** were:

Third Place Kori Barr, Erica Irlbeck, Cindy Akers, Courtney Meyers, David Doerfert, and Alyx Shultz
Texas Tech University
Improving Undergraduate Curriculum: What do our Alumni Think?

Second Place Bryan K. Ray, Texas A&M University, Traci L. Naile, Texas A&M University, and K. Jill Rucker, Oklahoma State University
Students' new media use as a basis for advancing agricultural communications curricula

First Place Ben Swan
University of Idaho
Northwest's Supply & Demand for 2009-2010: Who is filling the Ag Teaching Positions?

Innovative Idea Posters

Third Place Kimberley Miller and Theresa Pesl Murphrey
Texas A&M/Texas Tech
Enhancing Career Development Event Preparation Utilizing Jing™ Audio/Video Recordings

Second Place Jolynn Miller and Shannon Arnold
Montana State University
Produce Your Own: A Community Gardening Program

First Place Michael Spiess and Mollie Aschenbrener
California State University, Chico
Enhancing Pre-service Teaching Advising by Adopting a Skills Inventory

- X. Erik Larsen provided an overview of the graduate student activities during the western region meeting.
- XI. Brian Warnick offered the following five resolutions in appreciation to those responsible for the success of the 2010 Western Region AAAE Conference held in Great Falls, Montana.

2010 Western Region AAAE Resolutions

Resolution #1

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2010 Western Region Agricultural Education Conference was held April 21-24, 2010 in Great Falls, Montana.

WHEREAS, outstanding planning and implementing went into the 2010 Conference

WHEREAS, Western Region participants were treated to exceptional Montana hospitality

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Conference Chairs Shannon Arnold, Carl Igo, and Marty Frick for a professional, scholarly education and research conference.

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Resolution #3

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2010 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held April 21-24, 2010 in Great Falls, Montana

WHEREAS, the research conference requires detailed planning and communication

WHEREAS, the research conference is an important component of faculty scholarly activity

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Research Co-Chairs Shannon Arnold and Carl Igo from Montana State University for a professional, scholarly research conference.

2010 Western Region AAAE Resolution

Resolution #4

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, the 2010 Western Region Agricultural Education Research Conference was held April 21-24, 2010 in Great Falls, Montana

WHEREAS, the poster session of the conference requires detailed planning and communication

WHEREAS, the poster session is an important component of faculty scholarly activity

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Poster Chair Michael Spiess from California State University, Chico for a professional, scholarly poster session.

Resolution #5

Western Region Appreciation Resolution

Authors: Western Region Association for Agricultural Educators

WHEREAS, Leadership of a professional association requires unique individual talents and leadership skills

WHEREAS, leadership requires countless hours of planning, communication, and personal sacrifice.

Therefore be in Resolved, that the AAAE express our sincere appreciation to Western Region President Billye Foster for five years of selfless service to the organization as an officer from secretary to president and for leading and bearing the banner of the Western Region at the national level during this time.

Brian Warnick moved for the acceptance of all five resolutions and Jim Knight seconded. Motion passed.

- XII. Western Region Conference Rotation and dates for 2011 were decided to be April 21 thru April 24 in Fresno, California.
- XIII. Greg Thompson recognized Vern Luft for his service to the profession as he is retiring at the end of 2010.
- XIV. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

AAAE Western Region Poster Session 2010

Three calls for posters were made to the WR AA AE listserv for posters for display at the 2010 meeting in Great Falls, MT. Thirty five (6 more than 2009) poster abstracts were received by the January 23rd deadline. Of these 29 abstracts 17 were in the research category and 18 in the idea category. Fourteen Western Region universities were represented. Each poster was assigned to three reviewers who reviewed either research or idea posters using the posted rubric. Reviews were completed by March 2nd. The Program Improvement Committee would like to express their thanks for the service of the following reviewers:

Bruce, Jackie	North Carolina State University
Christiansen, James	Texas A & M
Faulkner, Paula	North Carolina A&T State University
Foor, Ryan	The Ohio State University
Foster, Daniel	Penn State University
Friedel, Curt	Louisiana State University
Harbstreit, Steven	Kansas State University
Jones, Wash	Prairie View A&M University
Martin, Robert	Iowa State University
Park, Travis	Cornell University
Peake, Jason	University of Georgia
Smith, Amy	South Dakota State University
Steffen, Dick	Illinois State University
Weeks, Bill	Oklahoma State University

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Posters will be displayed for multiple days at the April meeting. Posters will be judged by members of the Western Region at the April meeting and the top three posters in each category will automatically be accepted for the AA AE national meeting.

A list of the accepted posters and the abstracts were compiled for the meeting proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Spiess, Poster Chair

Accepted Posters

Title	Author	Institution
Innovative Idea		
Enhancing Career Development Event Preparation Utilizing Jing™ Audio/Video Recordings	Kimberley Miller; Dr. Theresa Pesl Murphrey	Texas A & M/Texas Tech
Enhancing Pre-service Teaching Advising by Adopting a Skills Inventory	Michael Spiess and Mollie Aschenbrener	California State University, Chico
Food for Thought Curriculum: An Innovative, Collaborative Agricultural Literacy Project	Emily Holden, Peg Herring, Shawn M. Anderson, Jonathan J. Velez	Oregon State University
Implementing a Collegiate FFA Degree System:	Ben Swan, Kattlyn Wolf, Elizabeth Russell	University of Idaho
Improving 4-H and Military Partnerships Through Operation Military Kids	Michelle Passmore and Dr. Shannon Arnold	Montana State University
Improving Teaching Through Community Service Learning	JoLynn Miller, Dr. Shannon Arnold, Nikki Bailey	Montana State University
Integrating Teaching With Technology	Katie Udem and Dr. Shannon Arnold	Montana State University
Making Learning Meaningful for the Millennials: Podcasting with a Purpose in Agricultural Education	JC Bunch, J. Chris Haynes, Jon W. Ramsey, M. Craig Edwards, Tanner Robertson	Oklahoma State University
Produce Your Own: A Community Gardening Program	JoLynn Miller, Dr. Shannon Arnold	Montana State University
SPSS Syntax for Calculating Mean Weighted Discrepancy Scores	Billy R. McKim & Paul Pope	Texas A&M University
Using Technology to Improve the Teaching of Equine Science: Bringing the Horse Clinician into the Classroom Virtually	Lyndi Sanders, Theresa Pesl Murphrey, Tim Murphy, & Clay A. Cavinder	Texas A&M University
Using YouTube® as a Medium for Teaching Self-Reflection	Michael L. Pate, Rebecca G. Lawver, Brian K. Warnick	Utah State University
Youth Science Literacy and Leadership Development Through the Memorial Middle School Agricultural Extension and Education Center	Amy Pint	New Mexico State University
Research		
Agricultural Mechanics Experience of Texas Agricultural Education Student	P. Ryan Saucier & Billy R. McKim	University of Missouri & Texas

Title	Author	Institution
Teachers		A&M University
Becoming Teachers: Beliefs, Attitudes, and Intent to Teach Agricultural Education	Rebecca Lawver	Utah State University
Effectiveness of Integrating Video Clips into the Secondary Agricultural Education Curriculum	Gaea Wimmer and Courtney Meyers	Texas Tech University
Exploring an Integrated System Approach to Food Security in Developing Countries: A Grounded Theory Study	Caleb Shane, Anh Nguyen, Eric Brenner, M'Randa Sandlin, Megan Kenney, Rachel Brauner, Peggy Wantwadi, Glen C. Shinn, Gary E. Briers	Texas A&M University
Identifying Graduate Students' Areas of Concern	Courtney A. Meyers and Gaea A. Wimmer	Texas Tech University
Important and Implemented Quality Indicators of Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs: Perceptions of Stakeholders	Kellie Enns	Colorado State University
Improving Undergraduate Curriculum: What do our Alumni Think?	Kori Barr, Erica Irlbeck, Cindy Akers, Courtney Meyers, David Doerfert, & Alyx Shultz	Texas Tech University
Northwest's Supply & Demand for 2009-2010: Who is filling the Ag Teaching Positions?	Ben Swan	University of Idaho
Students' new media use as a basis for advancing agricultural communications curricula	Bryan K. Ray, Traci L. Naile, K. Jill Rucker	Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University, Oklahoma State University
The Importance of Mentoring to Distance Graduate Students	Dr. David L. Doerfert, Alyx M. Shultz	Texas Tech University
The Influence of a Professional Development Workshop on Secondary Agriscience Instruction	Heather Jones	Texas Tech University
Twitter Use Among Texas Agricultural Organizations	Mica P. Graybill & Dr. Courtney A. Meyers	Texas Tech University
Youth-Adult Partnerships Get your 50/50	Eric W. Larsen, Carl G. Igo	MSU-Bozeman

2010 Western Region AAE Poster Session Results

Twenty-six posters were display at the Western Region meeting in Great Falls, MT. The Program Improvement committee would like to thank the following individuals who judged posters:

Connors, Jim
Doerfert, David
Dormody, Tom
Elliot, Jack
Franklin, Ed
Frick, Marty
Knight, Jim

Lamm, Dennis
Luft, Vern
Reynolds, Carl
Thompson, Greg
Touchstone, Allison
Wingenbach, Gary

Posters were scored by the judges using the AAE Poster rubrics and ranked using a "Z" score by the Program Improvement Committee. The results are:

Innovative Idea

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| 1 | Enhancing Pre-service Teaching Advising by Adopting a Skills Inventory | Michael Spiess and Mollie Aschenbrener | California State University, Chico |
| 2 | Produce Your Own: A Community Gardening Program | JoLynn Miller, Dr. Shannon Arnold | Montana State University |
| 3 | Enhancing Career Development Event Preparation Utilizing Jing™ Audio/Video Recordings | Kimberley Miller; Dr. Theresa PeSl Murphrey | Texas A & M/Texas Tech |

Research

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| 1 | Northwest's Supply & Demand for 2009-2010: Who is filling the Ag Teaching Positions? | Ben Swan | University of Idaho |
| 2 | Students' new media use as a basis for advancing agricultural communications curricula | Bryan K. Ray, Traci L. Naile, K. Jill Rucker | Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University, Oklahoma State University |
| 3 | Improving Undergraduate Curriculum: What do our Alumni Think? | Kori Barr, Erica Irlbeck, Cindy Akers, Courtney Meyers, David Doerfert, & Alyx Shultz | Texas Tech University |

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Spiess, Poster Chair

2010 Western Region AAAE Professional Development Committee Report

Great Falls, Montana

Prepared and presented by Ben Swan, University of Idaho.

The PD Committee members in attendance were: Ben Swan, Marty Frick, Shannon Arnold, and Jon Ulmer. Committee members absent were: Quintin Molina and Ann Delay.

Additional conference attendees joining the discussion were Craig Edwards, Rudy Ritz, Ryan Saucier, Becky Lawver, and John Ramsey. As Ben Swan and Marty Frick rotate off the committee, three individuals (Rudy Ritz, Becky Lawver, and John Ramsey) accepted nominations to replace.

The committee commends Montana State on their pre-conference and in-conference professional development opportunities. The committee recommends that the conference in Fresno, CA include:

- pre-conference industry tours (#1 ag area in world)
- Invite educational technology expert at Fresno State outside of agriculture to stretch our practice
- include a round table session based on common courses (methods, leadership, etc.) between our departments sharing best practices, syllabi, etc.

In regards to professional development at the 2010 NAERC, the committee identified 3 individuals to approach to comprise a StrengthsFinder implementation panel, including: Rob Terry, Jack Elliot, and Todd Brashears at the conclusion of the Gallup session.

Journal of Agricultural Education
Editing Managing Board
Report to Western Region AAAE, April 22, 2010

The Journal of Agricultural Education has undergone several changes this past year. Some of these changes as well as a few updates regarding the journal are outlined below.

1. Dr. Grady Roberts at University of Florida took over responsibility as editor of the Journal effective January 1, 2010 and Dr. Barry Croom at North Carolina State University became the business manager.
2. Publication guidelines were modified to include the changes outlined in the 6th Edition of the APA publication manual. Although the changes were effective January 1, Grady clarified these modifications in an email sent earlier this week.
3. One major change includes the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) system provides a universal system for online publications under which each individual publication (e.g., each article) is assigned a unique code. This provides a stable way of locating online information. DOI numbers will be included in this next
4. The Journal is hosted on FastPress and recently volumes 48 and 49 were added to this site. With this, all volumes of the journal since 1988 are available electronically with volumes 29-47 currently available on the Texas A&M site and 48 through the current issue available on FastPress. Plans are in place to have Volumes 1-28 scanned and placed on the site.
5. The timeline from acceptance to publication is currently 6-9 months.
6. Volume 51 number 2 is being prepared currently and should be released in June.
7. JAE is cataloged in ERIC and full text copies will be hosted in the system. There is a window of one year before ERIC will publish the journal articles.
8. Some discussion has been held related to the necessity of the JAE business manager position because of the online nature of the journal.