

**American Association for Agricultural Education  
Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board**

***Western Region Meeting Report***

The Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board meeting was held May 15, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, MN. David Doerfert, Cary Trexler, and Matt Baker were in attendance representing the Western region.

**Editorial**

Editor Rama Radhakrishna reported on the activities since our last meeting in Charlotte (May 2006). The highlights of his report included:

- 1) An increase in international submissions
- 2) The delegation of theme editors for future journal issues
- 3) Articles are lined up through 2008
- 4) A thank you to Greg Miller, Jennifer Hoyer, and Wade Miller for their support of the journal
- 5) Submissions for 2007 are on par, and may be a little higher than 2006

**Business**

- The cost to print the Journal is approximately \$60 per member. The group discussed the possibility of increasing dues to cover the cost of publication or, alternatively, discontinuing the printed version entirely.

**Standing Business Items**

*JAE & AAAE Research*

- The JAE website search function has not been updated since 1999. The website currently receives about 3,000 hits per month and many of these are from academics outside of the US.
- Discussed the possibility of making the current edition of the JAE available immediately available online for members.

*Editorial Policy*

- Most members felt that the revised policies were clear and met the spirit of the JAE managing-editing board's beliefs.
- Discussed a concern that JAE reviewers sometimes do not know that extension, communications, and leadership are viable topics for the journal. Suggested that the editor be given more power to determine whether or not a paper was in keeping with the topics that are germane to the journal. Outcome of the discussion was that this should be the purview of the reviewers, not the editor.

### ***Outstanding Article***

Greg Miller reported on the outstanding paper selection for Volume 47. He commended Jerry Peters, Dale Layfield, Greg Thompson, and Bryan Garton for their efforts to select the topic papers in the profession. The following were recognized at the AAAE Awards Banquet:

2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up: *Teaching Leadership in Agricultural Science: Behavioral Factors That Influence Secondary Agricultural Science Leadership Instruction* A. Christian Morgan and Rick D. Rudd

1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up: *Effects of Investigative Laboratory Instruction on Content Knowledge and Science Process Skill Achievement Across Learning Styles*, Brian E. Myers and James E. Dyer

Outstanding Article: *Effects of a Math-Enhanced Curriculum and Instructional Approach on the Mathematics Achievement of Agricultural Power and Technology Students: An Experimental Study*, Brian A. Parr, M. Craig Edwards, James G. Leising

### ***Editing-Managing Board Officers***

- Jim Dyer was elected by acclamation as the new Chair for 2007-08. David Lawver was elected by acclamation as the new Secretary for 2007-08. Jim Connors was elected by acclamation as the new chair of the Outstanding article selection committee for Volume 48, 2007

### **New Business**

#### ***Trends in Topics in the JAE.***

- Matt Baker presented data on the trends in publication for the journal. Concern was raised that there is too large a focus on high school teacher education topics which also raised questions about the number of articles published in the various topics germane to agricultural education.
- The JAE editor will look at the number of submissions (and percent rejected) in comparison to the newly published research agenda for agricultural education.

#### ***Electronic Publication of the JAE***

- It was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board to publish the Journal electronically beginning with Volume 49 and to eliminate the printed version.
- *In the AAAE Business meeting, the motion to eliminate the print copy (move to electronic) of the Journal of Ag Ed beginning with Volume 49 was passed.*

### ***Electronic Submission Process***

- It was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board to begin electronic manuscript review process by the start of Volume 49 or earlier if possible.
- *In the AAAE Business meeting, the motion to use FastTrack for online submissions to the Journal with or before Volume 49 was moved by Rama Radhakrishna and seconded by Tim Murphy. The motion passed.*

### ***Theme Issues***

- The Board discussed the initiation of theme issues in Volume 49. Possible topics for the themes are: Integrating Academics, Extension Education, and Research, Measurement, and Evaluation. It was moved, seconded, and passed to have the theme issue published as a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) issue.

### ***JAE Fiftieth Anniversary***

- It was moved, seconded, and passed that the incoming Managing-Editing Board Chair work with the Editor to brainstorm ideas for the anniversary and present these at the 2008 Board meeting.

### ***Blind Review Forms***

- The Board reviewed three forms used to review the review submissions to the JAE. There was discussion about the forms being identical, with the exception of being of headings and being printed on different colors of paper.
- A committee was formed to re-examine all of the review forms currently used. The committee will be Jim Connors, Levon Esters, and Rama Radhakrishna as chair.