

Candidate Biographies for AAAE Leadership Positions

President-elect

Anna Ball

Anna Ball is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Agricultural Education and Leadership at the University of Missouri. She also developed and serves as the Director of the Center for Collaborating and Designing Educational Innovations for the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Dr. Ball has published 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals, 68 peer-reviewed manuscripts in conference proceedings, and received over \$1 million in grants. Her awards for journal articles include the E.B Knight Award for the NACTA Journal, which recognizes the top journal article. She has also been awarded Authors of the Year, First Runner-Up Author of the Year, and Second Runner-Up Author of the Year for the Journal of Agricultural Education. Anna has served on and chaired a number of committees within AAAE at both the regional and National levels, has served as the North Central Region Treasurer, the National AAAE Secretary, and the Chair of the Editing Managing Board for the Journal of Agricultural Education. Ball was recently named the Outstanding Senior Teacher for the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources as well as the Gold Chalk Award for Outstanding Graduate Advising at the University of Missouri. She has received the Outstanding New Member award for AAAE for both the Southern Region as well as the National level, the Distinguished Teaching award for the AAAE Southern Region and the North Central Region, and the Distinguished Researcher award for the AAAE North-Central Region.

Donna Graham

Secretary

Shannon Arnold

Dr. Shannon Arnold is an Assistant Professor within the Division of Agricultural Education at Montana State University, specializing in Extension education. Shannon holds a PhD degree from University of Florida in Agricultural and Extension Education. Dr. Arnold teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in extension education, agricultural communications, non-formal teaching methods, youth event management, and program development and evaluation. She serves as the Graduate Program Coordinator for the Division, Ag Education- Relations Option Advisor and Internship Coordinator, and coordinates the MSU Online Master's in Agricultural Education program. She received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Award of Merit, the AAAE Western Region Outstanding Young Member Award, and the MSU Award for Excellence in Teaching. Since 2007, Dr. Arnold has published 12 articles in the Journal of Agricultural Education, Journal of Extension, and NACTA journals combined and two articles in the Agricultural Education magazine. She has presented or co-presented 14 research papers and 18 posters at regional, national, and international conferences. Awards received include 2nd place Outstanding Poster Presentation at WRAAAE, Outstanding Poster Presentation at AIAEE, 2nd place Outstanding Research Presentation, Graduate Division at SAAS, and 1st place Outstanding Research Poster at National AAAE. She has participated in 19 grant proposals since 2008 and of these, 8 proposals were funded for a total of \$961,216.

She has served on the Western Region and National AAAE Professional Development Committee as Secretary, President-Elect, and President. She is an active member of the Extension Education Special Interest Group. In addition to AAAE, she participates in ALE and NACTA. She has served as a

conference judge, research paper reviewer, conference facilitator, conference host, research chair, research poster reviewer, as well as a journal article reviewer for the Journal of Agricultural Education. In April 2010, Montana hosted the Western Region AAAE Conference. Here, she served as Research co-chair and instituted a Graduate Student Professional Development sub-conference. She currently serves on the 2014 NACTA conference planning committee. On the state level, she works with Montana FFA Association and students to plan, design, and conduct nine Career Development Events at the State FFA Convention. Dr. Arnold is a member of the MSU Extension Program Development Committee, conducts annual workshops, and worked for MSU Extension in the Park County Office as a visiting 4H/Family Consumer Science agent in summer 2012. Currently, she is organizing a “Building Global Leaders” trip to Washington DC for MSU and Texas Tech students, conducting Junior Master Gardener workshops to build a certified county program, serving on the steering and curriculum committee for REAL MT (a 2 year leadership program for agricultural industry professionals), representing MSU in AG IDEA, and participating in a Leadership MSU program.

Mark Kistler

Dr. Mark J. Kistler is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at North Carolina State University where he serves as the undergraduate coordinator for the extension education curriculum and minor. Prior to joining the faculty at NC State in 2006, Dr. Kistler was on the faculty in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications at Texas Tech University (2002-2004) and the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at the University of Florida (2004-2006). He received his B.S. and M.Ag in Animal Science from the University of Florida and Ph.D. in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Kistler has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in planning and delivering nonformal education, advanced issues in extension education, introduction to Cooperative Extension, program development and evaluation, methods of technological change, adult education, volunteer management, and research methods, as well as coordinated and supervised the undergraduate Cooperative Extension and industry internship program.

Prior to entering academia, Dr. Kistler worked as an Extension Agent and County Extension Director with the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service for over 10 years serving in three different counties. He also has state-level Extension experience in three states (Texas, Florida, and North Carolina).

Treasurer-elect

Roger Tormoehlen

Historian

James Connors

National Council for Agricultural Education, three-year term

Dennis Duncan

Kathleen Kelsey

Dr. Kathleen Kelsey, Professor and ALEC Department Head, University of Georgia served as professor of evaluation for 14 years. Her research interests include evaluation of educational programs, specifically in the agricultural and Extension education context. She is passionate about social justice issues including reducing hunger through micro agricultural production. She has won 27 awards for excellence in teaching, research, and service and co-authored over 200 publications in addition to securing over \$11 million in research funding from state and federal sources with teams.

National FFA Career Development Events Advisory Committee; three-year term

Jim Dyer

Edward A. Franklin

I have served on the faculty in the Department of Agricultural Education at the University of Arizona since July 2000. During my 13 years, I have been engaged in the conduct of the state Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event (CDE) each year serving as a Co-Chair from 2000-09, and Faculty Chair since 2010. I assisted our Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association (AATA) in the development and conduct of the state's Wildlife Career Development Event. I also served as tabulator for the 16 state career development events as part of the UA College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALs) annual spring FFA Career Development Event field day event for six year. Additionally, I served as faculty chair for the state FFA Agriscience Fair for 10 years. On the national level, I served as the Associate Superintendent of Team Activity for the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics (now called Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems) CDE for seven years. In 2012, I began a three-year term as Event Superintendent for the national event. I served as the AAAE representative to the National FFA Awards and CDE Advisory Committee back in 2002 serving a single-year term on an appointment by the AAAE President, and later completing a three-year term in the same position.

National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization Board of Directors; three-year term

Steve Harbstreet

Dr. Steven R. Harbstreet, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Kansas State University (August 1987 to present). Leadership Positions: NC AAAE Vice-President October 2010 - October 2012, Chair NCAC-024 Administrative Committee in Agricultural Education January 2010 – January 2012, AAAE Representative to National FFA Board of Directors and National FFA Foundation Board July 2003 - June 2006. I believe that there is potential for growth in the Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization and want to be part of this effort. I served before from 1995-2000 and would like to do so again. Many of our aged students come to us through institutions that are active in PAS. This is another way for students to develop their leadership skills. I believe it is in our best interest to continue to cultivate those relationships and find new ways that AAAE can support the variety of opportunities young people have to become involved agriculture and agricultural education.

Representative to the Journal of Natural Sciences Education; three-year term

Don Johnson

Robert Martin

Dr. Robert Martin has an extensive background in teacher and extension education. He served 12 years as Chair of the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies at Iowa State University. Currently, he serves as the Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary International Agriculture Secondary Major and Minor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs). For more than 10 years, he served as the Co-Director of AgComm – the communication across the curriculum effort in CALs. He served 5 years as a teacher of agriculture and biology in a secondary school and teachers college in Nigeria and 4 years as a high school agricultural educator in Indiana. Dr. Martin teaches courses focused on Presentation Strategies for Agricultural Audiences, the Role of Agricultural Education in the Transfer of Technology, Career Development and the Administration of Agricultural Education. He is a Senior Fellow of the American Association for Agricultural Education and was recently recognized with the Award for Faculty Excellence by the Iowa Board of Regents. He has experience in teaching methodology and delivery and evaluation systems in Africa, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. He has served as the major professor for nearly 100 Ph.D. and Masters degree students at Iowa State University.