

MINUTES
AAAE Research Committee Meeting
May 21, 2009
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- I. The meeting was called to order by the chair, Scott Burris
- II. Members present were:
 - a. North Central members present: Travis Park, Brad Grieman, (Bobby Torres, Mike Retallick, James Anderson not present).
 - b. Southern members present: Tracy Kitchel, Scott Burris, Anna Ball, John Rayfield (Grady Roberts, Mark Kistler not present).
 - c. Western region members present: Lori Moore, David Doerfert, Steve Frazee, Steve Rocca, (Jim Knight, Cary Trexler not present)
- III. Approval of AAAE Research Committee Report (May 22, 2008)
Tracy Kitchel moved to accept the committee report, Travis Park seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Dissemination of Research
 - i. JAE Editor Report – Rama Radhakrishna
The report included the following highlights.
 - 1. Have moved to online submission and publication of the journal
 - 2. Acceptance rate was 46%, down 1% from previous year
 - 3. Have caught up on the review process with only four of the 2008 manuscripts still being reviewed
 - 4. Notification of links to FastPress will be going to the membership soon.
 - b. Research Conference Coordination
 - i. NAERC 2009 Summary Report – Todd Brashears
The report included the following highlights.
 - 1. 109 manuscripts were submitted and evaluated by 106 reviewers
 - 2. 51 were accepted for a 46.8% acceptance rate
 - 3. Biggest challenge was with people not wanting to serve as reviewers.
 - 4. Hand entry of review scores to a spreadsheet is a challenge. Todd recommended that someone with experience manage the system for multiple years.
 - ii. Selection of NAERC Outstanding Papers – Travis Park
Five top manuscripts were scored for the conference.
 - iii. NAERC 2010 Report – Neil Knobloch
Department is ready to conduct the conference and will use a team approach to complete the work.

- c. Collaboration/External Communication
 - i. NCA-24 Research Committee – Tracy Kitchel
The next meeting will be in Gainesville in January. Members should contact Tracy if they wish to be on the committee.
 - ii. ESCOP Social Science Committee – Ed Osborne
Working on getting the agenda into national priorities. Next meeting of the group will be in Fall.
 - iii. Summary Report of Research for the National Council – Robert Martin
Strategies for Teaching Communication in Secondary Agricultural Education Programs report is complete and submitted to the Council

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Research Impact Abstracts
No progress has been made on this. Discussion comments recommended stronger communication on this in the call for papers. The group was reminded that these can be created on past research.

VI. New Business

- a. Letter of appreciation to 2009 NAERC chairs
Tracy Kitchel moved to accept the committee report, Travis Park seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice
- b. NAERC 2011 Chair Selection
Idaho will be hosting the meeting
- c. Elect Vice-Chair for 2009
Brian Myers was nominated and voted by acclamation to serve as the Research Committee vice chair for the 2009-10 year and subsequent as chair for 2010-11.
- d. Protocols for research conferences – David Doerfert
 - i. Report began with an overview, history, and background of the 2009 AAAE papers, posters, and the FastTrack system. FastTrack is basically a relational database with reviewers and submitted papers. The database is designed for journals that operate on an accept/reject decision system. For our conferences, an acceptable paper may not be selected for presentation due to space limitations. The cost of the annual contract is \$1,500. If we wanted a separate contract so chairs could manage the system without a managing editor position, the cost would increase to \$4,000. Doerfert has agreed to serve as managing editor until May 2010.
 - ii. Tracy Kitchel and Travis Park led the group through a review of the proposed Research Conference Protocols discussing how the system provided good feedback for all AAAE members and the reliability within the process.
 - iii. Travis Park moved that the proposed protocols be adopted. Brad Grieman seconded the motion.
 - iv. Tracy Kitchel moved to amend the protocol document title to Research Conference Protocol Guidelines. Steve Rocca seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote.

- v. Tracy Kitchel moved to amend the *Changes to This Protocol Guidelines* section of the Protocol Guidelines by adding an opening paragraph that states “To provide a degree of flexibility to the individual research conferences, changes may be made to these protocol guidelines by the research conference chair after consulting with the AAAE Research Committee chair and receiving their approval.” Travis Park seconded the motion. Motion passed by a voice vote.
 - vi. Main motion to adopted the propose protocols as amended passed by a voice vote.
 - vii. Travis Park moved and Nicole Stedman seconded a motion to explore other conference manuscript system beyond Fast Track and report on options next year. Motion passed by a voice vote.
 - viii. Travis Park moved that a managing editor of research conferences be an elected position by the Research Committee compensated to the same level as the JAE editor. Shane Robinson seconded the motion. After discussion, Travis Park moved to refer this to committee. Motion was seconded by Tracy Kitchel. Motion passed by a voice vote. Committee will be Travis Park (chair), Brian Myers, and David Doerfert.
- a. Recommendation of publication policy and limited distribution – Tracy Kitchel
 - i. Discussion about how manuscripts are being submitted with several submitting the same manuscript to a regional conference then to national and finally the journal.
 - ii. Point was made as APA policy views this as acceptable when there is limited distribution and we are be limiting the use of CD and flash drives for distribution of proceedings.
 - iii. Tracy Kitchel moved that we adopt a password protection system on the AAAE web site to limit conference proceeding distribution. Shane Robinson seconded the motion. Motion failed after a voice vote.
 - b. Other new business
 - i. Steve Gratz, President of NASAE addressed the group. He has enjoyed the research presented and would like to have a selection of these papers presented as part of the NASAE annual meeting in October. Tracy Kitchel moved to refer this to a committee with authority to enact the resulting decision. Brad Grieman seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote. Committee will be Tracy Kitchel, Brad Grieman, Travis Park, and David Doerfert (chair).
 - ii. No one has come forward to host the 2011 meeting. Everyone was encouraged to consider hosting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicole Stedman, seconded by Brian Myers. Motion passed by voice vote.