

AAAE Research Committee Report  
December 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Committee Chair Rick Rudd in room Royale 8 of the Riveria Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Members Present**

Eastern Region – Dennis Scanlon, Harry Boone  
Central Region – Bryan Gartin, Richard Joerger, Neil Knobloch  
Southern Region – Kathleen Kelsey, Rick Rudd, John Hillison  
Western Region – Mike Swan

**Minutes of 2001 Meeting in New Orleans**

It was moved by Bryan Gartin and seconded by Mike Swan to accept the minutes from the 2001 meeting in New Orleans. The motion passed.

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Dissemination of Research*

*Journal of Agricultural Education*: Blannie Bowen reported that thirty manuscripts were published in Volume 43. Fourteen manuscripts have been accepted for Volume 44.

*Journal of Agricultural Education* Online Publication: Rick Rudd thanked Tim Murphy for his work on the electronic publication of the *Journal of Agricultural Education*.

*Research Conference Coordination*

*NAERC 2002 Summary Report*: Marty Frick and Mike Swan reported on the 2002 NAERC Conference. Two hundred individuals registered for the event. This included 35 graduate students. Marty Frick outlined the procedures used to select the articles. The policy of printing abstracts was discontinued in 2002. The abstracts, papers, and reviewers comments were all included in the electronic version. This year additional individuals were involved in support roles such as facilitators. A complete version of the report is attached.

*2002 NAERC Outstanding Paper*: Harry Boone announced the results from the 2002 NAERC Outstanding Paper competition. The results were:

**First Place Outstanding Paper:** Authenticated Writing Competencies of Agricultural Education Graduate Students: A Comparison of Distance and on-Campus Students -- Tim Murphy, Texas A&M University; James Lindner, Texas A&M University; and Kathleen Kelsey, Oklahoma State University

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Outstanding Paper:** Written Communication Competencies: Strength and Weaknesses of Agricultural Education Graduate Students -- James Lindner, Texas A&M University; Tim Murphy, Texas A&M University; and Gary Wingenbach, Texas A&M University

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up Outstanding Paper:** Assessing Research Capacity in Agricultural Education: A Departmental and Disciplinary View -- Bradley Greiman, Louisiana State University and Robert Birkenholz, The Ohio State University

#### Collaboration/External Communication

Robert Martin provided a brief report on AAAE research priorities. He noted the breakfast held earlier when Glenn Shinn updated participants on the work of the National Agricultural Education Research Work Group.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### NAERC 2003 Plans

Jamie Cano announced that the 2003 NAERC meeting will be held on December 10, 2003 in Orlando, Florida. The "Call for Papers" was available at this meeting.

##### Research Ethics Committee

Blannie Bowen provided a report from the Research Ethics Committee. The report included:

1. The Committee planned to recommend use the APA Ethics Guidelines as a model for the development of an AAAE Research Ethics proposal.
2. The Committee had discussed the definition of a "terminal" publication. The Committee was recommending that NAERC be considered a presentation and therefore would not be considered a "terminal publication."
3. The Committee will prepare a recommendation for AAAE based on the APA guidelines.
4. The *Journal of Agricultural Education* Editing-Managing Board adopted a policy in 2001 prohibiting the *Journal* from reviewing and publishing articles that had been published in another journal or had been submitted to another journal for review.

#### **New Business**

##### Discussion – Qualitative Review Form

Cary Trexler reminded the group that the Research Committee had adopted a qualitative review form in 2001. He wanted to make sure the form was provided to 2003 Chairs for use in the review of the NAERC papers.

##### Discussion – Blind Review Process

Jackie Deeds informed the group that she had discovered that computers leave author information embedded into the file. This creates a problem for "blind" review of conference papers. She also noted that some authors continue to leave state and university information in the title and/or text of papers submitted for review. She recommended that the Ethics Committee address these issues.

##### Discussion – Reprinting an Article

Connie Baggett suggested that if circumstances warrant, an article could be reprinted in the *Journal of Agricultural Education* if the Editor acknowledged that the manuscript had been previously published.

### Addition Charge to Ethics Committee

It was moved by Bryan Garton and seconded by Richard Joerger to add the “blind” review policy to the efforts of the Ethics Committee. The motion passed.

### National Council

Robert Martin reported on the changes in the National Council. He reported that the mission of the Council had moved from the development of curriculum to a “think tank” for the profession. The Council had requested the development of 5-10 key research areas for the profession. He urged the Committee to take the lead in identifying the issues.

### Letter of Appreciation

It was moved by Bryan Garton and seconded by Richard Joerger to send a letter of appreciation to Mike Swan, Marty Frick, and their respective administrators thanking them for their dedication and efforts in coordinating the 2002 NAERC meeting. The motion passed.

### 2004 NAERC Chair

Rick Rudd reported that Connie Baggett and Penn State had submitted a request to chair the 2004 NAERC meeting. It was moved by Mike Swan and seconded to approve Connie Baggett and Penn State as the 2004 Chair. The motion passed.

### Power to Appoint Sub-Committees

Because of impending regional realignment, it was moved by Garton and seconded by Richard Joerger to give the 2003 Research Committee Chair the power to appoint all needed sub-committees. The motion passed.

### Current Make-up of Sub-Committees

**Dissemination of Research:** Harry Boone, Bryan Garton, Kathleen Kelsey, James Lindner

**Research Conference Coordination:** Mike Swan, John Hillison, Bill Kellogg

**Collaboration/External Communication:** Neil Knobloch, Rosco Vaughn, Rama Radhakrishna

### 2003 Vice-Chair

Neil Knobloch was nominated as the Research Committee Vice-Chair for 2003. The motion was made by Richard Joerger and seconded to approve Neil as Vice-Chair. The motion passed.

### Evaluation of Historical and Philosophical Research

Cary Trexler moved that a committee be established to develop guidelines for the evaluation of historical and philosophical research. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kelsey. The motion passed. Rick Rudd appointed Cary Trexler, Chair; Kathleen Kelsey; John Hillison; and Neil Knobloch to the committee.

### Research Issues

Richard Joerger suggested everyone provide a list of 5 key research areas and submit them to the Research Committee to meet the National Council’s challenge. Participants provided the list to

Richard for tabulation. The list will be provided to the Research Committee Chair and AAAE President Robert Martin.

#### Research Committee Minutes

It was suggested that the minutes from this meeting be disseminated to the members of the committee.

#### Develop NAERC Proceedings in a Single Electronic Document

James Lindner moved that NAERC Chairs be instructed to provide the proceedings in a single electronic document to facilitate searchability and dissemination. John Hillison seconded the motion. The motion was debated and failed on a voice vote. A division was called and the motion failed 2-6.

#### Dissemination of NERC Proceedings

Jackie Deeds suggested that Tim Murphy provide an electronic copy of NAERC proceedings to each of the *Journal of Agricultural Education* library subscribers. No formal action was taken.

#### Develop NAERC Proceedings in a Single Electronic Document

Bryan Garton moved to reconsider the vote on provide the proceedings in a single electronic document to facilitate searchability and dissemination by clearinghouses. The motion was seconded. The motion to reconsider passed. Bryan Garton moved to amend the motion by inserting the words “and submit the proceeding to ERIC.” The amendment was seconded and passed. The motion as amended passed.

#### **Additional Items from General AAAE Meeting:**

Two items were referred to the Research Committee during the AAAE Business Session on December 13, 2002.

##### Item 1:

To recognize the outstanding NAERC research paper written and presented by a graduate student as a part of the NAERC Outstanding Presentation Award Committee.

##### Item 2:

NAERC should be recognized as a part of the AAAE meeting.

Discussion: NAERC is currently recognized as a part of the ACTE research efforts. Within our organization, NAERC is not recognized as a part of the AAAE meeting.

**Current Committee Members:**

North Central		Southern		Western	
Harry Boone	2003	Kathleen Kelsey		Rosco Vaughn	2003
Bryan Garton	2003	John Hillison		Michael Swan	2004
Rama Radhakrishna	2004	James Lindner		Bill Kellogg	2005
Neil Knobloch	2004				

**NAERC Outstanding Article Rotation**

Region	Chair	Year
Southern	Matt Baker	2000
Central	Richard Joerger	2001
Eastern	Harry Boone	2002
Western	Mike Swan and Rosco Vaughn	2003
Southern	TBA	2004
North Central	TBA	2005
Western	TBA	2006

**Adjourn**

It was moved by Bryon Garton and seconded by Harry Boone to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Boone  
2002 Research Committee Vice-Chair