

North Central AAAE Report May 2006

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The North Central Region met September 22-24, 2005 in Columbus, Ohio. Approximately, 68 faculty and graduate students and 28 undergraduates attended the conference. As in the past NC divided the conference responsibilities, Michigan State served as host, Minnesota coordinated the undergraduate component, and Penn State coordinated the research conference.

Updates provided on the following issues/boards – National FFA – S. Harbstreit; AAAE, National Council, & Academy CTE – B. Camp; NC – 24 - B. Birkenholz; Journal of Ag Education - G. Miller. Dr. Mac McCaslin, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University provided the keynote address for our awards luncheon. Numerous members were recognized for their accomplishments and scholarship.

Awards & Recognition

Outstanding Agricultural Educator- Lloyd Bell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Outstanding New Member – Neil Knobloch, University of Illinois

Outstanding Research Paper Presentation –

- Winner A Survey of Early Field Experience in Agricultural Education – A National Study– M. Retallick & G. Miller, Iowa State University
- 1st Runner Up-Personality Type as a Predictor of Psychosocial Assistance Cooperating Teachers Provided Student Teachers - T. Kitchel – University of Kentucky & B. Torres, University of Missouri
- 2nd Runner Up-Central Ohio Newspaper Coverage of Large-Scale Livestock Issues- M. Tucker, J. Ewing, B. Birkenholz

Outstanding Poster Presentation – Innovative Idea

- Winner –Science with Practice: A College Wide learning and work Experience Program in research and related laboratories. M. Retallick, C. Steiner, & A. Stull-Iowa State University
- 1st Runner Up- Servant Leadership... Providing Application to Theory – S. Robinson, University of Missouri, T. Kitchel, University of Kentucky & B. Torres, University of Kentucky
- 2nd Runner Up- Engagement of Preservice Teacher Education Students in the Design of a new Local Agricultural Science Program. D. Moore, Cornell

Outstanding Poster Presentation – Research

- Winner , Using Career Pathways Model for Agricultural Education as a Foundation to develop Statewide Student Learning Benchmarks– J. Rivers & B. Camp, Cornell
- 1st Runner Up- An Engaging Approach to Faculty Development for Learner-Centered Teaching. A. Ball & N. Knobloch, University of Illinois
- 2nd Runner Up – Factors Influencing Students' Perceptions and Benefits of their Participation in Collegiate Student Organizations- K. Harris & J. Peters, Purdue University

NC AAAE Standing Committee Reports

Research

- 1) Levon Esters will lead the NC AAAE Research in a pilot “Ideas to Action” initiative. Dr. Esters will send a call for practice-based summaries of research and with the assistance of his committee review the most recent regional conference proceedings, the national AAAE research conference proceedings, and the Journal of Ag Education to secure and develop summaries of research that will be shared in the Ag Ed Magazine. The current editor of the Ag Ed Magazine will devote two pages per issue to this initiative.
- 2) The NC AAAE Research Committee will investigate the possibility of collecting impact statements from researchers for future use and dissemination to administrators and governmental policy makers. The Committee will bring guidelines, examples, and procedures for submission to the 2006 NC AAAE conference.

Professional Development

- 1) Proposed that we initiate an International based award for our region using Western region’s award as an example. The committee will also will include the AAAE Teaching Award in future NC AAAE awards.
- 2) Several suggestions for the 2006 Professional Development Session arose; the committee will poll the membership to determine the 2006 session.
 - a. How to review manuscripts & How to prepare/publish
 - b. How to write impact statements
 - c. Continue with Round Tables and include the above in the rotation
- 3) Include time for graduate students to meet and discuss career/professional development topics.

Program Improvement

- 1) Expand current poster submission abstract from 2 to 3 pages
- 2) Still working on Ideas and Research Poster Reviewer form
- 3) Suggest a graduate student list serve to increase communication and interaction

Future conference locations and responsibilities

The 2006 NC AAAE conference will be hosted by Iowa State and held in Ames, IA with the following institutions serving as hosts of the other components; Illinois – research and Michigan State – undergraduate. Additionally, 2007 NC AAAE Conference Responsibilities were selected. They are as follows: Research- Cornell; Undergraduate- University of Illinois; and Host- University of Missouri.

2007 AAAE Conference Location and Proposed Sites

Lloyd Bell, Alternate VP NC AAAE shared three possible locations for the 2007 AAAE Conference with the group. The membership recommended he investigate Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago as sites for the 2007 AAAE Conference. He will develop and share possible hotel/conference center details and information with the AAAE Executive Board and President so that contact can be made to initiate contractual and commitment for the May 2007 conference.