President’s Column
Ted Jaenicke

2015 is shaping up to be a big year for NAREA!

First of all, I'd like to offer a huge apology for the lateness of this (Fall!) newsletter. On the plus side, however, it gives me an opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Before I talk about 2015, let me reflect back on the old year. The Annual Meeting in Morgantown, WV, was a big success. Many participants commented positively on the quality of the sessions. The workshop on unconventional gas and oil development was another big success. Thanks to Mark Sperow (local organizing chair) for making the conference so enjoyable, Sarah Jacobson (selected paper and symposium chair) for making the conference so interesting, and Wesley Burnett (workshop chair) for making the workshop so relevant and enlightening. Financially, the annual meeting more than broke even, despite the fact that Morgantown is along our region's southeastern border. As expected, it wasn't the biggest conference based on attendance, and that translates to a slight decline in membership. However, some changes are afoot that might have an impact on membership, and these developments bring me to what's on tap for 2015.

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Change is under consideration at our journal, Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER). Most NAREA
members know that in early 2014 the NAREA board and ARER editors completed two important solicitations. We applied for inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) by Thompson Reuters, and we solicited proposals from reputable academic publishers to takeover publication of ARER. Unfortunately, Thompson Reuters turned down our application, though it did specifically allow us to reapply in January 2016, much earlier than we expected after a denial letter.

On the other hand, two well-regarded publishers, Cambridge University Press and Taylor & Francis (Routledge) are seriously interested in taking on ARER. Both submitted strong proposals and gave in-person presentations at the NAREA board meeting this past fall. A special ad hoc committee composed of board members and editors is evaluating the two proposals. Some of the important questions that ad hoc committee members and the full board will consider include the following: (i) How will new business models affect the journal's reputation and prospects for growth? (ii) How will a new publisher affect our efforts to be SSCI listed? (iii) Will ARER editors and authors get the same quality of editorial support? (iv) Are growth and budget projections reasonable? And (v), if ARER generates income, as projected under both publisher proposals, how will NAREA use the money? NAREA members should remember this: the current business model for ARER based on page charges and subscription fees is not currently losing money. However, the number of library subscriptions is on a downward trend. If ARER eventually gets listed with SSCI and Cambridge or Routledge end up publishing the journal, then both these events could have a strong positive effect on our membership.

The NAREA board hopes to make some important and exciting decisions about ARER this spring and summer. Stay tuned. In the meantime, I'd like to thank member of the ad hoc committee Kent Messer, Allison Borchers, Will Wheeler, and Sarah Jacobson, and the ARER editors, Arnab Basu, Neha Khanna and Todd Schmit. All these folks are putting in a lot more work than they bargained for when they took on their board member or editor jobs.

Another exciting event with a possibly favorable impact on our membership will be our June 2015 meeting. This year's annual meeting will not only be held at a gorgeous venue, Newport, RI, but it will also be a joint meeting with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association (CAES). Our past president, Josh Duke, worked out the details with CAES and local organizing chair Emi Uchida and President-Elect Martin Heintzelman are putting the final touches on the complicated meeting arrangements. This will be a large and very attractive meeting. My recommendation is to line up your travel plans early.

A little further out on the horizon are the 2016 and 2017 annual meetings. In 2016, NAREA heads back to Bar Harbor, Maine. I personally did not attend the NAREA meetings the last time they were in Bar Harbor, but that meeting is still talked about today as one of the best annual meetings ever. In 2017, NAREA heads to Washington, DC, for the first time! Typically the annual meeting site rotates on the basis of state homes to land grant university members. That is, West Virginia University hosted last year's meeting in Morgantown, and the University of Rhode Island will host the upcoming meeting in Newport. According to this basis, Washington, DC, which is the home of
many NAREA members, gets left out. Therefore, this past year the NAREA board voted to add Washington, DC, to the meeting site rotation. Details are still emerging as to exact date and place for the 2017 meeting in Washington, DC. Any DC-based NAREA member is welcome to help with the planning details. Just contact me or Will Wheeler (Wheeler.William@epa.gov).

During the past six months (which correspond to the first six months of my NAREA presidency), NAREA has been a busy and vibrant organization. There's been a lot of work to do, but it's good work -- partly because of its exciting nature and partly because NAREA members are so engaged and willing to pitch in.

In closing, I want to extend special thanks to three people who have gone out of their way to help me whenever I asked for guidance (and I asked a lot): Doug Morris (University of New Hampshire), NAREA’s Secretary-Treasurer, Josh Duke (University of Delaware), NAREA’s Past-President, and Kathleen Bell (University of Maine), NAREA’s "Past-Past-President", are all lifesavers. Thanks for being so generous, helpful, and friendly.

A Highlight from the Annual Meeting in Morgantown: Attendance of MARY E. TEMPLETON, retired Professor of Resource Management, West Virginia University.
As our secretary-treasurer (and budding historian) Doug Morris noted just after seeing her at the annual meeting, there was a time when Mary Templeton “was the only woman in NAREA” and in fact she was one of a very few women in AAEA. She worked with Sylvia Lane from the University of California-Davis to form a committee for women in agricultural economics. Times have changed. As Doug scanned the audience for the NAREA awards luncheon, he counted more women than men. Mary Templeton noticed it as well and was most happy to chat with Julie Caswell about her Outstanding Public Service award, and her Presidencies of AAEA and NAREA.

Here is the original write-up from Mary Templeton’s Honorary Life Member Award:

“Professor Mary E. Templeton served the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association and its predecessor organization for 14 years as secretary-treasurer, a greater period of time than any other person has served in that capacity. In a field dominated by men, Professor Templeton has made numerous contributions to agricultural economics. She has served as a teacher, adviser, researcher, and role model to young people entering the profession, but especially to women. Since first being employed at West Virginia University in 1955, she has worked tirelessly and continuously to advance the cause of professional women. She was instrumental in forming the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics at the national level.

“Professor Templeton has made significant contributions to both the regional and national professional associations and therefore is highly deserving of the Honorary Life Member Award.”
2014 NAREA Annual Meeting
Mark Sperow and Ted Jaenicke

The 2014 NAREA Annual Meeting held at the Waterfront Place Hotel (June 1-3, 2014), was a big success, receiving favorable reviews for paper session quality and accommodations. The registration fee was again relatively low ($150), and the meeting did a little better than break even.

The call for papers brought in 90 abstract submissions (down from Ithaca’s 114) from 78 unique presenters. The Selected Papers and Symposia Committee also considered eight papers that were submitted to the post-conference workshop. In total, the Selected Papers and Symposia Committee filled 64 program slots (16 sessions of four presentations each), initially selecting one paper only from multiple submitters, but considering second submissions if papers presenters backed out of attending. (Actually, there were only 63 presentations because one cancelation occurred too late to fill.) There were also two high-quality invited talks by Mary Bohman and Elena Irwin and an Awards Lunch chaired by Josh Duke that featured the Public Service Award address by Julie Caswell. In all, NAREA meetings were yet again a friendly, engaging, and constructive conference.

The program committee consisted of Ted Jaenicke (Chair), Josh Duke, Kathleen Bell, Doug Morris, and Mark Sperow. We extend special thanks to the Selected Papers and Symposia Committee Members: Sarah Jacobson (Chair), Patrick Walsh, Richard Vyn, Sanjib Bhuyan, Ju-Chin Huang, Carmen Carrion-Flores. We also thank the excellent Workshop Committee (chaired by Wesley Burnett), the members of the various Awards Committees, the meeting volunteers, and the session moderators.

A total of 106 people registered for the meeting (down from the especially well attended Ithaca meetings). Sixteen students were awarded the NAREA Conference Scholarship Award, though one canceled at the last minute.

2014 NAREA Workshop on Unconventional Gas and Oil Development: Economic and Environmental Impacts

J. Wesley Burnett and Ted Jaenicke

The 2014 NAREA Workshop was held at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, West Virginia, immediately following the NAREA Annual Meeting. Co-sponsored by the National Agricultural & Rural Development Policy Center (NARDeP), the Workshop began with an opening address from Timothy Carr, the Marshall Miller Professor of Geology at West Virginia University. Alan Krupnick from Resources for the Future gave the keynote address. The workshop featured a panel discussion from a range of experts on unconventional gas and oil development and four sessions of selected paper presentations: economic development affected by industry activities, the regulatory environment and policy, and two sessions on environmental impacts.

The Workshop Committee reviewed 34 submissions, and invited 18 to present at the Workshop. The NARDeP Center provided stipends of $1,000 to the presenting authors (up to a maximum of 12) upon successful completion of a policy brief to NARDeP and submission of their paper to ARER. The NARDeP Center also sponsored ARER page charges for the accepted journal articles in the special issue. Additional financial support was provided by the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design, the Office of Sponsored Programs,
and the Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University.

A special issue of ARER, edited by Neha Khanna with a foreword by J. Wesley Burnett, is expected to contain 11 workshop papers.

2014 NAREA Awards
Josh Duke and Ted Jaenicke

NAREA Outstanding Public Service Through Economics
Julie Caswell
University of Massachusetts
Using Information Policy to Change Markets

ARER Article of the Year

NAREA Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award
Tianli Zhao
Cornell University
Advisor: Gregory L. Poe
Economic Modeling of Point-to-Point Source Water Quality Trading in the Upper Passaic Watershed Accounting for Fixed and Variable Costs

NAREA M.S. Thesis Awards of Merit
Erin Munro Kelley
Cornell University
Advisor: Miguel I. Gómez
Do Risk Preferences Influence the Decision To Adopt New Technologies?
**ARER Young Scholar Award**
Tingting Liu and Nathaniel H. Merrill
University of Rhode Island

Liu, Tingting; Merrill, Nathaniel H.; Gold, Arthur J.; Kellogg, Dorothy Q.; Uchida, Emi. 2013. Modeling the Production of Multiple Ecosystem Services from Agricultural and Forest Landscapes in Rhode Island. *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 42(1):251-274

**ARER Advisor Award**
Arthur J. Gold, Dorothy Q. Kellogg, and Emi Uchida
University of Rhode Island

**ARER Fellows (Class of 2014)**
- Oral Capps, Jr., Texas A&M University
- John M. Halstead, University of New Hampshire
- Henry W. Kinnucan, Auburn University

**NAREA Conference Scholarships**
Lauren Chenarides
Pennsylvania State University

Brendan Cosgrove
Colby College

Carrie Gill
University of Rhode Island

Meagan Hennessy
Colby College

Omer Hoke
University of Connecticut

Benedict Holland
Clark University

Pengfei Liu
University of Connecticut

Kyle Montanio
University of Rhode Island

Lingqiao Qi
University of Connecticut

Jayne Piepenburg,
Indiana University

HongSeok Seo
Texas A&M University

Ian Yue
University of Connecticut

Madiha Zaffou
University of Connecticut

Esha Zaveri
Pennsylvania State University

Rong Zhou,
University of Connecticut

Xueting Zhao
West Virginia University
NAREA will hold its 2015 annual meeting at the Hotel Viking in Newport, RI, from Sunday, June 27, through Tuesday, June 30, 2015. The meeting will be held jointly with CAES (Canadian Agricultural Economics Society). The 2015 conference features many opportunities to interact and learn including: Selected Paper sessions, Symposia, Plenary Talks, and Workshop Sessions. A two-day preconference workshop on “Economics of Water Quality”, led by Todd Guilfoos (URI), will start at noon on Saturday, June 27 and conclude in the afternoon on Sunday, June 28. The Annual Meeting will begin with an opening evening reception at Hotel Viking on Sunday; the academic program will follow on Monday and Tuesday. We encourage participation from academic, public, and private sector agricultural and resource economists and graduate students.

The program will feature a joint NAREA/CAES keynote plenary session with Christian Vossler of the University of Tennessee on the valuation of ecosystem services, and a separate NAREA keynote plenary given by Dan Dudek of Environmental Defense about climate change policy with a focus on China.

Abstracts for the Annual Meeting Selected Papers and Symposia are due February 1, 2015. Abstracts for the Workshop (Economics of Water Quality) are due February 13, 2015. The submission site is operating and accepting submissions. Please go to http://www.narea.org/2015/conference/callforpapers.asp for more information about submitting papers for the selected papers sessions, symposia proposals, or papers for the Workshop.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Hotel Viking for $165 per room plus taxes from June 26 through July 1. Accommodations can be booked online using the NAREA/CAES Joint Meeting Group Code, 1JY0DN. To reserve by phone please call the hotel at 1-800-556-7126 and ask for the NAREA/CAES Joint Meeting. This reduced rate will be available until May 13, 2015. Since availability cannot be guaranteed, we encourage you to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible.

The annual meeting registration fee is $200 for members, $230 for non-members, $100 for member students and $120 for non-member students prior to May 1, 2015; after this date the registration fee is $230 for members, $260 for non-members, $120 for member students and $140 for non-member students. The registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception and ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon. The workshop fee is $50 for members and $65 for non-members.

The Local Arrangements Chair for the 2015 NAREA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting is Emi Uchida (University of Rhode Island). The Program Chair is President-Elect Martin Heintzelman (Clarkson University). The 2015 Workshop Chair is Todd Guilfoos (University of Rhode Island). Questions related to Annual Meeting paper and symposium submission can be directed to Martin Heintzelman (mheintze@clarkson.edu). Questions related to local arrangements can be directed to Emi Uchida (narea2015ri@gmail.com), while questions related to the workshop can be directed to Todd Guilfoos (guilfoos@mail.uri.edu).
**2015 NAREA Workshop on Water Quality Economics**
Todd Guilfoos

The Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) is hosting the 2015 Workshop on Water Quality Economics at the Viking Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island immediately prior the NAREA Annual Meeting. The workshop will take place on June 27-28. Immediately following the Workshop, during the afternoon on Sunday June 28, we will organize a boat tour of Narragansett Bay to learn about water quality issues in the Bay, details to be released later. The Workshop may be attended either alone or in combination with the NAREA Annual Meeting. The workshop registration fee is $50.

The workshop will include addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. A special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) will be published in August 2016 from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's peer-review process.

The Workshop will also provide $800 to the presenting author (up to a maximum of 14) upon successful submission of their paper to ARER. The Workshop is supported from a variety of sources including the USDA-supported Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research (CBEAR).

Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA Workshop must submit an extended abstract by Friday, February 13, 2015. Abstracts may be submitted online at [www.regonline.com/NAREA2015CAES](http://www.regonline.com/NAREA2015CAES) and/or via email to Workshop Chair Todd Guilfoos ([guilfoos@mail.uri.edu](mailto:guilfoos@mail.uri.edu)).

**NAREA Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program**
Jill Caviglia-Harris

The Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program, sponsored by NAREA, is a mentoring program held in concert with the NAREA Annual Meeting. The CAM program is a unique opportunity for pre-tenured faculty and early-career scholars to develop and enhance professional networks, receive one-to-one mentoring from an experienced member within the environmental and agricultural economics community, and to attend a dinner and panel session on issues of concern to early career scholars.

The 2014 CAM program included two components: a session focused on catching up with our 2013/2014 class of CAM Mentors and Mentees and a keynote presentation and panel discussion on data visualization led by Jonathon Schwabish of The Urban Institute. There were approximately five mentors and five mentees (out of a class of 9 pairs) in attendance for the first session and the CAM committee received a lot of constructive feedback on the program. Surveys were collected in situ from those in attendance and were sent out to those who were absent. One important piece of feedback is that the mentees wished to interact more with each other. The group has organized monthly google chats and have been “meeting” every month since September. This is a practice we will encourage for future classes. There were approximately 35-50 attendees for the keynote address, panel, and CAM
dinner. The session was well received and many of us spent the rest of the conference feeling that our presentation slides were inadequate and broke the “rules” laid out by the speaker.

A call for applications for the 2015-2016 CAM program can be found at the end of this newsletter.

2016 Annual Meeting in Bar Harbor, Rhode Island
Mario Teisl, Todd Gabe and Kathleen Bell

The School of Economics at the University of Maine is delighted to host NAREA’s Annual Meeting in 2016 in Bar Harbor, Maine. The venue is likely to be the Bar Harbor Regency Hotel in beautiful Bar Harbor Maine. Room rates will likely be in the $170 to $190 range. The dates are likely to be June 19-21, 2016, to avoid conflicts with the AERE meetings scheduled for early June.

2016 Workshop on Offshore and Coastal Development
Kathleen Bell and Mario Teisl

The 2016 NAREA Workshop is likely to take place on June 21-22, immediately following the NAREA Annual Meeting. We plan for the Workshop to be organized into four sessions of selected paper presentations; two sessions will occur during Tuesday afternoon, and two more will occur during Wednesday morning. Individual sessions will likely focus on: economics of coastal development issues (e.g., expansion of offshore energy development); emerging conflicts with shared coastal resources (e.g., capture fisheries and aquaculture); regulatory and behavioral responses to a changing coastal environment; and innovations in economics methods to inform solutions to emerging coastal problems.

A special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) will be published from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal’s peer-review process.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Doug Morris

Our current membership includes 196 regular members and 58 student members. There are 44 libraries that have subscribed to our journal.

As of December 1, 2014, the Association has total assets of $128,547.89. The NAREA money is currently invested in secure, easily accessible savings accounts plus minimal amounts in the operating checking account.

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER)
Editors’ Report
Arnab Basu (Managing Editor), Neha Khanna and Todd Schmit

As of mid-September, ARER has received 56 submissions so far this year. The year-end submission should be around 75 papers, a drop from 94 submissions in 2013. However, of the 94 papers submitted in 2013, 17 were accepted for publication (of which five were invited for the special issue) and a further eight papers are in the revise and resubmit status. Comparatively, of the 56 papers submitted in 2014, 13 papers have been returned for revision and two have been accepted for publication. It looks like we are/will be hovering around a 26%
acceptance rate for 2014 almost identical to the acceptance rate in 2013.

The 2014 workshop on Unconventional Oil and Gas Development was very successful, and this success is spilling over to the ARER special issue. Thanks to organizers of the Morgantown workshop and to Neha for editorial support, submissions from the workshop to the ARER are high quality and the special issue is looking promising. For the special issue, we have received eleven papers, some of which are still working their way through the editorial process. Wesley Burnett has agreed to write an Introduction to the special issue. He will work on that as soon as the final papers come in.

On July 1, 2014, eleven new editorial board members have started their three-year terms along with two existing members. Going forward we anticipate adding a few more distinguished academics to the editorial board.

Status of upcoming issues: December 2014 will have nine papers and around 147 pages. April 2015 will have nine papers around 150 pages and August 2015 (special issue) should have ten papers around 160-180 pages.

Status of ARER’s application for SSCI Indexing: In early September 2014, we learned that our application for indexing in SSCI was unsuccessful. Two shortcomings were mentioned: (1) lack of international authors and editors and (2) the journal’s citation record in the Web of Science. The journal may be resubmitted for evaluation in January 2016.

Editor Search: We are searching for an editor to replace Arnab Basu, whose term is expiring in July 2015.

Publisher Proposals: In early 2014, NAREA and ARER solicited proposals from reputable publishers to take over the publication, but not ownership, of ARER. An ad hoc committee of the board is currently evaluating two strong proposals, one from Cambridge University Press, and one from Taylor & Francis (Routledge). Both proposals suggest opportunities for growth, and both estimate some significant revenue gains for the association.

Webmaster Report
Sahan Dissanayake

A variety of general website updates were made during the June 1 – December 31, 2014, post-annual meeting period. In summary, the website was updated with new information following the 2014 annual meeting, new journal awards were added to the ARER site, new ARER articles are being featured on the website, and website for the 2015 Annual Meeting and Workshop was created.

In particular, the website now contains information on the new NAREA board, NAREA awards, new ARER editors, and new ARER articles in print. In addition, information for the 2015 annual meeting, workshop, and paper submissions is now on the website and is accessible at http://www.narea.org/2015/.

NAREA Website Visitor Statistics for June 1-December 31, 2014:

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Sub-site Stats: The Journal sub-site received 46% of the pageviews. The 2014 Conference and Workshop sub-site received 13% of the pageviews.

Geographical Stats: US visitors 61%. International visitors: 39%.

Top 10 US States: NY, PA, DC, TX, WV, MA, CA, RI, MD, ME.

Top 15 Countries: India, Brazil, Ukraine, Canada, Germany, Australia, United Kingdom, Italy, France, South Korea, Iran, China, Japan, Netherlands, and Spain.

Past-Presidents’ Roundtable
Josh Duke

The third annual Past-Presidents’ Roundtable was held at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Current officers reviewed NAREA’s key initiatives, focusing on the journal and the upcoming joint meeting with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. Past presidents offered valuable feedback on these initiatives and also made recommendations on future nominees for NAREA awards and committees. We are grateful for these perspectives. The current officers invite all past presidents to attend this event each year.

Time to Join NAREA or Renew Your Membership!

There are two options to pay 2015 dues: an annual fee of $25 regular and $10 student; or a three year membership at $65 regular and $20 student. Forms are available at the back of this newsletter and at the NAREA website (http://www.narea.org/Membership.html).

These options are also available through the AAEA website for individuals who wish to pay for multiple memberships at once: www.aaea.org. Questions should be directed to the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris (dr.doug@unh.edu).

Send membership forms to:
Dr. Doug Morris, Secretary - Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
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Department of Natural Resources and The Environment
Durham, NH 03824-3589

If you have changed mailing or emailing addresses, please note changes in postal or email addresses.
NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics

NAREA calls for nominations for the 2016 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics. This award honors and recognizes economists who have applied agricultural, environmental, consumer, resource, or community development economics in a unique way that has contributed toward solving important problems and improving the welfare of society. The recipient(s) need not be a member of the Association. The nomination letter should focus on why the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominees will be evaluated on the quality of their work and their demonstrated contribution to improving societal welfare as indicated by the nomination letter.

The recipient(s) will be invited to present an address at the 2016 NAREA Annual Meeting in Rhode Island that will be published as an invited paper in ARER. The recipient will receive an honorarium of $1,000 to cover travel costs. Additional information on nominations and past award recipients can be found at NAREA’s website, http://www.narea.org/awards/.

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2015. Please email nomination letters and to Ted Jaenicke (tjaenicke@psu.edu).

Nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and Honorary Life Member Awards. All members of NAREA are eligible for nomination to receive the Distinguished Member Award, in recognition for “continuous and outstanding contributions to the Association, the region and the profession” and typically “to recognize members for significant recent professional achievements in the context of an overall meritorious record.” Recipients may be in teaching, research, extension, administration, government, or business.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their main professional position. It recognizes members in good standing of NAREA who have actively participated in the affairs of the Association and its predecessor organizations, as appropriate, and who, while maintaining an active interest in their profession, have recently retired from their formal professional position that comprised the major reason for their initial involvement with the Association.

A NAREA member in good standing must nominate candidates for both awards. The nomination letter should specify why the member is deserving of the award. Additional information can be found at the NAREA website under “Awards”.

The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2015. Please email nominations to: Tim Phipps (Tim.Phipps@mail.wvu.edu).

Nominations for NAREA Master’s Thesis Awards

The NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award includes a $250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in ARER at no charge to the award winner.

The NAREA Master’s Thesis Award of Merit includes a $50 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in ARER at no charge to the
award winner. Up to three awards of merit may be granted.

Theses nominations for considerations by the Awards Committee will be evaluated according to the problem formulation, conceptual approach, quality of research, and quality of communication. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2015.

Eligibility: Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

(1) The thesis must have been accepted by any institution of higher learning in the Northeast including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C., during the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

(2) The thesis topic must address an issue within the purview of NAREA. The committee will consider a maximum of two theses per department. The committee will consider only those theses nominated by the department chair or graduate program director. In addition, any member of NAREA may petition the Committee to consider a thesis accepted by another institution in the Northeast, including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C. Before the thesis is considered, the Committee will evaluate the petition.

Submission guidelines: To submit a thesis for consideration, please send via email pdf copies of the following: (1) A nominating letter; (2) The full thesis; and (3) The thesis abstract (250-word maximum) to Yanhong Jin, Chair of the M.S. Thesis Awards Committee by March 1, 2014 (yjin@aesop.rutgers.edu).

Graduate Student Conference Scholarships

NAREA Graduate Student Conference Scholarships encourage graduate students to attend the annual NAREA Annual Meeting. Each scholarship covers the student registration fee, helping to defray some costs of conference attendance. Priority for scholarships will be given to NAREA members and students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia, although others who may benefit from attendance are also encouraged to apply. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the NAREA Awards Luncheon.

Applicants for the 2015 Scholarships must complete the application form found at http://www.narea.org/awards. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The application deadline is April 20, 2015. Questions about these scholarships can be sent via email to President-Elect Martin Heintzelman (mheintze@clarkson.edu).

Future Meetings

2015 Rhode Island (Joint with CAES)
2016 Maine
2017 Washington, DC (New)
2018 Pennsylvania
2019 New Hampshire
2020 Nova Scotia
2021 Maryland
2022 Connecticut
2023 Delaware

Note that the NAREA board approved adding Washington, DC, as a meeting location for the 2017 meeting.
Presidents’ Fund

The Presidents’ Fund has been established to support graduate student and early-career professional members’ involvement in the Association. All members can contribute to this fund. Past Presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to support this fund. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for managing the proceeds of the Past-Presidents’ Fund, as well as soliciting contributions to the Fund. A committee composed of the President, Past-President, and President-Elect will be responsible for awarding grants from this fund to graduate students and early-career professionals. The Association currently has $11,250.40 in this fund. Please consider adding your financial support to this endeavor through a tax-deductible contribution. To contribute contact the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris (dr.doug@unh.edu) or send contributions (made out to NAREA) to:

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Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
56 College Road, G68 James Hall
Department of Natural Resources and The Environment
Durham, NH 03824-3589

Please specify that the contributions are to be directed to the Presidents’ Fund.

2014-2015 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to the needs of the Association in any year.

Executive Committee

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Edward Jaenicke
Pennsylvania State University

President-Elect
Martin Heintzelman
Clarkson University

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Joshua Duke
University of Delaware

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USDA Economic Research Service

Patrick Walsh (2015)
US Environmental Protection Agency

Alessandro Bonanno (2016)
Wageningen University

Sarah Jacobson (2016)
Williams College

Donna Ramirez – Harrington (2017)
University of Vermont

Mario Teisl (2017)
University of Maine

William Wheeler, Govt. Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics Committee

The objective of this award is to recognize an individual(s) who has applied agricultural, environmental, consumer, resource or community development economics in a unique way that has contributed toward solving an important problem and improving the welfare of society. Through this award, the Association intends to broaden the profession’s concept of service and contribution, recognizing that traditional research, teaching, and extension may not always be essential ingredients to make a positive impact on society’s welfare. The recipient(s) need not be a member of the Association. This award would indicate to economists within, as well as outside, our Association that we are concerned about the application of economics to solve problems affecting society. The President of the Association will establish a committee of six members to solicit nominations for the award and to accept self-nominations. Each member of the Committee will serve a three-year term with two new members appointed to the committee each year. The Committee will submit one nomination to the Executive Committee for approval at the fall Business Meeting each year.

Zeyuan Qiu (2015)
New Jersey Institute of Technology

Lori Lynch (2015)
University of Maryland

Edward Jaenicke (2016)
Pennsylvania State University

Senarath Dharmasena (2016)
Texas A&M University
The Committee shall be comprised of six members. The President shall appoint the members and the chairpersons as needed, with the understanding that each member normally serves 3 years. The senior member shall serve as Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Committee shall report the recipient of the NAREA Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award of Merit to the president at least 30 days before the beginning date of the Annual Meeting.

Yanhong Jin Chair (2015)  
Rutgers University

Sahan Dissanayake (2015)  
Colby College

Sunny Jardine (2016)  
University of Delaware

Corey Lang (2016)  
University of Rhode Island

Emily Wang (2017)  
University of Massachusetts

Douglas Wrenn (2017)  
Pennsylvania State University

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEES

2014 Annual Meeting Program Committee

The Program Committee shall be comprised of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past-President, the Secretary-Treasurer and a representative of the host institution for the forthcoming annual meetings. The President-Elect shall chair this Committee. The Committee shall develop the program and the associated arrangements for the Annual Meeting and any other special meeting that the Executive Committee judges to be in the best interests of the Association.

Martin Heintzelman, Chair  
President-Elect  
Pennsylvania State University

Edward Jaenicke  
President  
University of Delaware

Josh Duke  
Past President  
University of Maine

Douglas E. Morris  
Secretary-Treasurer  
University of New Hampshire

Emi Uchida  
Host Institution Representative  
University of Rhode Island
2014 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee

The Local Arrangements Committee shall be comprised of the President-Elect and at least one representative of the host institution(s) for the forthcoming annual meeting. The Committee shall work with the webmaster on developing the conference website, make arrangements for the conference site and meeting rooms, and organize the meeting registration.

Martin Heintzelman, Chair
President-Elect
Clarkson University

Emi Uchida
University of Rhode Island

2014 Workshop Committee

The Annual Workshop Committee shall consist of at least three members. Each year’s workshop shall have its own chair appointed by the President at or before the Fall Business Meeting two years prior to the workshop. The workshop chair shall serve a two-year term followed by a six-month term as past-chair. The past-chair will advise the newly appointed workshop chair. The workshop chair will identify other members of the committee, to be appointed by the President, no later than one year prior to the workshop. The President-Elect will serve as ex-officio member. The Committee shall be charged with: identifying a topic for each workshop; seeking funding sufficient to pay honoraria or other incentives suitable to attract outstanding papers for the Annual Workshop; identifying criteria and referees for selecting papers submitted for workshop consideration; scheduling workshop presentations in coordination with the Program Committee and including any invited speakers that the President-Elect may choose for presentations on the workshop topic; and, in consultation with the Editor, establishing a deadline for submission of workshop papers to the Journal (typically three weeks after the workshop) and assisting in identifying Journal referees.

Todd Guilfoos (chair)
University of Rhode Island

Kent D. Messer
University of Delaware

Emi Uchida
University of Rhode Island

Kathleen P. Bell
University of Maine

J. Wesley Burnett, Past-Chair
College of Charleston

Kathleen Bell, Future Chair
University of Maine

Ex-Officio
Martin Heintzelman
Clarkson University
Selected Papers and Symposia Committee

The Selected Papers and Symposia Committee shall be comprised of a chairperson appointed to a one-year term by the President-Elect, and five at-large members of the Association. Each year the President-Elect will appoint three members to the committee for a two-year term. The President-Elect shall also appoint additional persons as necessary to replace Committee members who cannot complete the second year of their term.

Richard Vyn Chair (2014)
Guelph University

Sanjib Bhuyan (2015)
Rutgers University

Ju-Chin Huang (2015)
University of New Hampshire

Carmen Carrion-Flores (2015)
Binghamton University

Alessandro Bonanno, (2016)
Wageningen University

Dennis Guignet (2016)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Sarah Cline (2016)
U.S. Department of the Interior

Ex-Officio
Martin Heintzelman
Clarkson University

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three members appointed by the President. All Members of the Committee shall be located at the same institution as the Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Agricultural Economics Department or its equivalent. The Committee shall be responsible for certifying to the Association the accuracy of the record of receipts and expenditures and that all expenditures are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Theodore Howard, Chair
University of New Hampshire

John Halstead
University of New Hampshire

Alberto Manalo
University of New Hampshire

Kelly Cullen
University of New Hampshire
Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be comprised of three members. The President shall appoint one member each year, except that he or she may appoint more when a member is unable to complete his or her term. Each member shall serve three years except in cases where appointment has been made to an unexpired term. The senior member shall serve as Chairperson. The Committee shall recruit new members for the Association and promote NAREA membership in and outside the Northeast region.

Kathleen Bell
University of Maine

Carolyn Dimitri
New York University

Douglas E. Morris
University of New Hampshire

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Past-President and two members appointed by the President. The Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past-President. The Committee shall be responsible for developing a slate of nominees consisting of two candidates for each office to be elected by the membership and shall serve as Tellers for the mail election of officers.

Joshua Duke
Past-President
University of Delaware

President
Edward Jaenicke
Pennsylvania State University

President-Elect
Martin Heinztelman
Clarkson University

David Timmons
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Call for NAREA Selected Papers and Symposia  
NAREA & CAES 2015 Joint Annual Meeting  
Newport, Rhode Island  
June 28 – 30, 2015

Deadline for Paper and Symposium Abstract Submissions: February 1, 2015  
Abstracts will be able to be submitted beginning on December 15, 2014.

**Annual Meeting:** Selected Papers and Symposia. Selected Paper sessions are an opportunity for individual NAREA and CAES members to share their current research. Symposium sessions allow members to organize a group of three or four papers on a specific area that is of interest to the membership. Papers and Symposia are invited in the following subject categories: Consumer, Environment, Marketing, Natural Resources, Trade, Rural/Regional Development, International Development, Policy, Innovation, Industrial Organization, Production/Management, Health and Nutrition, Energy, and Other – Specify.

For information on submission of papers for the Workshop on “Economics of Water Quality”, please refer to the Workshop website.

**Selected Paper Proposals:** Selected paper submissions should include: (i) the title of paper; (ii) names and institutional affiliations of the author and co-authors; (iii) name and e-mail address of paper presenter; and (iv) an extended abstract of no more than 500 words. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of Significance to the Field, Strength of Methodology/Design, Clarity of Writing, Fit Within the Conference Topics, and – if necessary – the number of presentations proposed by the paper presenter. Selected paper proposals should be submitted through NAREA's online submission system accessible at [http://www.narea.org/2015/proposal/submit.asp](http://www.narea.org/2015/proposal/submit.asp).

**Symposium Proposals:** Symposium proposals should be submitted by the symposium coordinator. Symposium proposals should include: (i) the title of the symposium; (ii) name and institutional affiliation of the authors submitting individual papers; (iii) the titles of these three-to-four papers; (iv) name and e-mail address of the symposium coordinator; and (v) a symposium justification of no more than 500 words. The justification should describe the strengths of the combined papers and the addition the symposium will make to the conference. Paper abstracts are to be submitted individually by each author. Individual paper submissions do not need to include any introductory material describing the symposium or a description of how the paper fits into the symposium. Symposium proposals should be submitted through NAREA's online submission system accessible at [http://www.narea.org/2015/proposal/submit_symposium.asp](http://www.narea.org/2015/proposal/submit_symposium.asp).

The Selected Papers Committee will review symposium submissions as a complete package. Rejection and acceptance decisions will be made for the entire proposal rather than for any individual papers; however, the program chair reserves the right to reject individual abstracts if deemed necessary. The order in which the individual abstracts and symposium proposal are received is not important for review. Individual papers may be submitted at any time before the submission deadline.

**Submission Deadline:** February 1, 2015.

Electronic acknowledgement of submissions will be sent to all submitters. We expect to notify the authors by March 31, 2015 for all types of submission. Please note that, if accepted, all presenters must be NAREA or CAES members and registered for the Annual Meeting by May 1, 2015. Submission questions can be directed to the paper selection chair, President-Elect Martin Heintzelman (mheintze@clarkson.edu). Local arrangements questions can be directed to local arrangements co-chair Emi Uchida (narea2015ri@gmail.com). Questions regarding the submission website, RegOnline, should be directed to Joe Pittle (JoePittle@uri.edu) and questions regarding the NAREA/CAES conference website should be directed to the NAREA Webmaster Sahan Dissanayake (sdissan2@gmail.com).
Call for Workshop Papers
Water Quality Economics

Abstract Deadline: February 13, 2015

The Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) is excited to host the 2015 Workshop on Water Quality Economics. The 2015 workshop will be held at the Viking Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island immediately prior the NAREA Annual Meeting. The workshop will take place on June 27-28, before the NAREA Annual Meeting on June 28-30. Immediately following the Workshop, during the afternoon on Sunday June 28, we will organize a boat tour of Narragansett Bay to learn about water quality issues in the Bay, details to be released later. The Workshop may be attended alone or in combination with the NAREA Annual Meeting.

The workshop will include addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. A special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) will be published in August 2016 from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's peer-review process.

The Workshop will also provide $800 to the presenting author (up to a maximum of 14) upon successful completion of their submission of their paper to ARER. The Workshop is supported from a variety of sources including the USDA-supported Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research (CBEAR).

Topics for Selected Papers

This Workshop will bring together researchers examining a broad range of economic and environmental issues surrounding the topic of Water Quality Economics. Interactions among water quality and agriculture pose enduring and complex resource management challenges. Scientific understanding of water quality and agriculture interactions remains incomplete as do governance and regulatory systems for moving such knowledge into action. Control of non-point source pollution from agricultural sources is an arduous natural resource management challenge. Among a diverse suite of complicating factors, uncertainties over the location of pollution sources, heterogeneous impacts of pollutants on water quality over space and time, valuation of water quality changes, governance of land and water systems, and interactions with climate change fuel the incessant demand for improved knowledge of water quality and agriculture interactions.

The 2015 NAREA Workshop on Water Quality Economics will convene recognized and emerging experts to debate and advance research on the contemporary economic problems in water quality such as non-point source water pollution and corresponding spatial issues that may be present when dealing with water quality. Papers will be solicited that expand the frontier of water quality economics and have a focus on (1) development of markets and/or policy design within or across watersheds; (2) development of economic and biophysical interactions through spatial watershed modeling of land-use, governance, and transport of pollutants with a focus on...
consequences for US agricultural sustainability; (3) trans-boundary issues of water impairments and governance; (4) valuation of water quality impairments related to ecosystem services that agriculture both provides and relies upon; or (5) application of behavioral and experimental economics to water quality and agricultural issues.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA Workshop must submit an extended abstract by Friday, February 13, 2015. Abstracts may be submitted online at www.regonline.com/NAREA2015CAES and/or via email to Todd Guilfoos, the Workshop Chair (e-mail to guilfoos@mail.uri.edu).

Abstracts may be e-mailed at any time prior to Friday, February 13, 2015. The extend abstract should be 1000 to 1500 words maximum.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the NAREA Workshop Selected Papers Committee in terms of the significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2015.

Selected paper presentations will be 20 minutes. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 15, 2015, to be included in the workshop's program. ARER must receive final papers by July 31, 2015, to be considered for expedited review in the special issue of ARER.

For More Information

Further information concerning workshop registration and the final program will be provided in the spring issue of the NAREA Newsletter and on the NAREA website.

For more information, contact the NAREA Workshop committee:

- Todd Guilfoos (chair), University of Rhode Island, guilfoos@mail.uri.edu
- Kent D. Messer, University of Delaware, messer@udel.edu
- Emi Uchida, University of Rhode Island, emi@uri.edu
- Kathleen P. Bell, University of Maine, kpbell@maine.edu
- J. Wesley Burnett, College of Charleston, burnettjw@cofc.edu
NAREA Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) program
Call for Participants: Mentors and Mentees
January 2015

NAREA is currently seeking applications for mentees, and expressed interest by possible mentors, for the 2015-2016 Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program sponsored by the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). The CAM program is a unique opportunity for pre-tenured faculty and early career scholars to develop and enhance professional networks, receive one-to-one mentoring from an experienced member within the environmental and agricultural economics community, and to attend a dinner and panel session on issues of concern to early career scholars.

Participants interested in this year long program that will include ongoing mentoring opportunities are to apply by April 15, 2015. We expect that up to 10 mentors and mentees will participate in this part of the program. This matching will be made based on mentor and mentee preferences and interests that will be communicated through a short mentee application found on the CAM website: http://www.narea.org/cam/. Applicants will be informed of the selection decisions by April 30, 2015. Colleagues interested in serving as a mentor can contact Jill Caviglia-Harris or anyone on the CAM committee directly. We will ask for a short biography (including name and contact information) if this is not already easily accessible on the web. For more information please contact Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu).
Application for Membership:
Northeastern Agricultural & Resource Economics Association
For Year 2015

PURPOSE: The purpose of NAREA is to stimulate and promote research on economic and social problems related to the production, marketing and consumption of agricultural products, natural resource use and community economic development, and the interrelation of the agricultural and rural economy with the rest of the economy.

ORGANIZATION: NAREA is organized as a group of professional agricultural economists and other persons interested in promoting the purposes of the Association.

AFFILIATION: NAREA is officially affiliated with the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, and its President shall serve as an ex officio member of the AAEA Board of Directors. NAREA shall not be affiliated with any other institution, organization or agency, either public or private.

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Country (if not U.S.)__________________ Postal Code________

email _____________________________ phone number: _____________________

Affiliation _____________________________

Membership: ______ General ($25/year or $65 for 3 years) [Due Jan. 1, 2015]

_____ Student ($10/year or $20 for 3 years)

Signature ____________________________ Date _________________________

Membership includes a subscription to the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review published three times a year. Make your check payable to "Northeastern Agricultural & Resource Economics Association" or NAREA and send form and payment to:

Dr. Doug Morris, Secretary - Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
56 College Road, G68 James Hall
Department of Natural Resources and the Environment
Durham, NH 03824-3589
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