NAREA Spring 2021 Newsletter

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Dear NAREA members and friends,

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers, session chairs, and presenters who have worked hard preparing for the June 14-15, 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. I would especially like to thank President-Elect Caroline Noblet and Jakina Debnam Guzman, Chair of the Selected Papers and Symposia Committee, for their leadership.

Looking ahead to future annual meetings, we will be meeting in person in June 2022 in Mystic, Connecticut, and in June 2023 in Annapolis, Maryland.

I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Annual Meeting!

Dave Abler, NAREA President

NAREA is holding its 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 and Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The Annual Meeting will provide opportunities to share research, network, and hopefully have a little fun along the way. This year’s keynote speakers are Kathy Baylis of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Alba Collart of Mississippi State University.

There is no fee this for this year’s Annual Meeting, but you need to pre-register for each session that you would like to attend. The conference program, with links to
2021 Business Meeting

The 2021 Business Meeting will be held at 4:15-5:00 pm on Monday, June 14, as part of the Annual Meeting. All NAREA members are welcome!

A voting item at this year’s Business Meeting is revisions to the NAREA By-Laws. A description of the revisions, a track changes version of the By-Laws showing the revisions, and a version of the By-Laws with the changes accepted are at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0pl8y3ns4w5ctxu/AACSZwPDyLzYFXVvF6SIhS6a?dl=0.

The registration link for the Business Meeting is https://maine.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoceigqD0uG9OyJQmTXhoVhW_t0Wbd87m6.

Call for Volunteers

Members will rotate off of NAREA committees this summer, so we’ll need new volunteers. This is a great way to engage with your professional community, meet colleagues, and get to know how NAREA works. Please email President-Elect Caroline Noblet (caroline.noblet@maine.edu) to volunteer or inquire.
Career Advancement and Mentoring (CAM) Report

Jill Caviglia-Harris (CAM Committee Chair), Leah Palm-Forster (Committee Co-Chair), Keith Evans, Lucy Qui, Kent Messer, Caroline Noblet, Sonja Kolstoe, Kate Zipp

We are excited to announce that the 2021-2022 CAM cohort has been selected and notified. Pre-tenure faculty and early career scholars in agricultural, environmental or resource economics were encouraged to apply for the year-long one-on-one mentoring component of the CAM Program by April 15. We received 41 applications (29 in full time positions / 7 post-docs / 5 students). We paired 10 mentors with 20 fellows selected based on standardized mentee selection protocols. Selected mentees and mentors have committed to attend the NAREA annual meetings in 2021 and 2022. These meetings will provide the opportunity to meet with mentors, CAM fellows and the NAREA membership; learn about the program; and outline expectations for interactions with mentors and other fellows. New cohorts are accepted every other year (in odd years).

For more information about the CAM program please contact Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu).

ARER Editors’ Report

Richard “Max” Melstrom (Managing Editor), Shana McDermott, Trey Malone

ARER Editorial Team
Trey Malone joined as editor on January 1, 2021 and will serve a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Also on January 1, Max Melstrom took over from
Hung-Hao Chang as managing editor. Max’s term ends December 31, 2021, at which time Shana McDermott will move into the managing editor position.

The ARER editorial team is now soliciting applications for the next incoming editor to serve the 2022-2025 three-year term. Applications are due October 1, 2021. Recommendations from the editors will be brought to the fall NAREA Board meeting for a decision. If you are interested, please contact Max Melstrom (rmelstrom@luc.edu).

**Submissions and Trends**
There were 90 original submissions between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021. This is up from 83 submissions in 2019 and 61 submissions in 2018. Between January 1 and May 11, 2021, we received 28 original submissions, which is up from 21 original submissions between January 1 and May 11, 2020, and up from 24 submissions between January 1 and May 11, 2019.

**Special Issues**
ARER is publishing a special issue in August 2021 under the theme “Social Justice in Agricultural and Environmental Economics”. In total, there will be 8 articles published in this special issue, including several invited articles. The guest editors are Dr. Angelino Viceisza and Dr. Miesha Williams. Many thanks for the efforts from Angelino and Miesha on putting together the special issue.

**ARER Featured Articles Podcast**
The editors are developing a podcast series for featured articles. Each month, the managing editor selects a recently accepted article to promote as a featured article through the ARER/Cambridge websites and social media and the NAREA Twitter account. The editors are now inviting featured article authors to do a short Q&A about their research. The published version of the interview will run about 15 minutes and be placed on the ARER webpage.
**Treasurer’s Report**

Farhed Shah, Treasurer

NAREA’s total assets as of May 31, 2021 were $158,933.22, up $2,346.37 from January 1, 2021 when they were $156,586.85. Total revenues during the January 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 period were $2,803.92, consisting of $2,795.00 in membership dues and $8.92 in investment income. Total expenses during this period were $457.55, consisting of $89.00 in membership refunds and $368.55 in software charges.

**Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Committee Report**

Sarah Jacobson (Chair), Neha Khanna, Yusuke Kuwayama, Leah Palm-Forster

While this year has held unprecedented challenges, it has also been a time that has heightened attention on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and particularly anti-racism. In this climate, the D&I Committee has had a productive year, with efforts ranging from the new pilot Scholars’ Circle program to completing tasks we’ve been working on for some time (e.g., the DEI service award) to moving forward on the task of creating a document that will specify what should happen when a complaint arises with regard to NAREA’s Events Code of Conduct.

The Committee has proposed to the presidents that every year there be a special call for volunteers for this committee; had a page on Diversity and Inclusion ([http://www.narea.org/inclusion](http://www.narea.org/inclusion)) added to the NAREA website; had discussions with people proposing future NAREA workshops and special issues on topics related to equity and justice; released a statement standing against hate and
discrimination against the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community; held a listening session (joint with AAEA) on issues related to the AAPI community in May 2021, facilitated by Yusuke Kuwayama; and suggested that NAREA hold two listening sessions per year for the foreseeable future, at which NAREA members can share thoughts and experiences about anything, especially related to inclusion or exclusion.

The Scholars’ Circles is a pilot program in which groups of NAREA members meet virtually regularly throughout the year for networking, mentoring, and professional development. Five groups with about 54 participants have met since they were organized in August 2020. Our impression is that the program has been very successful! Over the past year, the Committee held three panel events for the members of the Scholars’ Circles on professional development topics. The Committee also helped organize a “Scholars’ Snippets” session at the NAREA summer 2021 conference, which will feature 11 presentations by individuals and groups and a networking game. We solicited volunteers for a committee that will move the Scholars Circle program forward out of the pilot phase, and we will survey participants after the June Annual Meeting to assess and improve the program.

Donate to the Douglas E. Morris Memorial Fund

At the summer 2017 business meeting, NAREA members voted to rename the Presidents’ Fund as the Douglas E. Morris Memorial Fund. The mission of the fund is to support graduate student and early-career professional members' involvement in the Association. As such it primarily supports the CAM (Career Advancement and Mentoring) program. Past Presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to give to this fund, but we encourage everyone with an interest in mentoring and advancement of early career scholars to give.
You can send your tax-deductible donation as a check made out to NAREA (directing it to the Douglas E. Morris Memorial Fund) to:

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