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**June 20-23
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

President's Column

James Shortle

Writing in this column a year ago, Stephen Swallow described himself as an "agitated, fidgety President... anxious to see NAREA build on its substantial strengths and realize a higher potential value for its members and for the broadly-defined profession of applied agricultural and resource economics." I applaud Stephen for his efforts and accomplishments on behalf of NAREA. As a director, president elect, president, and now past president, he has truly devoted himself to improving the standing of the Association and its value to members – and with significant success. Our thanks Stephen, and congratulations again for the very well deserved Distinguished Member Award at the 2003 Annual meeting.

**2004 NAREA-CAES Joint Meetings
and
International Trade and
Environment Workshop**

The 2003 annual meeting in Portsmouth was a glowing success. Stimulating papers, a very successful post-conference workshop, the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, and a great venue. And, we got to see John Halstead start a new tradition of having NAREA officials participate in the banquet entertainment. Listening to John on the guitar alone was worth attending the banquet. Thanks to John, Doug Morris, Kelly Giraud and their colleagues at UNH

for the local arrangements. For the success of the post-conference workshop, special thanks go to Lori Lynch and Josh Duke for their work in securing funding and organizing the event.

There are several important NAREA announcements to report:

(1) *Dues are going up for regular members from \$15 to \$25 per year.* NAREA members voted to increase dues at the 2003 business meeting. The increase is essential to maintain the financial condition of the association. But even with this modest increase, NAREA remains a tremendous bargain.

(2) *A pre- or post-conference workshop will now be a regular part of the annual meeting.* NAREA members voted to amend the by-laws to include the workshop as a part of the annual meeting at the 2003 business meeting. The association has now sponsored two workshops. Both have added great value to the meetings and the contributions of the association. A post-conference workshop on International Trade and the Environment will be offered at the 2004 meetings in Halifax. A call for papers for that workshop is included with this newsletter. Lori Lynch of the University of Maryland is already at work on the 2005 workshop.

(3) *The executive board has selected Lori Lynch and Wes Musser of the University of Maryland to serve as Co-Editors of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review.* Lori and Wes will be responsible for *ARER* publication-years 2005 through 2008. Lori and Wes will begin handling new submissions on January 1, 2004. Peter Parks will edit continuing manuscripts for the April and October 2004 issues. We thank Peter for his very fine work as *ARER* editor and look forward to having Lori and Wes on board.

(4) *NAREA has a new webmaster and a completely redesigned website.* Ken Bailey of Penn State has replaced John Mackenzie of the University of Delaware. Thanks to John for his excellent contributions, and to Ken for taking on this important task. Bob Conn, on the staff of Penn State's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, did a wonderful job redesigning the website. The url is <http://narea.org/>. Please take a look and offer comments and suggestions for improvement, and informational updates to Ken at kwb8@agsci.win.psu.edu.

(5) *The 2004 regular meetings and workshop on International Trade and Environment will be*

held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The meetings are being hosted by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. NAREA director Steve Clark of NSAC is coordinating local arrangements. NAREA President-elect Dan Lass is working with the CAES to put together a stimulating program for the regular meetings. Dave Abler of Penn State is heading the International Trade and Environment Workshop program committee. We are fortunate to have US Environmental Protection Agency funding through a cooperative agreement with the National Center for Environmental Economics for the workshop, and thank Clay Ogg of EPA-NCEE especially for helping us secure this essential EPA sponsorship.

(6) *The NAREA Executive Committee has selected Dr. Paul Portney of Resources for the Future Inc. as the recipient of the 2004 Award For Outstanding Public Service Through Economics.* Congratulations to Dr. Portney for the exceptional contributions that he has made over many years that led to his nomination and selection for this award. We are honored that Paul will be attending the Halifax meeting to receive the award and to speak at the NAREA awards banquet

I look forward to seeing you all in Halifax. It will be another great program and venue. See old friends, and make new ones. Further information about the Halifax meetings is included with this newsletter, and can also be found at www.Narea.org.

2004 NAREA Annual Meetings *Dan Lass and Stephen Clark*

Mark your calendars! The 2004 NAREA annual meetings will be held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the Delta Halifax hotel on **June 20 - 23**. The format for the meetings will be a bit different this year. We will open with the typical reception on Sunday followed by two full days of meetings on Monday and Tuesday. The post conference workshop on International Trade and Environment will also be held at the Delta Halifax hotel and will follow our regular meetings with a full day on Wednesday.

The Delta Halifax hotel is just steps from the Historic Properties and just one block from the Halifax waterfront. The meeting site offers a variety of dining and entertainment venues

within walking distance from the hotel that are sure to please you and your family. Room rates are \$159 (Canadian!) single and double occupancy. You can reserve rooms with a view of the harbor at \$189 (also Canadian). Halifax offers a great start for a tour of the Maritime Provinces. Please make your reservations by *May 19, 2004*. Registration materials will be available on the NAREA website after the first of the year. For further information, contact Dan Lass at the University of Massachusetts or Stephen Clark at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. We hope to see you there. Nova Scotia has lots to offer for the whole family!

Call for Papers for the 2004 NAREA - CAEA Joint Meeting

Selected paper and symposium submission instructions for the 2004 NAREA-CAEA meeting in Halifax can be found at the end of this newsletter. Submission information is also available at narea.org and at the CAEA website (<http://caes-scae.org/conf-e1.htm>).

NAREA 2004 Trade And Environment Workshop - Call for Abstracts

David Abler

The 2004 "*International Trade and the Environment*" Workshop will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 23, immediately following the joint annual meetings of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES). The objective of the Workshop is to stimulate research and discussion to improve our understanding of the complex interrelationships between international trade, natural resource use, and the environment, particularly as they relate to agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. Such issues are of increasing policy relevance. U.S. Executive Order 13141 and the U.S. Trade Act of 2002 require environmental assessments of trade agreements during the negotiation process. The environment was a key topic of negotiation in the recently concluded U.S.-Singapore free trade agreement, and a commitment to enforce existing environmental laws was part of the recently concluded U.S.-Chile free trade agreement. Workshop topics of interest include:

- Strengths and weaknesses of previous environment assessments of trade agreements, and how knowledge gained from these assessments can be applied to improve

assessments of currently proposed trade agreements.

- Major developments in the trade and environment literature during the past decade, and how these developments can be applied to improve assessments of the environmental impacts of currently proposed trade agreements.
- Whether specially created international environmental bodies (such as the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, established concurrently with NAFTA) and environmental side-agreements are desirable.
- Whether the quantitative models currently available to assess the environmental impacts of trade agreements are adequate and, if not, the kinds of models that would be required and the data and parameter requirements of those models.
- Impacts of international trade on natural resource use in the northeast United States, Canada, and other countries, particularly land use in agriculture, in forestry, and the resulting positive and negative externalities.
- Given the time- and location-specific nature of agriculture's externalities, how environmental impacts of agricultural activities should be modeled for international trade negotiation purposes.

Workshop proceedings will be published in a special issue of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* (ARER) if accepted after the journal's normal review process. An honorarium of \$1,000 will be provided upon submission of the paper to ARER **by July 15, 2004**. To submit a paper for consideration by the Workshop's selected paper committee, please email a **five-page abstract** (Word, WordPerfect, or Adobe Acrobat attachment) to Dr. David Abler at the address below. The five-page limit relates to text only and excludes tables, figures, and literature cited. The deadline for abstracts is **January 30, 2004**. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract submissions by March 15, 2004. Full papers must be received from notified authors by **May 14, 2004** to be considered for inclusion in the program. NAREA must receive papers by July 15, 2004 to be considered for expedited review in ARER. Further information concerning the workshop will be provided on the NAREA website (www.narea.org) and in upcoming issues of the NAREA Newsletter, the AERE Newsletter, and *the Exchange*.

Send abstracts to Dr. David Abler at d-abler@psu.edu.

2005 NAREA Meetings and Workshop

The University of Maryland is the host of the 2005 NAREA meetings. Lori Lynch is coordinating local arrangements. The 2005 meetings will be held June 13-16 in Historic Annapolis, Maryland. The hotel is situated 1.5 blocks from the State Capital and a 7 block walk from the Annapolis harbor. See the NAREA website (www.narea.org) and the Spring 2004 newsletter for updates.

Lori is also chairing the 2005 workshop committee. The committee is charged with selecting a topic and sponsors. The committee for the 2005 workshop seeks your input on what interesting and timely issues you think would be important foci for the workshop. If you have a suggestion, please forward it soon to Lori Lynch at llynch@arec.umd.edu.

Call for nominations for NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

NAREA calls for nominations for the Award for 2005 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 an important problem and improving the welfare of society.

Nominees should be economists who have used economics to help solve important problems faced by society. 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. Detailed guidelines for nominations can be found on NAREA's website (www.narea.org).

The recipient(s) will be invited to present a keynote address at the 2005 annual meeting in being hosted by the University Of Maryland that will be published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 to cover travel costs.

Nominations must be received by **May 3, 2004**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be sent to:

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Nominations for Distinguished and Life Member Awards

Jim Dunn

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and 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. According to the by-laws (see October 2000 *ARER*), an individual may receive the award more than once.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their main professional position.

The deadline for nominations is **March 1, 2004**. Please mail nominations to:

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Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Kathleen Bell

The NAREA Outstanding Master's Thesis Award includes a \$250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 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 the *Agricultural and Resource Economics*

Review at no charge to the award winner. Up to three merit awards will be granted.

Theses nominations for consideration 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 **February 16, 2004**.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

- (1) 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, 2003 to December 31, 2003; and
- (2) The thesis topic addresses any of the issues within the purview of NAREA.

A maximum of two theses per department will be considered by the committee. Only those theses nominated by the department chair will be considered by the Committee. Any member of the 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.

To submit a thesis for consideration, please send:

- (1) A nominating letter,
- (2) Six copies of the thesis,
- (3) Six copies of the abstract (250 word maximum).

Submit thesis award nominations to:

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Policy
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please): kpbell@maine.edu

Nominations for NAREA Officers

Stephen Swallow

The nominating committee is soliciting the names of candidates for the executive board of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association. We will be filling the positions of President-elect and two directors for three year terms. Please forward potential nominees names:

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Douglas Morris

Current NAREA membership, including subscriptions, is 499. This compares to 487 at this time last year. The breakout by category is Regular 324, Honorary 36, Student 40, Library 100. The libraries are located as US 78, Canada 7, Other 15. Even though we have gained truly new members so far, 94 members in 2002 have not rejoined NAREA. This splits out as 71 regular and 23 student.

Journal publication is the main source of income and expense. The association is in good financial condition with assets held in the form of a CD, savings and checking accounts amounting to \$37,503.29.

ARER Editor's Report

Peter J. Parks

The October 2003 issue is now in the final stages of technical preparation (Judy Harrison, Technical Editor). Camera ready copies of journal contents will be provided to the printer (Sheridan Press) in time for mailing in late October or early November.

The October 2003 issue already includes 132 pages, and can be expected to contain ten submitted articles. The issue should also include an invited article from the winner of this year's award for Outstanding Contributions Through Public Service. In addition, members will find abstracts of submitted papers, details of NAREA Awards, NAREA Bylaws, lists of presidents, editors, and journal reviewers, and minutes from the annual Executive Committee meeting.

The April 2004 issue on "Linkages Between Agricultural and Conservation Policies" is well under way. Of the ten articles submitted, six are in the revise-resubmit category, and four are awaiting at most one late or backup review. The April 2004 issue can be expected to contain roughly one dozen articles, including four invited papers by keynote speakers (Abler, Lichtenberg, Smith, and Wu). Special effort will be made to acknowledge supporters of the 2003

Workshop.

During the past twelve months, 38 new manuscripts were submitted to ARER. This includes manuscripts submitted for the June 2003 workshop. Of these, 3 have been accepted (8 percent), 16 were rejected (42 percent), and 19 are in the revise-resubmit or review-not-yet-complete category (50 percent). In addition to these submitted manuscripts, five manuscripts have been invited. The submission rate remains about one article per week, and acceptance and rejection rates are consistent with prior years.

Lori Lynch and Wesley Musser will serve as co-editors for ARER for publication years 2005 through 2008. They will assume responsibility for new manuscripts beginning January 1, 2004. I will continue to be responsible for editing continuing manuscripts through the April 2004 and October 2004 issues. After that time, continuing manuscripts will be transmitted to the new editor.

I want to thank all the reviewers and editorial board members who have helped to review the manuscripts. It is only through the generous use of your time that the publication process is made possible.

Membership

To join NAREA send \$25 with your name and address, including e-mail address, to the Secretary-Treasurer. You can also renew when you renew your AAEA membership.

Doug Morris, Treasurer
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Future Meetings

2004 Nova Scotia
2005 Maryland
2006 Connecticut
2007 Delaware
2008 Vermont
2009 New Jersey
2010 Massachusetts
2011 New York
2012 West Virginia
2013 Rhode Island
2014 Maine
2015 Pennsylvania

2002-2003 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to need to conduct the business of the Association each year.

Membership for each committee for 2003-2004 is presented below, with term expiration dates in parentheses. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws.

Executive Committee

President

James Shortle
Penn State

President-Elect

Daniel Lass
University of Massachusetts

Past-President

Stephen K. Swallow
University of Rhode Island

Secretary-Treasurer

Douglas E. Morris
University of New Hampshire

Editor

Peter Parks
Rutgers University

Directors

Jeremy Foltz (2004)
University of Connecticut

Janelle Larson (2004)
Penn State

James D. Leiby (2005)
University of Maine

J. Stephen Clark (2005)
Nova Scotia Agricultural College

James Hanson (2006)
University of Maryland

Robert Johnston (2006)
University of Connecticut at Avery Point

Government Representative

Susan Leetmaa
USDA/ERS

Industry Representative:

Harry Vroomen
The Fertilizer Institute

Program Committee

Daniel Lass, President Elect, Chair

James Shortle, President
Stephen Swallow, Past President
Douglas E. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Steve Clark, Host Institution Representative

Distinguished and Honorary Life

Member Awards

Jim Dunn, Chair (2004)
Penn State

Mario Teisl (2005)
University of Maine

Tom Ilvento (2006)
University of Delaware

Masters Thesis Awards

Kathleen Bell, Chair (2004)
University of Maine

Greg Poe (2004)
Cornell University

Timothy Tyrrell (2005)
University of Rhode Island

Tsoun-Chao Lee (2005)
University of Connecticut

Ted Jaenicke (2006)
Penn State

Titus Awokuse (2006)
University of Delaware

Finance Committee

Stephen Swallow, Past President, Chair

Tim W. Kelsey (2004)
Penn State

Barry Zoumas (2005)
Penn State

Audit Committee

Alberto Manalo, Chair
New Hampshire

Bruce Lindsey
New Hampshire

John Halstead
New Hampshire

Nominating Committee

Stephen Swallow, Past President, Chair

Julie Caswell
University of Massachusetts

Roger Classen
USDA-ERS

Membership Committee

Kelly Giraud, Chair (2004)
University of New Hampshire

Jacqueline M. Geoghegan (2005)
Clark University

Will Wheeler (Ad Hoc; 2005)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Stephan Goetz (2006)
Penn State

Special Award Committee

John M. Halstead, Chair (2003)
University of New Hampshire

Cleve Willis (2003)
University of Massachusetts

Peter Boxall (2005)
University of Alberta

Kim Rollins (2005)
University of Nevada

Harry Kaiser (2006)
Cornell University

Peter Parks (2006)
Rutgers University

Selected Papers and Symposia Committee

Term Expires 2004

Eliza Mojdzuska, Chair
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U.S.E.P.A.-ORD
Cincinnati

Rick Horan
Michigan State University

Elizabeth Marshall
Penn State

Tammy Barlow McDonald
UMass Boston

Cheryl Brown
West Virginia

Steve Turner
University of Georgia

Mary Bowman
U.S.D.A. Economic Research Service

Mary Ahearn

Oregon

Term Expires 2005

Sanjib Bhuyan
Rutgers University

Timothy Dalton
University of Maine

John Halstead
University of New Hampshire

Neal Hooker
Ohio State University

Jim Murphy
University of Massachusetts

Christine K Ranney
Cornell University

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Farhed Shah
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Qinbin Wang
University of Vermont

Webmaster

Ken Bailey
Penn State

Historian

John Mackenzie
University of Delaware

2004 Workshop Committee
(Ad Hoc)

David Abler, Chair
Penn State

James Shortle
Penn State

Daniel Lass
University of Massachusetts

Stephen Clark
Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Peter Parks
Rutgers University

Others to be named

2005 Workshop Committee
(Ad Hoc)

Lori Lynch, Chair
University of Maryland

Daniel Lass
University of Massachusetts

James Shortle
Penn State

David Abler
Penn State

Stephan Goetz
Penn State

Others to be named

2004 NAREA Annual Meetings in Halifax, Nova Scotia
Selected Paper and Symposium Submission Instructions

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2004

The 2004 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 20-23. All selected paper sessions will be organized jointly by NAREA and CAES selected paper chairs to ensure topical and quality sessions.

Proposals for Symposia have no restrictions on format or content, but should emphasize audience discussion. Symposium proposals should include: 1) a title; 2) description of the topic; 3) reason why the topic is timely and of interest to the membership; 4) suggested format and description of the presentation; and 5) names and affiliations of presenters.

Selected Papers will be selected based on an extended abstract of no more than two pages, double-spaced, in a 12 point font. Abstracts not meeting these criteria will not be considered. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of problem statement, methods, results, and relevance to NAREA membership. Individuals whose abstracts are selected will be notified on or about April 1, 2004 and will be asked to write a paper for presentation at the meetings in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2004. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2004 will not have abstracts of their selected papers published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*.

For each selected paper submission, include a separate page with the following information:

- 1) Title of the Paper;
- 2) Corresponding Author (Name, Address, Phone/FAX/email);
- 3) Name of Presenting Author – is the presenter a member of NAREA? (Yes or No);
- 4) 50-Word Abstract (for publication in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*);
- 5) Paper's subject area (choose from the following list)
 - a. Consumer
 - b. Environment
 - c. Marketing
 - d. Rural/ Regional Development
 - e. Resources
 - f. Trade
 - g. Production
 - h. Other - Specify

Symposia and Selected Papers can be submitted either by mail or electronically. Mailed proposals must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2004. Electronic submissions must also be sent by this date. If submitting electronically, please name the file as follows: NAREA ***yourlastname.doc***. Please contact Eliza Mojduszka, Chair of the Selected Papers Committee, with any questions (732-932-9155, ext. 222 or email mojduszka@AESOP.Rutgers.edu).

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Please, no FAX submissions.