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**2005 NAREA Annual Meeting
and
Invasive Species Workshop
June 12-15
Annapolis, Maryland**

**Renew Your NAREA Membership
NAREA Dues Now Due!**

President's Column

Dan Lass

We've had many positive comments about this summer's meetings in Halifax. Halifax was a great meetings site; our Canadian hosts put together a terrific program and gave us a warm welcome. Meeting jointly with the Canadian Society was excellent and I'm sure all NAREA members who attended join me in thanking our Canadian hosts. We are especially grateful to Gary Fisher, Jill Hobbs, John Cranfield and Stephen Clark who organized the meetings and selected papers sessions. We're hoping to meet again jointly with CAES, possibly in Quebec in 2007 or 2008. Stay tuned.

Lori Lynch and Maryland colleagues are at work on the **2005 meetings in Annapolis**. Lori, along with Erik Lichtenberg, has been chairing the **2005 NAREA Workshop** committee; invasive species is the topic for the workshop. Additional information on the Maryland annual meetings and workshop are presented in this newsletter as well as initial hotel information. You can also get all this information, updates on the program, and more at NAREA's website (<http://narea.org/>).

There have been a number of changes in NAREA this year. Lori Lynch and Wes Musser of the University of Maryland took over from Peter Parks as editors of the ARER. Peter did an excellent job as editor; he's really made a contribution to NAREA through his work on the ARER. We're delighted that Lori and Wes have taken over the reins of the journal. Our journal remains in capable hands and the transition was smooth. Send your manuscripts to Lori and Wes!

The NAREA Executive Committee had a productive meeting this fall, which resulted in a number of decisions that should strengthen the financial situation of our Journal, the ARER, and to try and boost membership. We've talked for several years about the ARER pages charges, which have lagged behind most

of our cohort journals. Peter Parks reviewed the costs of publishing the journal and after deliberation, the Board voted unanimously to raise page charges to \$75 per page, a charge that leaves our page charges competitive with, or lower than, our cohort journals. We also voted to raise library subscription rates. Libraries were previously charged the individual rate (\$25); library rates will now be \$125, again comparable or somewhat lower than other journals.

For the first time in many years, NAREA membership declined significantly. NAREA has been bucking the trend in declining membership that most associations across the country have seen for several years. But as you'll see in the Secretary/Treasurer's report, we dropped from 354 regular members in 2003 to 265 regular members in 2004. The Board voted to spend some of our funds to promote the journal and encourage memberships. We've ordered a number of additional copies of the journal to send to prospective members. Our membership committee of last year, with Kelly Giraud doing the lion's share of the work, created a brochure to include in mailings to prospective members. We hope to expand our membership base by contacting colleagues in economics departments around the northeast this coming year. In many cases, we appear to have *lost* members because some of us simply forgot to renew. Did you remember to renew your membership this year?

Another issue currently under consideration by the Board is expansion of ARER to three issues per year. While the Board felt favorably about publishing three issues per year, we are cautious at this point given our current submissions and acceptance rates. Our plan is to promote the ARER during the coming year to try and rebound from our loss of members during the past year and to encourage more submissions, from current members, prospective members and other colleagues across the country. Once we feel confident that submissions have increased to a level that will support an additional issue for the long term, we would enthusiastically move to publish the third issue.

With these changes in place, we look forward to a prosperous new year for NAREA. The decisions made on page charges and library memberships will, we think, bring NAREA to a more secure financial position and will allow us to take some more aggressive actions in the future. My thanks to our Executive Board, and to our members who volunteer on NAREA committees.

2005 NAREA Annual Meeting

Lori Lynch

Mark your calendars!! The 2005 NAREA annual meeting will be held **June 12-15 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland.** Annapolis, Maryland's state capital, is a small, charming city that was founded in 1649 and served as the nation's capital from 1783-1784. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis is most known as being home to the U.S. Naval Academy.

It is also home to St. John's College, founded in 1696 and still known today for its Great Books curriculum. The historic district, where the hotel is located, boasts many interesting sites, including the State House, which is where the Treaty of Paris was signed at the end of the Revolutionary War. Whether you prefer shopping, fine dining, or just soaking up the atmosphere, this yachter's destination has something for everyone.

A block of rooms will be held by the hotel at the rate of \$137 per night – a deal for this location. For additional information about the Loews Annapolis Hotel, see <http://www.loewsannapolis.com/>.

2005 NAREA Workshop

Lori Lynch and Erik Lichtenberg, Co-chairs

Planning for the 2005 NAREA workshop has begun. Invasive Species is the central topic and we hope to attract research papers discussing trade issues, agricultural impacts and eco-system implications of exotic pests. Co-chairs of the workshop are Erik Lichtenberg and Lori Lynch. The Workshop this year is funded by the USDA ERS. The workshop will be held on **June 14-15** at the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland immediately following the 2005 NAREA regular annual meeting. The workshop begins Tuesday afternoon and runs through Wednesday morning. Start planning your paper submissions now. A call for paper is included at the end of this newsletter.

2006 NAREA Annual Meeting

Rob Johnston of the University of Connecticut has been busy organizing the local arrangements for the 2006 Annual meetings. They will be held in Mystic, Connecticut, **June 11-14** at the Hilton Mystic. NAREA has met at the Hilton Mystic previously with great success. Attractions in the area include the Mystic Aquarium and Mystic Seaport. We'll have more details in the future for the 2006 meetings.

2006 NAREA Workshop

The topic for the 2006 NAREA Workshop will be community economic development. Todd Gabe and Stephan Goetz have agreed to organize the 2006 NAREA Workshop. If you are interested in participating on the 2006 NAREA Workshop committee, contact Todd Gabe (Todd_Gabe@umit.maine.edu), Stephan Goetz (sgoetz@psu.edu) or Dan Lass (dan.lass@resecon.umass.edu).

Secretary/Treasurers Report

2005 Membership fees are now due. After the first of the year, you'll receive a statement; however, feel free to pay in advance by sending a check for \$25US to:

Doug Morris
Secretary - Treasurer
Northeastern Agricultural and
Resource Economics Association
56 College Road, 316 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589

Past members may just send me a check for \$25 and note any changes in postal or e-mail addresses.

Current membership, including subscriptions, in the association is 402. The breakout by category is as follows: Regular 265, Honorary 24, Student 24, Library 89.

ARER Editor's Report

Lori Lynch and Wes Musser

Total submissions have been 33 manuscripts. Two manuscripts (6%) were returned to the authors without review as inappropriate for our journal. Three manuscripts (9%) have been accepted for publication; two of these appear in the October 2004 issue. Six manuscripts (18%) were rejected after one review. Fifteen manuscripts (45%) were designated review and resubmit. The remaining seven manuscripts, 21%, are still in the first round of review.

We are on schedule with the 2004 workshop papers. Assuming authors respond to the revise and resubmit on a timely basis, we are on target to have these papers ready for the April 2005 issue. We 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.

The new editors are looking forward to working with the members in continuing the excellent tradition of *ARER*. In addition to reviewing manuscripts, we invite and encourage members to submit their manuscripts to *ARER*. The numbers reported above indicate your support, but the journal can always use additional manuscripts. Submitting more quality manuscripts will continue enhancing our journal. We hope that you send us your work and encourage friends and colleagues from around the region, country, and world to also send us their work.

Call for Nominations: NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

Peter Boxall, Chair

NAREA calls for nominations for the *2006 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 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 2006 annual meeting being hosted by the University of Connecticut 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 1, 2005**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be sent to:

Peter Boxall
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GSB 505
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2H1
peter.boxall@ualberta.ca

Nominations for Distinguished and Life Member Awards

Mario Teisl, Chair.

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 2004 *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, 2005**. Please mail or email nominations to:

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Dept of Res Econ and Policy
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University of Maine
Orono, ME 04469-5782
teisl@maine.edu

Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Tsoung-Chao Lee, Chair.

NAREA calls for nominations for Outstanding 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 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 awards of merit may be granted.

These 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 **February 11, 2005**.

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, 2004 to December 31, 2004.
- (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, or graduate program director, will be considered by the committee. 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.

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:

Tsoung-Chao Lee
Agricultural and Resource Economics
U-21, 1376 Storrs Rd.
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269-4021

Join NAREA

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, Secretary-Treasurer
University of New Hampshire
56 College Road
316 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589
USA

Future Meetings

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
2016	Nova Scotia

2004-2005 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 2004-2005 is presented below, with term expiration dates in parentheses. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws.

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University of Maryland

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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

Cynthia Nickerson (2007)
USDA/ERS

Joshua Duke (2007)
University of Delaware

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USDA/ERS

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Douglas E. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Lori Lynch, Host Institution Representative

Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards

Mario Teisl (2005), Chair
University of Maine

Tom Ilvento (2006)
University of Delaware

Julie Caswell (2007)
University of Massachusetts

Masters Thesis Awards

Tsoun-Chao Lee (2005), Chair
University of Connecticut

L. Joe Moffitt (2005)
University of Massachusetts

Ted Jaenicke (2006)
Penn State University

Titus Awokuse (2006)
University of Delaware

Chris Anderson
University of Rhode Island (2007)

David Just (2007)
Cornell University

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Tim W. Kelsey (2004)
Penn State

Barry Zoumas (2005)
Penn State

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Bruce Lindsey
New Hampshire

John Halstead
New Hampshire

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Roger Classen
USDA-ERS

Charles Abdalla
Penn State

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Jacqueline M. Geoghegan (2005)
Clark University

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

Stephan Goetz (2006)
Penn State

James Hanson (2007)
University of Maryland

Special Award Committee

Peter Boxall (2005), Chair
University of Alberta

Kim Rollins (2005)
University of Nevada

Harry Kaiser (2006)
Cornell University

Peter Parks (2006)
Rutgers University

Steven Smith (2007)
Penn State University

Selected Papers and Symposia Committee

Term Expires 2005

Gerard D'Souza, Chair
West Virginia University

Sanjib Bhuyan
Rutgers University

Timothy Dalton
University of Maine

John Halstead
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Neal Hooker
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Christine K Ranney
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USDA/ERS

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University of Vermont

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Ken Bailey
Penn State

Historian

John Mackenzie
University of Delaware

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University of Maryland

Erik Lichtenberg, Co-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

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University of Maine

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Others to be named

**2005 NAREA Annual Meetings in Annapolis, Maryland
Selected-Paper and Symposium Submission Instructions**

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2005

The 2005 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting will be held in Annapolis, Maryland June 12-15. All selected-paper sessions will be organized by NAREA 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 Annapolis, Maryland. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2005. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2005 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, 2005**. Electronic submissions must also be sent by this date. If submitting electronically, please name the file as follows: NAREA *yourlastname.doc*. Please contact Gerard D'Souza, Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee, with any questions (304-293-6253 ext. 4471 or email gdsouza@wvu.edu).

To Submit by Mail

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Please, no FAX submissions.

Call for Papers
2005 NAREA Workshop on:

INVASIVE SPECIES
June 14-15, 2005
Annapolis, Maryland

The Invasive Species Workshop will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, on June 14-15, immediately following the annual meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). We are seeking papers that will generate discussion among economists, other social scientists, ecologists, and biologists to further theoretical and empirical knowledge of the problems associated with invasive species prevention and mitigation policies and to identify key areas for further research. Three broad areas of research will be highlighted: (1) interactions between trade and invasive species policies; (2) incorporating ecology and biology into economic models for policy evaluation; and (3) examining the efficiency of policies and regulations for managing invasive species. The workshop will be open to papers examining such issues as: the impacts of invasive species on managed and natural ecosystem services, commercially cultivated commodities, and valuable or endangered indigenous species; relative efficiencies of alternative management, surveillance, and eradication policies; how trade agreements, increased trade, and travel have impacted the probability of invasive species introduction; the economic efficiency of exclusion programs in light of the increased risks of introduction; evaluations of tariffs and non-tariff barriers to international trade with respect to invasive species; the efficiencies of compensation programs for producer losses given eradication or mitigation policies; social welfare effects of invasive species; apportionment of responsibility for invasive species management across government entities, producers, consumers and property owners; impacts of land-use changes, cropping patterns, other management decisions, etc. on the risk of and damage caused by invasions; cost-effectiveness of surveillance and early warning systems; and others of interest.

Workshop proceedings will be published in a special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) if accepted after the journal's normal review process. An honorarium of \$1,000 will be provided for selected papers upon submission of the paper to ARER by July 15, 2005.

To submit a paper for consideration by the Workshop's selected paper committee, please e-mail a five-page abstract (MS Word or PDF attachment) with a title but no other identifiable information to Dr. Cheryl Brown at the e-mail address below. The five-page limit relates to text only and excludes tables, figures, and literature cited. The deadline for abstracts is Friday, February 4, 2005. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract submissions by March 31, 2005. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 1, 2005 to be considered for inclusion in the program. ARER must receive papers by July 15, 2005 to be considered for expedited review. Further information concerning the workshop will be provided in upcoming issues of the NAREA Newsletter and the AAEA Exchange. Cosponsors include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USDA Economic Research Service, and Farm Foundation.

Send abstracts via email to Dr. Cheryl Brown at: Cheryl.Brown@mail.wvu.edu
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