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**2006 NAREA Annual Meeting
and
Rural Creative Economy Workshop
June 11-14
Mystic, Connecticut**

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

President's Column

Tim Phipps

Our annual meetings and workshop in Annapolis, Maryland were quite a success thanks to the efforts of many people. I would especially like to thank Lori Lynch and Liesl Koch for their contributions. A total of 156 people pre-registered, 96 for the general meetings and 75 for the workshop plus we had several people register on site. We accepted 55 selected papers and symposia out of 70 submitted. The workshop committee accepted 13 of their 41 submissions.

Robert Johnston and Harry Kaiser have been hard at work on the **2006 meetings in Mystic, Connecticut**. Our association last met in Mystic in 1993. Many of us 'old timers' remember those meetings because of the nice facilities and the private reception held in the Mystic Aquarium. I am happy to report that Robert Johnston has secured those same facilities and that we will again hold our private reception in the Mystic Aquarium.

Most of the feedback I received about the Annapolis meetings was positive. The invasive species workshop was clearly timely as indicated by the high number of submissions and by attendance. Some people felt, however, that there was too great an emphasis on resources and the environment in the general meetings at the expense of more traditional agricultural economics topics. The topics of the selected papers depend, of course, on what people submit. The invited papers, though, are chosen by the president elect. Our current president elect, Harry Kaiser, has solicited four invited papers for the 2006 meetings that I feel will appeal strongly to our members. The first session is on the economics of obesity and includes papers by David Just and Sean Cash. The second session involves industrial organization with papers by Rich Sexton and Ron Cotterill.

Todd Gabe and Stephen Goetz have been organizing the **2006 NAREA Workshop**. The subject for the workshop is the rural creative economy. Additional information on the Connecticut annual meetings and workshop, along with hotel information, is presented below. You can also get this information, updates on the program, and more at NAREA's website <http://narea.org/>.

The NAREA Executive Committee had a productive meeting this fall, in which we discussed a number of issues including financing the association and encouraging attendance at our annual meetings. To encourage attendance we elected to subsidize the cost of the reception at next year's Mystic meetings to keep the total cost of registration under \$150. Registration will be \$145 for regular members and \$75 for students. In addition, we elected to subsidize the Awards Luncheon to encourage attendance. There will no longer be an extra charge to attend the Awards Luncheon for registered members. We also have made an effort to make our meetings more family oriented especially given the attractiveness of the Mystic area for families. This year there will be a reduced reception fee for children under 12 (children under 3 are free) and the banquet will offer a child's meal at a substantially reduced cost.

As reported in the fall 2004 newsletter, we raised our subscription fee for libraries from \$25 to \$125. We have yet to realize the effects of this increase as we are just starting to bill at the higher rate. This year, in addition to making sure that you and your colleagues renew your memberships, could you check and see whether your institution's library subscribes to the *ARER*? As reported below, our general membership is up slightly this year showing an increase of 31 members. It is important to note, however, that most of that increase came from a doubling of our student memberships. While it is very positive to see increased participation from our student members, students do not tend to remain members after they graduate. We still need to expand our general membership and encourage our students to remain members after they move on in their professional careers.

As I write this it is still fall, but just barely! I wish you and your families the best in the upcoming holiday season and in the New Year! I would like to thank the NAREA Board for all their help and leadership. I would also like to thank all of the members who so willingly serve on NAREA committees. We are a small association and must often call upon our members to serve. Finally, I would like to thank president-elect Harry Kaiser and Robert Johnston for doing such a great job in planning and organizing next year's meetings. Neither of those gentlemen knows the meaning of the word procrastination.

2006 NAREA Annual Meeting

June 11-14, 2006, Mystic, Connecticut

Harry Kaiser and Robert Johnson

Mark your calendars! The 2006 NAREA annual meeting will be held in Mystic, Connecticut on June 11-13, 2006 at the Hilton Mystic. A **call for papers** is included towards the end of this newsletter. The post-conference workshop, entitled "The Rural Creative Economy" is scheduled for June 13-14.

The Hilton Mystic is located adjacent to the Mystic Aquarium (www.mysticaquarium.org) and Olde Mistick Village, a complex of shops, restaurants, theatres and other attractions (<http://www.oldmysticvillage.com>). Other attractions in the area include Mystic Seaport, with two major casinos (Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun) within a short drive. A block of rooms will be held by the hotel at the rate of \$129 per night plus tax.

The opening reception is scheduled for Sunday evening (June 11), and will be held at the Mystic Aquarium. The reception will be free for those registering for the conference, and will include admission to the Aquarium. The registration fee for the conference is \$145 for professionals and \$75 for students. This year, NAREA is subsidizing the Awards Luncheon, such that it is free to all those registered for the conference. The banquet on Monday evening will be at the Seaman's Inn, adjacent to Mystic Seaport and overlooking the scenic Mystic River. The banquet will feature a delicious lobster/clam bake at a cost of \$60 per person, with a reduced-price "kids bake" available for \$18.50 that does not include a lobster.

Anyone with questions regarding local arrangements or facilities for the 2006 NAREA meetings, please contact Robert Johnston robert.johnston@uconn.edu. For questions regarding the post-conference workshop, please contact Todd Gabe todd.gabe@umit.maine.edu.

2006 NAREA Workshop

Todd Gabe

Planning for the 2006 NAREA workshop has begun. The Rural Creative Economy is the central topic and we hope to attract research papers on the opportunities and challenges that nonmetropolitan areas face in the attraction and retention of creative talent. Possible selected paper topics include connections between rural amenities and population growth, human capital based economic development theory and practice, and the size and growth of creative occupations in rural areas. Start planning your paper submissions now. A **call for papers** is included at the end of this newsletter.

Hotel Reservations and Travel Arrangements

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Mystic Hotel at the reduced rate of \$129/night (plus 12% state tax) for a single or double. A small number of rooms at this reduced rate is also available for Saturday, June 10. To make reservations, call the hotel directly at 1-860-572-0731 or Hilton central reservations at 1-800-HILTONS. Ask for the room rate associated with the "Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association" conference block. Reservations in the reserved block will be accepted until May 21, 2006 or until all rooms in the block have been claimed. Any additional reservation request(s) received after this date will be subject to room and rate availability, so please make your reservations early (remember this is peak tourist season in Mystic). The hotel also offers a U.S. Government rate of \$87.00/night, but this reduced rate requires both a federal government ID and official working orders through the government. Rooms reserved at this rate will not be credited towards the NAREA block. For additional information about the Mystic Hilton including directions check out <http://www.hiltonmystic.com>.

The Mystic area is easily accessible by plane, train, or automobile. The Hilton is just off of exit 90 on Interstate 95 (Mystic exit). Driving time from Boston is approximately 1.5 hours, and from New York City is approximately 2.25 hours. Free parking is available at the hotel. T.F. Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island is located 42 miles from the conference hotel on Interstate 95 (an easy 45 minute drive). Rental car facilities and other ground transportation options are available at the airport. Amtrak stops at both Mystic Station (approximately two miles from the conference hotel) and New London Station (about a ten minute drive), off of the popular Northeast corridor route from Washington, D.C. to Boston. Taxi service is available from the New London Amtrak station.

2007 NAREA Annual Meeting

Joshua Duke

Joshua Duke at the University of Delaware has come up with a nice surprise for the 2007 Annual meetings. He has secured an excellent hotel at a very favorable room rate. The meetings will be at the Atlantic Sands Hotel from June 11 – 14. The hotel is located on the boardwalk at Rehoboth Beach. Rehoboth Beach is a seaside resort located off Rt. 1 in Delaware. He negotiated a rate of approximately \$100 per night which is a great deal compared with the usual room rate. Travelers can fly into Philadelphia, Baltimore, Salisbury MD or Atlantic City. All airports are within a 2_ hour drive from Rehoboth Beach. We'll have more details in the future for the 2007 meetings.

2007 NAREA Workshop

Calum Turvey

The subject for the 2007 NAREA Workshop will be crop insurance. Cal Turvey has graciously agreed to take the lead on planning the workshop program. The other members of the planning committee are Wes Musser, Mike Roberts, Bob Parsons and Don Tilman. Harry Kaiser and Tim Phipps are ex-officio members. If you are interested in participating in this workshop or have suggestions for invited papers or funding sources please contact Cal Turvey (cgt6@cornell.edu) or Harry Kaiser (hmk2@cornell.edu).

Secretary/Treasurers Report

2006 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 \$25 US 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 433, up from 402 last year at this time. The breakout by category is as follows: Regular 273, Honorary 24, Student 48, and Library 88.

ARER Editor's Report

Lori Lynch and Wes Musser

The October 2005 issue has recently been mailed to the printer. This issue has two invited papers and also includes ten submitted papers, two of which were accepted by Peter Parks.

The April 2006 will include papers related to the Invasive Species Workshop in Annapolis MD in June 2005. It will include two invited papers from that workshop. Thirteen papers were submitted from the selected presentations. One of these papers has been rejected, two are in a second review, and ten are in revise and resubmit status after the first review. Two separate review of literature papers on the topic are also under consideration for inclusion in this issue.

During 2004, 37 new articles were submitted to ARER. Of these, sixteen have been accepted (two for the October 2004 issue, seven for the April 2005 issue, and seven for the October 2005 issue) (43 percent), twelve were rejected (32 percent) including four who were returned to authors without review, and seven are in the revise-resubmit category (19 percent). Two were

withdrawn from consideration (about 5 percent). In addition, two articles accepted by Peter Park, the previous editor, were forwarded to us for publication in 2005.

In 2005, 52 new articles, including 13 workshop papers, have been submitted. So far, one has been accepted, eleven have been rejected, four were returned to the authors without review, twenty five are in the revise and resubmit phase, and eleven are in review. We are pleased that submissions are higher this year.

Since the last Board Meeting, we have appointed a new Editorial Board for 2005-2007. The members are: Cheryl Brown, West Virginia University; Mario Teisel, University of Maine; Kathleen Bell, University of Maine; Julie Caswell, University of Massachusetts; Jim Opaluch, University of Rhode Island; Ken Leonard, University of Maryland; Doug Lipton, University of Maryland; Richard Boisvert, Cornell University; David Abler, Penn State University, Brent Gloy, Cornell University; Martin Shields, Penn State University; and Titus Awokuse, University of Delaware.

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

Harry Kaiser, 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 2007 annual meeting being hosted by the University of Delaware 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, 2006**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be sent to:

Harry Kaiser
Cornell University
350 Warren Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853
Ph: 607.255.1598
E-mail: hmk2@cornell.edu

Nominations for Distinguished and Life Member Awards

Thomas Ilvento, 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 2005 *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, 2006**. Please mail or email nominations to:

Dr. Thomas W Ilvento
Food and Resource Economics
University of Delaware
213 Townsend Hall
Newark, DE 19711
ilvento@udel.edu

Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Edward Jaenicke, 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 15, 2006**.

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, 2005 to December 31 2005

- (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:

Edward Jaenicke
The Pennsylvania State University
208-A Armsby
University Park, PA 16802
Phone: 814-865-5282 FAX: 814-865-3746
Email: tjaenicke@psu.edu

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
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Durham, NH 03824-3589
USA

Future Meetings

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
2017	New Hampshire
2018	Maryland

2006-2007 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 2006-2007 is presented below, with term expiration dates in parentheses. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws.

Executive Committee

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West Virginia University

President Elect

Harry Kaiser
Cornell University

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Lori Lynch (2005-2007)
Wes Musser (2005-2007)
University of Maryland

Directors

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University of Maryland

Robert Johnston (2006)
University of Connecticut at Avery Point

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USDA/ERS

Joshua Duke (2007)
University of Delaware

Jacqueline Geoghagen (2008)
Clark University

Kathleen Bell (2008)
University of Maine

Government Representative

Susan Leetmaa
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Industry Representative

Harry Vroomen (2005)
The Fertilizer Institute

Robert Yonkers (2008)
International Dairy Foods Association

Program Committee

Harry Kaiser, President Elect, Chair
Cornell University

Tim Phipps, President
West Virginia University

Dan Lass, Past President
Douglas E. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert Johnston, Host Institution Representative

Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards

Tom Ilvento (2006), chair
University of Delaware

Julie Caswell (2007)
University of Massachusetts

Masters Thesis Awards

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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Dan Lass, Past President, Chair
University of Massachusetts

Tim W. Kelsey (2004)
Penn State

Barry Zoumas (2005)
Penn State

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Alberto Manalo, Chair
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New Hampshire

John Halstead
New Hampshire

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Dan Lass, Past President, Chair
University of Massachusetts

Roger Classen
USDA-ERS

Charles Abdalla
Penn State

Membership Committee

Stephan Goetz (2006)
Penn State

James Hanson (2007)
University of Maryland

Joshua Duke (2008)
University of Delaware

Special Award Committee

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Rutgers University

Steven Smith (2007)
Penn State University

Selected Papers and Symposia Committee

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Penn State University

Doug Lipton
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Titus Awokuse
University of Delaware

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Dee-Singh-Knights
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Nathalie Lavoie
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Bob Conn
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Historian

John Mackenzie
University of Delaware

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Wes Musser
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Mike Roberts
Economic Research Service

Don Tilman
University of Delaware

Bob Parsons
University of Vermont

Ex Officio

Harry Kaiser
Cornell University

Tim Phipps
West Virginia University

**2006 NAREA Annual Meetings in Mystic, Connecticut
Selected-Paper and Symposium Instructions**

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2006

The 2006 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting will be held in Mystic, Connecticut June 11-14. 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, 2006 and will be asked to write a paper for presentation at the meetings in Mystic, Connecticut. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2006. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2006 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, 2006. Electronic submissions must also be sent by this date. If submitting electronically, please name the file as follows: NAREA yourlastname.doc. For further questions, please contact either David Just, Chair of the Selected-Papers Committee, (607-255-2086 or email drj3@cornell.edu), or Harry Kaiser, President-Elect of NAREA (607-255-1598 or e-mail hmk2@cornell.edu).

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Please, no FAX submissions.

Call for Papers
2006 NAREA Workshop on:

The Rural Creative Economy

Mystic, Connecticut
June 13 – 14, 2006

In conjunction with the 2006 annual meetings of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development is sponsoring a two-day post-conference workshop on the rural creative economy. The workshop will be held on June 13 and 14, 2006, in lovely Mystic, Connecticut. It will feature keynote speakers and selected papers on the opportunities and challenges that nonmetropolitan areas face in the attraction and retention of creative talent (i.e., Richard Florida's "Creative Class").

Workshop objectives are to (1) disseminate current research on the rural creative economy, (2) establish a framework for policy discussion, and (3) identify areas of interest and support for future work. Some possible topics of research include connections between rural amenities and population growth, human capital based economic development theory and practice, and the size and growth of creative occupations (e.g., artistic, cultural, and technology-based) in rural areas.

To be considered for the selected paper sessions, author(s) are asked to submit a 3 to 5 page extended abstract that will be evaluated by the organizing committee on the bases of scholarly merit and relevance to the workshop topic. Honoraria of \$500 per selected paper will be provided. Papers presented at the workshop will also be considered for a special edition of NAREA's journal, Agricultural and Resource Economics Review. Journal submissions will be selected through a separate peer-review process.

Send paper abstracts electronically to Todd Gabe, University of Maine, at todd.gabe@umit.maine.edu. Please use the subject heading "NAREA 2006" in your message. Submission deadline is February 15, 2006. We will notify author(s) of the committee's decisions by March 1, 2006. For more information about NAREA and its 2006 conference, please visit www.narea.org. Please contact Todd Gabe, at the e-mail address listed above, for additional information about the post-conference creative economy workshop.