

# SERA 39 Public Policy Issues Education Annual Meeting

Majestic Room 10, Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, TX

Sunday, February 2, 2014

2:00-4:15pm CST

Meeting began at 2:03 pm

Participants in Attendance: Jody Campiche, Nathan Smith, Steven Klose, Larry Sanders, Ron Knudson, Mickey Paggi, Parr Rosson, Jim Novak

Online Participants: Amanda Smith, Brad Lubben, Lesley Oliver

## Agenda

### I. Presentations - (1 hour)

- US Economy and Policy Affecting Agriculture & Rural America - James Novak (Auburn), Jim Pease (VT), Dave Shideler (OSU), Larry Sanders (OSU)
- US Agricultural Trade Continues as Bright Spot - Larry Sanders (OSU) & Parr Rosson (TAMU)
- Potential Impacts of the Proposed Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) & Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) for Southern Agriculture - Mickey Paggi (CSU Fresno), Larry Sanders (OSU)
- 2014 Farm Bill Update - Jody Campiche (OSU), Steven Klose (TAMU), Nathan Smith (UGA)

### II. Business Session

#### a. Renewal update - Nathan Smith, Chair

- i. Renewed for another three years. Need to update our e-mail list. Audience suggested contacting Department Heads for current list of faculty working on Public Policy Issues Education.

#### b. Advisor update - Lesley Oliver, Advisor

- ii. Appendix E is the form that needs to be updated to sign up for the group. We can send Appendix E to our listservs and she can send it out to Department Heads and Experiment Station leaders. Show that there has been some evolution in the group. Show that there is a research component. Identify gaps in public policy research and education. Budget looks better this year. Omnibus spending bill was passed and the land grant experiment stations, AFRI, Hatch Act, Smith-Lever Funds all had some funding replenished to FY2012 levels with some added budget to some programs such as AFRI.
- iii. Comment from Sanders: SERA39 did not formally get brought into SAEA/SAAS in the past, but it would be good to become a formal part

of it and have the official call for papers similar to SAEA rather than short notice before the SERA Annual meeting.

- c. National Farm Bill Education Training
  - iv. Nathan gave a brief overview of plans for Farm Bill education training.
  - v. Brad added that this is a cooperation of SERA39 and the Risk Management Education Centers and the Regional Farm Management Committees. Instead of putting together one National Train the Trainer conference, the plan is to utilize web technology to deliver content, mechanics and basic information quickly and affordably. The webinar series should roll out pretty quickly to be timely and relevant. We need to get everyone on board to participate. We can do a 2-day conference later as rules are finalized and decisions/impacts for farmers can be discussed. Can also team together to write a national set of fact sheets on this or regional specific fact sheets.

Adjourned at 4:13 pm