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STORRS, CONNECTICUT

JUNE 16, 17, 18, 19, 1969

MINUTES OF THE 14th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut

June 18, 1969

The 14th Annual Business Meeting of the New England Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Thomas Morrison.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bevins reviewed the Minutes of the 13th Annual Business Meeting held at the University of New Hampshire, June 19, 1968. The Minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was read indicating a balance on hand June 1, 1969 of \$346.38. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Auditor's Report

Dr. George Ecker indicated that he had examined the books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer and found them to be in accord with the report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Research Consortium Committee

Reporting for the Research Consortium Committee, Dr. Sargent indicated that the department chairmen had met with the deans and directors in New England and discussed this matter in detail. While the deans and directors were receptive to the idea in principal, there was rejection of the location within the Resource Development Center at the University of New Hampshire. The department chairmen were advised to select research areas of highest priority for consideration by the deans and directors. A meeting of department chairmen was held on June 16, at which time the following research areas were given highest priority:

1. Development of an economic model of the New England economy
2. A study of the community structure and related costs
3. A study of the economic impact of various levels of industrial development
4. The impact of present and future technology on agriculture in New England

A statement outlining these research priorities will be prepared for the directors. Chairman Morrison suggested that any members of the Council who had any suggestions to be made in regards to the Research Consortium forward same to their Department Chairman.

Change in Membership Dues

On June 16, a notice was distributed to Council members that the Executive Committee proposes that membership dues be raised from \$2 to \$3 a year effective

January 1, 1970. This was because of a substantial increase in cost of printing the Proceedings (the major expenditure of membership dues). It was therefore recommended that Article 1, Section 1, read as follows: "General Membership -- any person interested in the purpose of the Council may become a member by payment of annual dues of \$3." The suggested change in the bylaws was approved by the general membership.

Life Membership Citation--Ellsworth "Tink" Bell

Life membership in the New England Agricultural Economics Council was extended to Ellsworth W. Bell, Extension Professor at the University of Massachusetts. Formal recognition was made of Professor Bell's 40 years of continuous, devoted service to New England agriculture. (Copy of the citation found in Enclosure #1.)

New England Agricultural Economics Council Fellow--Joseph Ackerman

While not a part of the regular business meeting, a special award was made to Dr. Joseph Ackerman at the Tuesday night banquet. Citation was made to Dr. Ackerman's many years of devoted service to the agricultural economics profession (Enclosure #2).

NEAEC Representation on Executive Board of the AAEA

It was moved, seconded and approved that "the AAEA be respectfully requested to add a member of the NEAEC as an ex officio member to the Board of Directors of the AAEA." There was some discussion whether or not this was in compliance with the bylaws of the NEAEC, however, it was deemed that such action would be proper. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the new chairman of the NEAEC appoint a member to convey this resolution to the Executive Committee of the AAEA at their annual meeting at the University of Kentucky, August 1969.

Election of Officers

The nominating committee represented by Dr. Arthur Dewey, placed in nomination the names of Robert O. Sinclair as chairman and Malcolm I. Bevins as secretary-treasurer for the forthcoming year. There being no further nominations Sinclair and Bevins were elected to these posts.

Annual Meeting, 1970

Dr. Sinclair extended an invitation to the NEAEC to hold their annual meeting in Vermont in 1970. The suggestion that the meeting be held off campus met with enthusiasm from the group.

Thanks to the University of Connecticut

Speaking for the Resolutions Committee, Dr. Robert Christensen made the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the membership of the NEAEC express sincere appreciation to their colleagues at the University of Connecticut and to the Executive Committee for their efforts in organizing the program for 1969. The Agricultural Economics faculty of the University of Connecticut is to be further commended for the excellent accomodation and cuisine enjoyed at the 1969 meetings."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm I. Bevins
Secretary-Treasurer