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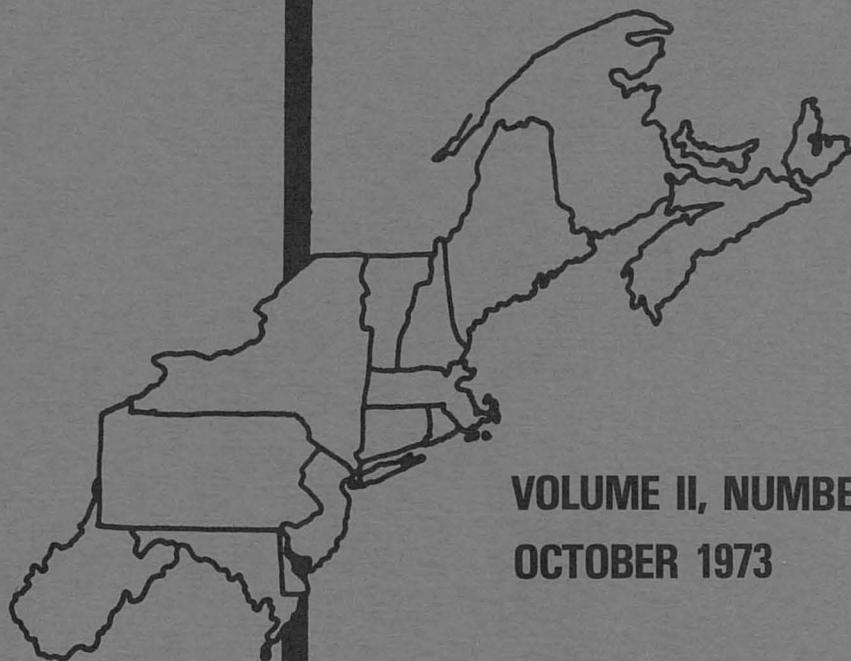
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL  
June 27, 1973

The Annual Business Meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 8:40 a.m. at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, with President Hays Gamble conducting the meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the June 21, 1972, Annual Meeting at Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro, Nova Scotia were approved as printed in the Journal.

The Treasurer's report as of June 7, 1973, indicates a balance of \$1,639.88 and was approved as read.

Auditor's Report

Eugene Engel read a note from A. R. Koch and D. A. Derr that as of June 7, 1973, "The deposits, interest, income, expenses, beginning and ending balances were found to be as stated on the Treasurer's report."

Membership Report

Daymon Thatch reported as of June 7, 1973, the total membership was 250; regular and student members 239, library members 8, and Distinguished Life Members 11. It was estimated that total membership would be close to 300 by the end of the year.

Report on AAEA

Lee Day reported on three problems that had been discussed at the AAEA Meeting. First, because of a 30 percent increase in journal publishing costs, several new publishers were being considered. Preliminary investigation showed that the Journal should be able to maintain its present publication cost by changing publishers. Second, considerable criticism has been directed against the AAEA Directors for trying to eliminate women's and children's programs from the annual meetings and also for entertaining the idea of going commercial. Dr. Day stated that it was not the wishes of the Directors to eliminate programs for women and children, but to limit the scope of their programs because of in-

creased time and cost involved. He felt that functions such as a hospitality room, teenage game room, tennis courts and swimming pool and other functions would still be available. The idea of going to a commercial facility in 1977 is, however, being considered because university bids have not been received for that year. (1974 Texas A & M, 1975 Ohio State, 1976 Penn State, 1977 open). Finally, the Directors have received some criticism on how the slate of officers was selected for 1973. The problem is being reviewed.

Editor's Report

Robert Christensen reported that 400 copies of the first issue of the Journal, Vol. I, Number I, have been printed. The first volume was 380 pages and has been distributed to all 1972 members. Vol. I, Number II, should be ready by July 5, 1973, and will be approximately 100 pages. The cost of publishing the two volumes was \$1.50 and \$.65 per copy respectively.

Bob requested whenever possible that members use office addresses so that bulk mailing can be made to hold down costs.

Instructions for the Volume II Proceedings camera-ready copies will be sent to council section chairman who will notify participating members of the form required.

Agricultural-Industry Committee Report

Hays Gamble reported that he and George Frick met with Carlton Dennis and John Bates and discussed areas where they had common interest. All felt that the talks were constructive and should be continued in the future.

Resolution Committee Report

Resolved that the Council extend its sincere gratitude to West Virginia University for their warm hospitality. Arrangements and planning have been outstanding. Facilities, activities and food have been noteworthy. We have all enjoyed your beautiful campus and the surrounding area. We did indeed feel as if we were almost in Heaven.

We especially appreciate the efforts of President Hays B. Gamble, President-Elect George Frick, The Executive Committee and members of the Board. Also the efforts of the local arrangements committee headed by Mary Templeton and Ken McIntosh and the entire Agricultural Economics faculty of the Division of Resource Management.

Resolved that the Council extend its appreciation to Robert L. Christensen for his pioneering efforts as editor in making the Journal of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council a reality. Also, the Council would like to acknowledge the clerical and financial assistance provided by the University of Massachusetts in order to put the Journal to press.

Announcements

Ed Seay announced as host for the annual NAEC meeting in 1974, Rhode Island wishes to extend a warm general invitation to all--including women and children.

Hays Gamble extended a special thanks to Robert Christensen, George Frick, Daymon Thatch and the other members of the Executive Council that he had the privilege to work with this past year.

New Business

Motion was made by Kenneth McIntosh and seconded by Lee Day that the changes in the By-Laws as sent to the members be approved as follows:

Article I, Section 1, Remove \$3.00 and insert \$5.00.

Article I, Section 2, Remove \$1.00 and insert \$3.00.

In the discussion that followed, Donald Epp questioned the need for the increase in revenue when the treasurer's report showed a net balance for 1973. Daymon Thatch in response to the question stated that the additional revenue was needed to cover the cost of the second issue of the Journal and to cover the costs of guest speakers. Motion was passed unanimously.

Hays Gamble requested that dues be paid promptly when notices are sent in January, to minimize the work load on the secretary-treasurer. It was also

requested to use department addresses when possible so bulk mailing could be made.

Fred Sargent reported that the nomination committee suggested that Jerry Cole and Kenneth McIntosh's names be placed in nomination for president-elect. Motion so moved and seconded. Since no nominations were received from the floor, nominations were closed. In a vote by secret ballot, Kenneth McIntosh was elected.

President Frick then took charge of the meeting. He thanked the people of West Virginia for their gratuitous hospitality and for all the help he received in the program arrangements. He further thanked all the section chairmen and participants. Having no further new business, President Frick entertained a motion for adjournment at 9:50 which was moved and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daymon W. Thatch*  
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Secretary-Treasurer