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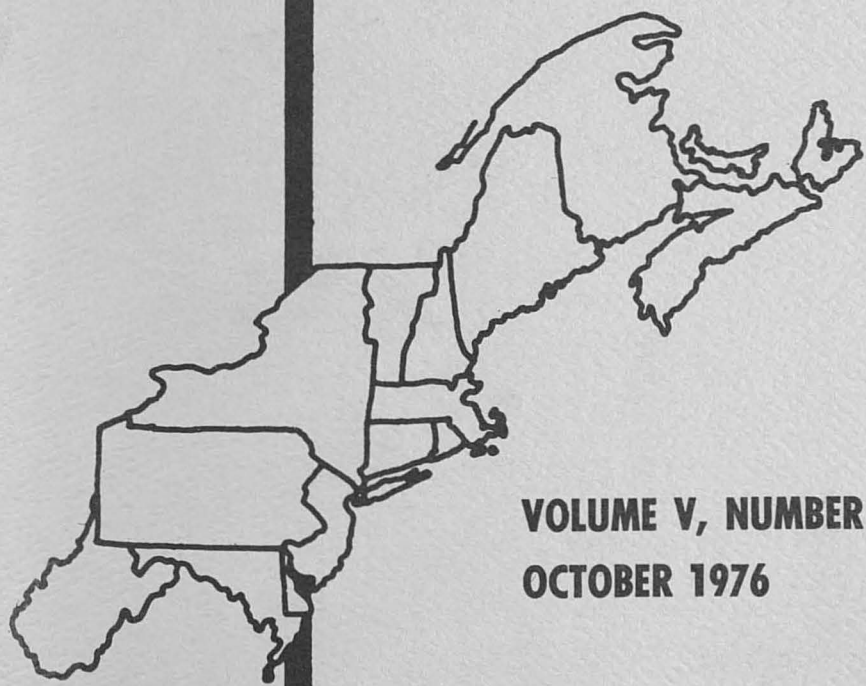
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council

August 17, 1976

The annual business meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania by President Fred Sargent.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the June 25, 1976 annual meeting at Orono, Maine were approved as printed in the Journal. The Treasurer's report as of July 27, 1976 indicates a balance of \$1,107.08 and was approved as read.

Auditor's Report

In the absence of the auditors, Fred Sargent read the following report by R. W. Stammer and F. E. Jensen:

"The Treasurer's accounts of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council were audited on July 30, 1976. The deposits, interest income, expenses, beginning and ending balances were found to be as stated on the Treasurer's report."

It was moved and seconded to accept the auditor's report as submitted.

Membership Report

As of August 2, 1976 there were 215 regular members, 33 student members and 18 distinguished life members for a total of 266 members.

Editor's Report

Wallace Dunham formally thanked his editorial board which consisted of: G. Casler, D. Colyer, D. Derr, H. Gamble, J. Gates, F. King, R. Marasco, N. Pelsue and G. Rogers. Dunham emphasized that the best way to get a quality journal is to have a large selection of professional articles. He requested that journal articles be submitted no later than January 1.

Once again, the need for early dues payment was stressed in order to obtain a continuous flow of journals to the members.

Distinguished Life Award Report

By way of introduction to the proposed bylaw changes, Ed Seay read the procedure for bylaw changes and showed how his committee has met the requirement and stated that the Executive Committee had approved the changes last October. Ed then moved that the proposed changes be adopted. Seconded by Wallace Dunham.

In the discussion that followed Ed explained the bylaw changes in effect divided the Distinguished Life Award into two awards. First, an Honorary Life Membership Award which would be used as recognition of those NAEC members who have had "long-term active membership in the Council (or its predecessor organization), current membership in the Council, and participation in the annual meeting of the Council." Second, a Distinguished Member Award for those persons who have made "continuous and outstanding contributions to the Council, the region and the profession."

AAEA Report

Bud Stanton reported that the annual business meeting to be held tomorrow would cover all of the major points from the AAEA Executive Committee meeting and rather than repeat the information he would only make a few comments.

1. It is the feeling of the other two regional associations of the AAEA that they do not wish to have a member sit as a formal member of the AAEA Executive Committee. The present nine members of the AAEA Executive Committee are representative of all regions within the county and there seems little need for further representation on the AAEA Executive Committee.
2. We as members of the NAEC and the Northeast, should make suggestions for all positions including president-elect to the national officers. D. Hueth from Rhode Island will be pleased to forward our suggestions along with the needed documentation.
3. It looks like the AAEA will end the year in the black with a small net surplus.

International Association Report

Jim Hildreth said that he had given a formal report at the International Committee dinner but would be open for any questions from the floor. In 1979 the International meeting will be held in Canada.

Executive Report

Fred Sargent reported on the following items:

1. He agreed with Bud Stanton that there seems to be no support from the other regions to change the method of selecting members to the Executive Committee of the AAEA.
2. He requested all departments and members to consider possible candidates in their organization who might serve as either secretary-treasurer or editor for the NAEC. Both of these positions will have to be filled within one year.
3. A new Program Planning Committee has been formed consisting of a president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, editor and members from next year's Host Institution to plan the 1977 annual meeting at Cornell.
4. O. Forker from Cornell was called upon as the 1977 annual meeting host. He stated that although the dates have not yet been formally set, that they were looking forward to hosting the annual meeting in 1977.
5. G. Frick from New Hampshire said that they were in the early planning stages for the meetings in 1978.

Resolutions Committee Report

K. McIntosh moved that the following resolutions be adopted by the Council:

1. Our sincere thanks to Daymon Thatch whose concern for the fiscal integrity of the Council does not go unnoticed and whose distinguished service as Secretary-Treasurer has provided a stabilizing influence during these formative years of the expanded regional group.
2. To Wallace Dunham we express much appreciation for the professionalism which he has exhibited as editor of the Journal. It has been justifying to note the timeliness of the Journal and the quality of articles contained therein.
3. To Fred Sargent and Don Stitts whose yeoman service in planning and presiding over this meeting did not go unnoticed, and to Jim Holt whose assistance to both men proved invaluable, we extend our sincere thanks.

4. To John Malone and the faculty at Penn State University we are impressed with your campus, weather, facilities and, above all, your hospitality. We trust that your charity will flow again when the memories of this meeting recede and we will be invited to meet once again at Penn State University.

Seconded by Ed Seay and approved unanimously.

Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee, chaired by G. Frick placed the names of G. Cole (Delaware) and S. Ishee (Maryland) in nomination for the office of president-elect. President Sargent called for nominations from the floor. Having none, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. In a secret ballot G. Cole was selected as president-elect.

In his closing remarks President Fred Sargent asked us as members of the Northeast Economics Council to consider the importance of developing interdiscipline teams specially trained in interdiscipline research to attack the problem in the Northeast. Fred feels we, as agricultural economists, are especially suitable to train new social scientists to bridge the discipline gaps that for too long have existed.

In the absence of President D. Stitts, the meeting was turned over to President-Elect G. Cole. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daymon W. Thatch
Secretary-Treasurer