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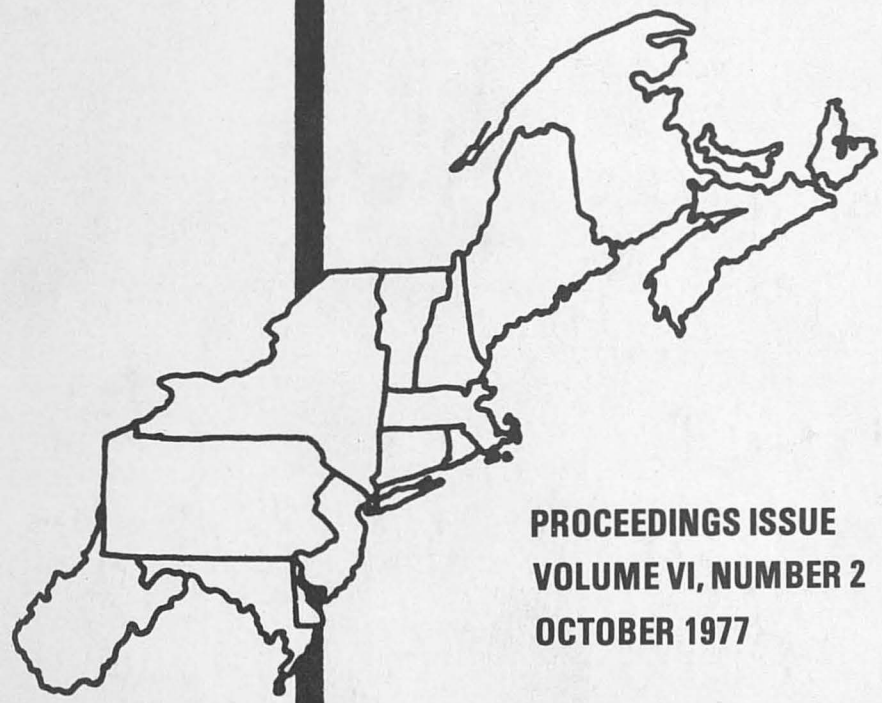
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

July 1, 1977

The annual business meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York by President Donald Stitts.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The minutes of the August 17, 1976 annual meeting at University Park, Pennsylvania were approved as printed in the Journal. The Treasurer's report as of June 20, 1977 indicated a balance of \$1,871.89 and was approved as read.

Auditor's Report

In the absence of the auditors, Kenneth McIntosh read the following report by R.L. Jack and J.H. Clarke:

"The Treasurer's accounts of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council were audited on June 20, 1977. The deposits, interest income, expenses, beginning and ending balances were found to truly reflect the items shown in the accounting records and bank statements of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council Treasurer's records as of June 20, 1977."

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

Membership Report

As of July 1, 1977 the total membership for 1977 was 282. The breakdown is as follows: regular members 212, student members 60, Distinguished Life members 10.

Editor's Report

Wallace Dunham formally thanked members who submitted articles and his editorial board which consisted of G. Casler, J. Delphendahl, H. Gamble, F. King, D. Colyer, B. Lindsay, N. Pelsue, and G. Roger. Dunham emphasized that the best way to get a quality journal is to have a large selection of professional articles.

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

W. Dunham introduced Dale Colyer, new editor, and asked for continued support to be extended to the new editor.

Dale Colyer indicated the same editorial procedures would be followed with a few exceptions. The NAEC Journal will include a comment and note section of no more than three or four pages. The Journal will be changed to a printed format with the Spring issue using the same reference and footnote format as the AAEA journal. He announced the following as members of the 1977-78 editorial board:

Filmore Bender	Leslie Small
Joachim Elterich	Jerome Stam
Sidney Ishee	Donald Tobey
Earl Partenheimer	Silas Weeks

The call for papers for the Spring Issue is September 1; Fall Issue is February 1.

Distinguished Award Report

Alan Bird announced Daymon Thatch was the first recipient of the 1977 Distinguished Member Award. Also, he reported that the 1978 Distinguished Member and Honorary Life Member announcements had been distributed and urged members to submit nominees along with two letters of support for the nominee. The Distinguished Award Committee consists of three members (one member appointed for a three year term). D. Stitts announced the appointment of Daymon Thatch to this committee and that Alan Bird Automatically became the chairman.

Rural Sociologist Membership

L. Day related the interest of the Rural Sociologists in the NAEC membership. President Stitts read the by-laws on membership. Any person interested in the purpose of the council may become a member by payment of the annual dues \$5.00. A motion was made by K. McIntosh to welcome Rural Sociologists; if they have \$5.00, they are in. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

ERS Meeting

D. Stitts reported on a meeting called by Quentin West which included Regional representatives, L. Day, J. Hildreth, J. Bonnen. J. Neilson, ERS staff and other representatives.

The following proposals were suggested by ERS representatives:

1. Small joint projects be developed with one or two Land Grant Institutions and ERS.
2. Joint sabbatical leaves be established. Land Grant representatives on leave for a year to work at ERS and ERS representative on Sabbatical to work at a Land Grant Institution in exchange for a year.
3. ERS would cease and desist in sending their personnel back to Washington, D.C. and in subsidizing the Ph.D. program.

Documentation Center

J. Hildreth encouraged Department Chairmen to submit publications to the Documentation Center. He reminded members of AAEE Annual Meetings July 31-August 3 at San Diego, California.

Resolutions Committee Report

R. Farrish moved that the following resolutions be adopted by the council:

1. Be it resolved that the membership of the Northeastern Agricultural Council hereby express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Olan D. Forker, Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell University; to Brian How, Chairman of the Local Arrangements committee and his fellow committee members; to all other members of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell and most especially to the wives and ladies of the Department of Agricultural Economics for the exceptionally fine accommodations and hospitality they have displayed in their many hours of effort expended in making the 1977 Annual Meeting of the NAEC an outstanding success.
2. Whereas Wallace C. Dunham of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department of the University of Maine is relinquishing the duties of editor of the Journal of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council, and whereas Mr. Dunham has given exemplary service during his years as editor, and whereas Mr. Dunham has initiated significant innovations in editing and review procedures resulting in improving the Journal's professional quality and standing, therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the NAEC express to Wallace Dunham their admiration and appreciation for a job well done.

Nomination Committee Report

The nomination Committee, chaired by Robert Koch, placed the names of Alan Bird (USDA) and J. Delphendahl (Maine) in nomination for the Office of president-elect. President Stitts called for nominations from the floor. Having none, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. In a secret ballot J. Delphendahl was selected as president-elect.

1978 Annual Meeting

E. Jansen extended invitation from the University of New Hampshire to NAEC to meet at Durham, New Hampshire June 19-21, 1978. George Frick made a motion to accept the New Hampshire invitation was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Report

It has been a tradition in the NAEC that the outgoing President would give a rousing talk to inspire the membership to new and loft goals. I have no such plans, nor do I have a "Swan Song" in the traditional sense. All I would like to do is make two points.

The first point is to state that the council is growing and can continue to grow. This organization provides a great opportunity to get to know and to work with other professionals of like interest in the region. Our Journal, under Wally Dunham's able and firm leadership, has come of age. Young professionals and senior professionals, this is a viable journal that you should use to communicate to and to be recognized by your peers and your superiors.

The second point is to thank those who have assisted me during these last two years. I want to thank Jerry Cole, our new President-to-be for this excellent program. A special thanks is due Daymon Thatch and Mary Templeton who as Secretary, Treasurer, and Coordinator of Membership have kept the Council on an even keel. A thank you must go to Olan Forker, Brian How, the Agricultural Economics Staff, and especially the ladies of Cornell who were so hospitable and made this meeting so smooth and enjoyable. I also want to publicly thank Jim Holt and John Malone of Penn State for their assistance last year and a special thanks to Jim Bonnen who as President of AAEEA bent over backwards to accommodate us and to make sure we were a part of and a partner in the national meetings.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Ray Farrish, who as my Department Head, gave me the time and assistance to serve you.

However, the biggest thank you must go to you, the members, who gave me this opportunity to serve you for the last two years. I am grateful. Thank you.

If there is no other business or announcements, I will entertain a motion to adjourn the annual business meeting and I now turn the Presidency over to the capable hands of Jerry Cole.

The meeting was turned over to incoming President Jerry Cole. Jerry Cole thanked the session chairman and those persons who worked on the program.