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# COWOP NEWS

NOVEMBER 1981

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

After several years of wishful thinking and a year of intense effort, we finally have an organization for women in the AAEA. During their July meeting in Clemson, the Board of the AAEA authorized formation of a special committee for women in the organization. Subsequently, a group of thirty five women and four men met and organized the Committee on Women's Opportunities in Agricultural Economics. Officers were elected and an organization structure was discussed. (See minutes of meeting for more details).

We may be tempted to believe that the organization of our group is the culmination of our efforts while, on the contrary, it is only the beginning. The goals of our group still remain to be accomplished. We need to hear from all of you to help us decide exactly how to proceed and what we should try to do first.

We also need everyone's help if we are to succeed. If a subcommittee chairperson calls on you for help, please do what you can.

I am especially pleased with the interest and involvement of graduate students. The future lies with this group.

One caveat. As women agricultural economists our involvement and work with COWOP should be complementary to and not competitive with, our work with the AAEA and our profession. We are agricultural economists first and our efforts should be directed towards being effective and competent professionals. COWOP can facilitate communication among women, provide support, smooth our paths a little--all of which can contribute toward professionalism.

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The Agricultural Development Council has made a grant of \$1,500 to COWOP to prepare a roster of women in agricultural economics, mail our first newsletter, and prepare a report on our study of the status of women. The Steering Committee gratefully acknowledges this support.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Our Clemson meeting did indeed bear some immediate fruit. Our ad hoc committee survey results were presented at a papers session and will appear in the December AJAE. In addition, this newsletter will serve as a more or less regular (frequency to be determined) channel of communication among us. This issue will primarily advise you of what happened at the AAEA meeting of this group and the steps taken in accordance with those decisions. The content as well as timing of futures issues is open to suggestions. Please send any such suggestions as well as any newsworthy items to the editor, Barbara Redman, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602.

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES (COWOP) IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The organization meeting of the Committee on Women's Opportunities (COWOP) in Agricultural Economics was called to order by Ardelle Lundeen, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of and Opportunities for Women in Agricultural Economics. Thirty-nine persons were present. Ardelle discussed the options for a permanent committee structure. One option was to remain affiliated with the AAEA, under the jurisdiction of the Executive Board. As the Board has agreed to appoint as committee members those recommended by this group, it was decided to try this format for the 1981-82 year.

Organizational structure was then discussed. It was moved and seconded that a chairperson and vice-chairperson be elected to serve a one-year term, with the vice-chairperson succeeding the chairperson. It was also moved and seconded that a Steering Committee be established composed of six persons: the current chairperson, the past chairperson, the vice-chairperson, and three others who are representative of all facets of the membership. Both motions passed. Ardelle Lundeen and Sylvia Lane were elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, respectively, by unanimous acclamation. It was agreed that for this organization year, the

remaining Steering Committee members would be appointed.

The purpose and objectives of the group were also discussed. There was a consensus among those present that a roster of women in the profession should be developed. A newsletter was also suggested as a means of communication among members. A session on the status of women in the profession at the 1982 AAEA meeting at Logan, Utah, was proposed.

The fact that the 1982 AAEA meeting will be once again held in a state that has not ratified the ERA was also discussed. The majority of those present disapproved of the location of the 1982 AAEA meeting. It was suggested a letter be drafted to the AAEA Executive Board conveying this sentiment.

The meeting was adjourned by Ardelle Lundeen.

#### COWOP STEERING COMMITTEE:

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#### COWOP SUBCOMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS:

Graduate Students: Susan Offutt, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.  
Members: Jane Luzar (Kentucky), Judy Ohannesian (Minnesota), Ann Vandeman (Berkeley), Nipada Soonthornsima (Iowa State), Mary Ahearn (Oregon State).

By-Laws: Linda Lee, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.  
Members: Marsha Tilley (Florida), Elizabeth Clayton (Missouri-St. Louis).

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Members: Gabrielle Moeller (Arlington, VA).

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Members: Marlys Nelson (ESS/USDA, Oklahoma State), Helen Jensen (Maryland).

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#### EMPLOYMENT NOTES

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has several openings in Economics. These include junior positions in economics and visiting lecturers as well as a distinguished professor in Economics and a position as Director of Women's Studies. Interested persons should contact:

Professor James L. Murphy, Chair  
Dept. of Economics  
Gardner Hall 017A  
University of North Carolina  
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by December 10, 1981. Women are especially encouraged to apply.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if the above information may be used in a future directory of Women in Agricultural Economics.

I wish to become a member of the subcommittee(s): \_\_\_\_\_,  
(See list of committees contained in this newsletter)

Do you wish to continue to receive mailings from the Committee? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a graduate student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, \_\_\_\_\_ PhD or \_\_\_\_\_ Masters

Are you interested in learning of job opportunities? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you interested in overseas assignments? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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