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JUNE 17, 18, 19, 1968

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

University of New Hampshire  
Durham, New Hampshire  
June 19, 1968

The Thirteenth Annual Business Meeting of the New England Agricultural Economics Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Silas Weeks.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bevins reviewed the minutes of the Twelfth Annual Business Meeting held at the University of Maine, June 28, 1967. The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was read indicating a balance on hand June 10, 1968 of \$392.11. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

The Auditor's Report

Reporting for Dr. Verle Houghaboom was Dr. Robert Sinclair who indicated that the treasurer's records had been examined and found to be in order as of June 18, 1968.

Master's Thesis Award

Announcement was made of the winning master's thesis. Robert Sturtevant, graduate student at the University of Massachusetts, was awarded this honor for his thesis entitled "A Linear Programming Analysis of Specific Alternatives of an Agricultural Supply Firm." The thesis was described as of high quality, clearly organized, and well written.

The Report of Student Participation Committee

Dr. Lynn Fife, Chairman of the student participation committee, reported that he and Albert Owens had conducted an attitude survey of Agricultural Economics graduate students in the New England Land-Grant universities. Eighteen graduate students responded to the mail survey. The committee indicated that it was their feeling that it was more important that graduate students attend the annual meeting of the council rather than actually joining in the membership in the council. Discussion indicated that in past years, graduate student participation had been considerably higher than at the present. Students indicated that their interest in council affairs would be greater if some sort of job placement or graduate school placement service were available. For the complete text of the committee report see enclosure No. 1.

The motion was made, seconded and approved by the group that the committee report be received. Chairman Weeks thanked the committee for their excellent report. The committee was discharged.

### Report of the Resource Economics Committee

Dr. Foster reported for the committee composed of himself, Dr. Frederic Sargent, Dr. Robert Leonard, and Dr. Ronald Glass. The committee plans a conference on "Critical Appraisal of Resource Planning in the Connecticut River Basin". This conference will be held in Amherst, late in 1968. One of the principal purposes of the conference will be identification of planning goals and conflicts. A further objective will be evaluation of current research and planning reports. Six papers will be presented relating to economic analysis of floods and flood damage, water supply, pollution, and outdoor recreation. This committee will continue.

### Discussion of President Libby's Comments

Reference was made to the speech given by President Libby of the University of Maine, on June 18. It was felt by the council that action should be taken on President Libby's recommendation that the New England Agricultural Economics Council play an active role in studying problems of unemployment and underemployment. Chairman Weeks appointed a committee composed of Austin Bennett, Louis Ploch, and James Bowring to draft a resolution for review by the council. The committee brought forth the following resolution which was approved by council members:

"Resolved that the New England Agricultural Economics Council recommend to Dr. Donovan, Chairman of the Regional Advisory Manpower Committee, that funds be made available on a project basis to enable social scientists in Land-Grant and other universities to plan and direct studies in selected rural sample areas in northern New England to measure problems of unemployment and underemployment."

Another resolution was introduced by Mr. Ploch and supported by the council: "Resolved that the New England Agricultural Economics Council support in principal, research in the area of migration and manpower adjustments proposed by the Northeast Regional Technical Committee NE-47."

### Amendments to Bylaws

Following the 12-hour required notice, the council unanimously approved the following amendment to the bylaws of the council: Article VI, Section I -- The fiscal year of the council shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

(Prior to the adoption of this amendment, the fiscal year ran from July 1, to June 30.) This change in the bylaws will eliminate confusion associated with the period for which dues are payable. With this change in the bylaws, dues will be payable January 1 of each year. The treasurer will send dues statements to members at that time.

#### Life Membership Citation

Life membership in the New England Agricultural Economics Council was extended to Dr. Adrian H. Lindsey, and Dr. Edmond A. Perregaux. Each of these gentlemen has made an immeasurable contribution to the council since its initial organization. Copies of each citation are found in enclosures 2 and 3.

#### Memorial Resolution -- Lawrence D. Rhoades

John Foster, Chairman of the resolutions committee introduced a resolution honoring a long-time council member, Lawrence D. Rhoades, of the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Rhoades' many activities and contributions to the council were cited. A complete copy of the resolution which was adopted by the council is found in enclosure Number 4.

#### Death of Ray Bressler

William Henry reported that another long-time member who had received a life-time membership in the council had recently died. A motion was passed that Chairman Weeks and Professor Henry prepare a memorial statement relating to the life and contribution of Dr. Bressler to be included in the minutes of the meeting.

#### Proposal for Research Consortium

Dr. Frederic Sargent proposed that the Executive Committee be authorized to develop a proposal for a consortium of New England research economists. This would enable the council members to be represented by one person in communicating with institutions and organizations seeking research contracts. The proposal received unanimous endorsement from the council.

#### Proposal for Conference for Economists Studying the New England Economy

Dr. Sargent proposed that the New England Agricultural Economics Council and the New England Center for Continuing Education sponsor a conference of economists studying the New England economy. The proposal received full support of the council and was referred to the executive committee for further action.

#### 1969 Annual Meeting

Dr. Dewey speaking for the staff at the University of Connecticut extended to the council an invitation to that campus for the 1969 annual meeting. The invitation was accepted with appreciation. Details of the meeting will be announced later.

Report of Nominating Committee

Speaking for the nominating committee, Dr. Dewey placed in nomination the names of Thomas Morrison as Chairman, and Malcolm Bevins as Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations ceased and the Secretary cast one ballot for each individual to signify unanimous election to these offices.

Appreciation to the University of New Hampshire

Dr. Homer Metzger introduced a resolution extending thanks and appreciation of the membership of the New England Agricultural Economics Council to the members of the Department of Resource Economics at the University of New Hampshire and all who assisted them in the excellent arrangements and conduct of the annual conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malcolm I. Bevins  
Secretary-Treasurer