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1969 ANNUAL MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

JUNE 16, 17, 18, 19, 1969



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NEW ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL  
University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut

June 16, 1969

Attendants:	Malcolm Bevins (Sec.-Treas.)	University of Vermont
	J. R. Bowring	University of New Hampshire
	Eugene Engel	University of Massachusetts
	Winn Finner	U. S. Department of Agriculture
	Walter Grant	Nova Scotia Agricultural College
	Harlan Lampe	University of Rhode Island
	Thomas Morrison (Chairman)	University of Connecticut
	Frederic Sargent	University of Vermont
	Stanley Seaver	University of Connecticut
	Robert Sinclair (Chairman elect)	University of Vermont

The meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Faculty-Alumni Center at the University of Connecticut. The Minutes of the December 13, 1968 Executive Committee Meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was read and approved. The membership roster indicated that dues had been received from 86 persons between January 1 and June 15, 1969.

Report on Proceedings

Dr. Bowring reported that the 1968 Proceedings had been distributed to paid up membership. There was some question on distribution which Dr. Bowring agreed to investigate. Dr. Morrison noted that preliminary figures indicate that it will cost 40¢ per 100 pages to produce the Proceedings at the University of Connecticut if stencils are prepared within the department. The Treasurer was designated to put \$100 into a special account to handle cost of publishing the Proceedings.

Report of the Research Consortium Committee

Reporting for the Research Consortium Committee, Dr. Sargent indicated that the department chairmen had met with the deans and directors in New England and discussed this matter in detail. While the deans and directors were receptive to the idea in principal, there was rejection of the location within the Resource Development Center at the University of New Hampshire. The department chairmen were advised to select research areas of highest priority for consideration by the deans and directors. A meeting of department chairmen was held on June 16, at which time the following research areas were given highest priority:

- 1) Development of an economic model of the New England economy
- 2) A study of the community structure and related costs

- 3) A study of the economic impact of various levels of industrial development
- 4) The impact of present and future technology on agriculture in New England.

A statement outlining these research priorities will be prepared for the directors.

#### Resource Planning and Research in the Connecticut River Basin

Speaking for the Resource Economics Committee, Dr. Engel outlined difficulties in planning a conference relating to research in the Connecticut River Basin. Several alternatives to a conference were proposed, ranging from informal discussion relevant to resource economics for professional researchers to a full blown conference for researchers, planners, and administrators. It was the recommendation of the committee chairman that a conference was not needed at this time. It was deemed inadvisable to review all activities underway in the Connecticut River Basin. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that Dr. Engel be relieved of responsibility for a Connecticut River Basin Research Conference and that if a conference is to be planned it be done without the auspices or sponsorship of the New England Agricultural Economics Council.

#### News Notes

It was agreed by the committee to limit the size of News Notes to two to three pages. Department chairmen are to submit this information within one month following the annual meeting to the University of Connecticut for incorporation with the publication of Proceedings. Also to be included with the Proceedings will be the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Special Award Statements.

#### Representation on Executive Committee of the AAFA

There was discussion on whether or not the NEAEC should request representation on the Executive Committee of the American Agricultural Economics Association. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Dr. Seaver draft a resolution for action by the general membership at the annual business meeting.

#### Replacement for Winn Finner on Executive Committee

Dr. Finner indicated that he would be retiring shortly and that if a replacement were desired, a note requesting such action should be forwarded to Dr. Don Paarlberg in order that an official replacement be named. The motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Secretary-Treasurer contact Dr. Paarlberg on this matter.

#### Canadian Participation in Council Activities

It was noted that there was no representation from Macdonald College at the annual meeting. It was suggested that contact be made with members of the Economics Department at Macdonald in an attempt to stimulate future participation in Council activities. It was also suggested that contact be made with appropriate personnel in Newfoundland.

#### Annual Meeting, 1970

Dr. Sargent indicated that he would be on sabbatical leave during the spring semester of 1970. Dr. Sinclair invited the Council to hold their annual meeting in Vermont in 1970. He indicated that he would determine the reaction of Council members to holding the annual meeting off campus, possibly at Windham College in Putney or at a ski resort where off-season rates would be available. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm I. Bevins  
Secretary-Treasurer