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Distinguished Member Award

JAMES W. DUNN

Professor of Agricultural Economics

The Pennsylvania State University

Jim Dunn has been an active participant in the Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) for ten years. During that time he has authored or coauthored nine selected papers, and organized and participated in symposia at the annual meetings of the organization. He has been a frequent contributor to the *Journal*, having published a half dozen articles there between 1980 and 1986, and has served as reviewer for uncounted submitted manuscripts. In recognition of his continuous involvement and leadership, he was nominated for the presidency in 1985. Although not elected to that office, he has continued to serve the association in a variety of important leadership roles.

The quality of his review work and his conscientiousness in carrying out these responsibilities led to his appointment to the Editorial Board in 1985, and in 1987, to his selection as editor of the *Journal*. In these roles, he has discharged his responsibilities in a fair and timely fashion, providing insightful editorial and critical comments to authors seeking to improve their work. His dedication to these tasks and his standards of excellence have enhanced the quality of the manuscripts published. Under his leadership, the *Journal* has made significant progress in becoming a valuable professional outlet. He also served on the Executive Committee of the association from 1986 to 1989.

Jim Dunn's contributions to the profession go be-

yond his involvement in the activities of the association. As professor of agricultural economics at Pennsylvania State University and a member of the operations research faculty, he teaches graduate-level courses in agricultural marketing, agricultural prices, food industry economics, production economics, and econometrics. As a member of the graduate faculty, he has supervised a dozen theses and dissertations. In 1985, one of his advisees received the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award from both the NAREA and the AAEA.

Jim Dunn's major areas of research and writing include agricultural marketing, transportation economics, demand analysis, rural development, production economics, and natural resource economics. He has published widely in major journals, experiment station publications, and other outlets, as well as presented papers at numerous professional meetings and conferences. He was an organizer and chairman of NE-145, Managing Transportation Related Changes in the Northeast, and is currently participating in S-182, Transportation of Southern Perishables. He is also currently a member of the National Council of the Transportation Research Forum and is president of the Agricultural and Rural Transportation Chapter of that organization. As a participant in the Toward 2000 project, he wrote the section on the northeast food processing industry.

Distinguished Member Award

BILLY V. LESSLEY

Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics

University of Maryland

Bill Lessley has had a long and distinguished career at the University of Maryland. He was appointed assistant professor in 1965, associate professor in 1968, and full professor in 1972. He served as acting chairman of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics from January 1976 to July 1978. Dr. Lessley has been very active within the college and university, serving on many committees and task forces. He has had excellent and very well recognized programs in teaching, research, and extension. Dr. Lessley is recognized as an outstanding teacher, evidenced by the awards he has received. In 1984, Dr. Lessley was selected as a University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher. He has received the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. Additionally, the Maryland-National Capital Area Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta selected him as a recipient of the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Lessley has served as major professor for many graduate students and has received extremely high student evaluations for his teaching and advising. He is recognized throughout the agricultural economics profession as an excellent teacher and has served on the Teaching Awards Committee of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA).

Dr. Lessley's research and extension activities have centered on farm management and natural resource problems in Maryland and the Northeast. He has au-

thored several articles and bulletins published in a diversity of professional outlets including refereed journals, workbooks, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Cooperative Extension Service. He has also published extensively in the popular press. He has been active in state and regional in-service training sessions for agents and specialists. He has served on the AAEA Published Research Awards and Policy Contribution Awards Committees. He has served on the editorial board (panel of readers) for the Phi Kappa Phi journal (*National Forum*) and the *North-eastern Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. In addition, Dr. Lessley has reviewed many papers for the AAEA, SAEA, and NAREA meetings as well as articles for the applied *Agricultural Research Journal*.

Dr. Lessley has been very active in the NAREA in a substantial way: president, president-elect, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, chair of Program Committee, chair of Membership Committee, member of Selected Papers and Symposia Committee, member of M.S. Thesis Awards Committee, member of Undergraduate Essay Evaluation Committee, and chairperson for Paper Sessions and Planning Committees for and at annual meetings. Dr. Lessley has served on many northeast research, extension, and other planning committees.

Bill is married to Mary Ellen Lessley. They have two daughters, Martha Ellen and Marsha Lynn.

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