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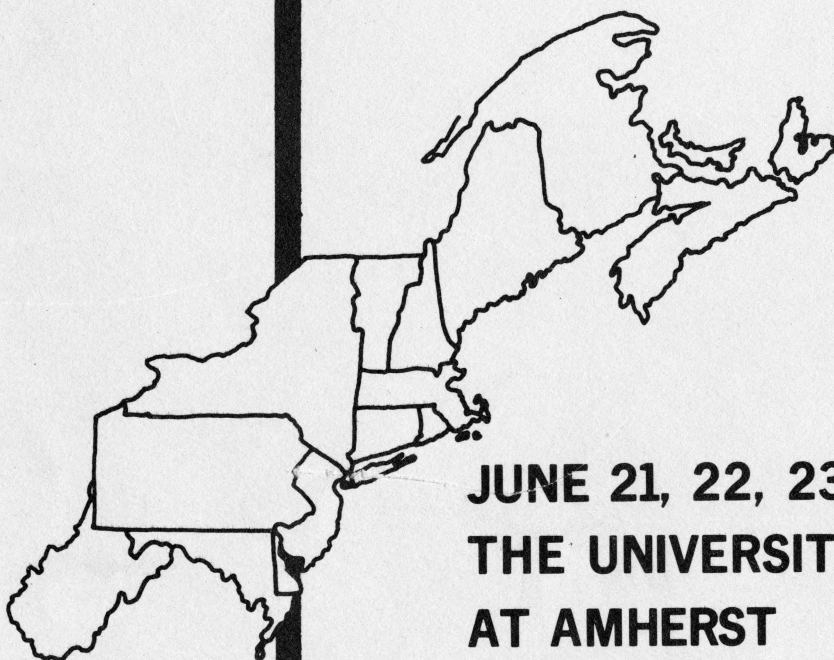
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# 1971 PROCEEDINGS

## Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council

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MINUTES OF THE 16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

June 23, 1971

The 16th Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman J. B. Wyckoff.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The Minutes of the 15th Annual Meeting as published in the 1970 Proceedings were approved as printed. The treasurer's report indicated a balance on hand June 7, 1971 of \$932.08.

Auditor's Report

Robert Sinclair indicated that he had examined the books and records of the Council and found them to be in accord with the treasurer's report prepared June 7, 1971.

Membership Report

Malcolm Bevins reported that as of June 23, the Council had 131 regular members and 24 student members--total of 155 dues paying members. Since the Council operates on a calendar year basis, it is likely that a few more members will join in 1971. Payment of dues is necessary if a copy of the Council Annual Meeting Proceedings is desired.

Posthumous Honor to Winn F. Finner

Prior to his recent death, Winn F. Finner was notified that he was to receive the Council's highest honor in June 1971--that of Honorary Life Membership. Winn Finner dies early this spring while serving as a Ford Foundation Agricultural Adviser in India. For many years while employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he faithfully served the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council and its predecessor organizations.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Winn. At the end of this report is a resolution noting his professional achievements and contributions to

the agricultural economics profession. President Wyckoff will provide Mrs. Finner with a copy of this resolution and an official record of the Council's action.

#### Distinguished Life Member Award

There was a short discussion on use of the term "honorary life member" as the Council's highest award. The Executive Committee recommended that a new title be associated with this award--"Distinguished Life Member." A proposal for a change in the Bylaws to accomplish this will be circulated to the membership prior to the 1972 Annual Meeting.

#### Recommended Changes in Officers of NAEC

At the request of President Wyckoff, the Nominating Committee was asked to evaluate and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the present classification of Council officers and their duties. Stanley Seaver, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the following recommendations for changes in the Constitution and Bylaws:

1. That there be created a new position of "President Elect"--an individual who would assume responsibility for the formal program of the Annual Meeting.
2. That there be the names of two individuals placed in nomination for the position of "President Elect" at the Annual Meeting.
3. That the title of "Chairman" be changed to "President."
4. That the President or President Elect need not necessarily be on the faculty of the institution hosting the Annual Meeting.
5. That the institution hosting the Annual Meeting elect a local arrangements chairman to handle all details of the Annual Meeting other than the formal program.
6. That the Executive Committee be given the authority to appoint a Secretary-Treasurer and that this position no longer be one elected by the total membership.
7. That the Executive Committee be given authority to appoint a "Proceedings Editor."

The above recommendations were received favorably by the Executive Committee and discussed generally by the total membership. It was recommended that the President and Secretary-Treasurer draw up a list of specific changes in the Bylaws which would be needed to accomplish the above and present this to the Executive Committee at the December 1971 meeting. Following Executive Committee review, a final draft of the proposed changes in the Bylaws and Constitution will be circulated to the total membership in advance of the Annual Meeting in 1972.

#### Proposal for Selection of Annual Meeting Location

A review of past locations of the Annual Meetings indicate the following sequence of host institutions: Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Canada. It was suggested that the same sequence be followed inserting "southern" institutions between each of the states and provinces in the existing rotation. In other words, the location for the Annual Meeting would rotate on a "North/South" basis (Canada being considered in the northerly group and New York being considered in the southerly group).

#### Location of 1972 Annual Meeting

An invitation was extended to the Council to hold its 1972 Annual Meeting at the Agricultural College in Truro, Nova Scotia. The invitation was extended by Walter Grant through Arnold Rovers. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The dates of June 19, 20 and 21, 1972 were fixed for the Annual Meeting.

President Wyckoff indicated that since some leeway is needed in making plans for future Annual Meetings, an invitation for the 1973 Annual Meeting should be extended so as to receive action by the Executive Committee at the December 1971 meeting.

#### Recommendation to the AAEA Board

Because of vast local arrangements details to host the Annual Meeting of the AAEA it was suggested that the NAEC representative on the AAEA Board recommend to that Board that in future years local arrangements be restricted to the formal program with less emphasis on planning family affairs. Families would not be discouraged from attending, however, arrangements would be made by the family head rather than a local arrangements committee. It appears that

such a change is needed if future meetings of the AAEEA are to be held on university campuses. The group has grown considerably in recent years and to act as host for the Annual Meeting requires resource commitments far in excess of those available at many institutions.

While the above course of action is recommended for the AAEEA Annual Meetings, there was an expression of interest in the continuation of NAEC family planning activities.

#### Plea for Full Membership on AAEEA Board

President Wyckoff noted that he had made a plea that the AAEEA Board of Directors consider granting full Board status to the NAEC representative. AAEEA President Jimmie Hillman indicated that this request would be considered.

#### Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the name of Robert Christensen as Chairman of the Council. The name of Sidney Ishee was received from the floor. A paper ballot resulted in the election of Robert Christensen as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The name of Malcolm Bevins as Secretary-Treasurer was submitted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations ceased and Bevins was elected.

#### Thanks to the University of Massachusetts

President Wyckoff called upon Raymond Tremblay, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee who placed on record the following resolution:

Resolved that the Council extend its sincere appreciation to our hosts in Massachusetts for their gracious hospitality. Arrangements have been outstanding both in terms of facilities and activities. The environmental quality is of the type we enjoy. We are particularly appreciative of the planning done by Jean Wyckoff, Bob Christensen, Barbara Cavanaugh, and Kathy Godek. Finally, we thank Amherst College for the use of its campus and its important contribution in making this a highly enjoyable conference in every respect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm I. Bevins  
Secretary-Treasurer

NORTHEASTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 7, 1971

Balance per Audit 6/18/70		\$663.15
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Dues Deposits:

6/26/70	\$ 61.00
7/14/70	4.15
11/ 3/70	12.00
12/ 4/70	1.50
12/15/70	3.00
12/23/70	3.00
1/25/71	9.00
2/18/71	167.00
3/12/71	92.00
4/15/71	70.10
6/ 4/71	<u>52.00</u>

Total Income	\$474.75	474.75
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Expenses:

7/ 7/70 - Johnson College pool table damage	\$ 37.81
7/ 7/70 - Refund of double dues payment	9.00
7/13/70 - North Country hospital fund	50.00
7/13/70 - Banquet entertainer's travel expense	9.20
7/13/70 - Lettering Honorary certificate	12.00
12/15/70 - Printing of Proceedings	81.32
2/24/71 - Overpayment of dues	3.00
- Bank activity charges	3.20
- Canadian check charge	<u>.29</u>

Total Expenses	\$205.82	205.82
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Cash on hand		\$932.08
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Bank statement 6/1/71 (without \$52 deposit or \$2.81 questionable item)		\$877.27
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