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CWAE HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Drs. Ardelle Lundeen, Sylvia Lane, Linda Lee, and Barbara Redman--1980 AAEA Ad Hoc Committee formed to determine status, role, and opportunities of women agricultural economists and the need for a women's committee in the AAEA.

- CWAE officially organized as a Standing Committee of the AAEA at 1981 summer meetings held at Clemson University (originally named Committee on Women's Opportunities in Agricultural Economics (COWOP). Changed to CWAE in 1984).

- 1981 Steering Committee included Drs. Ardelle Lundeen (Chair), Sylvia Lane (Vice Chair), Linda Lee, Barbara Redman, Margo Rich Ogus, and Katherine Reichelderfer.

- Originally 39 members. By 1988, 220 members. Though it has varied over the period since 1988, the current membership is 178.

- CWAE published its first directory of women agricultural economists in 1982. It contained 114 names. The second directory, in 1988, contained 350 names.

WHAT CWAE DOES

- Highlights women's accomplishments
- Tracks professional progress of women via surveys

- Provides a forum for issues of interest to women agricultural professionals
- Provides support network for women agricultural professionals
- Provides leadership in career workshops
- Brings visibility to women's research on a variety of agricultural economics and career issues.

SOME ISSUES ADDRESSED

- Tenure of women in the profession
- Retention of women in the profession
- Discrimination in hiring and promotions
- Leadership roles for women
- Dual-career family challenges
- Mentoring
- Searching the job market
- Working overseas

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Pre/post conferences and invited and organized paper symposia on a wide variety of agricultural economics and career issues such as human health risk in food and the environment,

measuring the well-being of farm households, gender differences in performance and pay, career challenges and choices among agricultural professionals, career opportunities and planning, communication skills, and mid-career opportunities.

- Mentoring and funding of fellowship
- CWAE newsletter (since 1982)
- CWAE website at <www.aaea.org/cwae> (1997)
- Sylvia Lane Mentor Research Fellowship (1995)
- CWAENET, E-bulletin board (1995)
- "A Woman You Should Know" series (1995)
- Tracking surveys completed on women's professional progress throughout the 20 years and annually since 1998.

ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

- Pre/post conferences, invited and organized paper symposia
- CWAE welcome reception
- CWAE luncheon
- Undergraduate student breakfast

HONORS

- Six women are AAEA Fellows: Drs. Sylvia Lane (1984), Sandra S. Batie (1994), Irma Adelman (1998),

Uma Lele (1999), Nancy Bockstael and Jean Kinsey (2000).

- Dr. Sylvia Lane has Fellowship named in her honor (Sylvia Lane Mentor Research Fellowship (SLF), 1995. For more info on the Fund go to <www.aaea.org/cwae/lane.htm>

- SLF recipients: Florence Tangka, Univ. of Florida, 1995; Deanne Hackman, Univ. of Missouri and Armineh Zohrabian, Auburn University, 1999; Joan Poor, Univ. of Maine (Honorable mention), 1999; and Hiba Ahmed, Michigan State University, 2000

- CWAE members AAEA Presidents: Sandra Batie (1989-90), Jean Kinsey (2001-2002).

- CWAE member, Susan Offutt is AAEA President-Elect

Board Members (2001-2002)

Margot Rudstrom (Chair)

Shannon Hamm (Vice Chair)

Dori Comer (Past Chair)

Mary Bohman Penelope Diebel (Board-2nd Year)

Holly Wang Kimberly Aldridge (Board-1st Year)

CWAE Board Members (1981-2001)

Year	Chair	Vice-Chair	Past-Chair	Board-2nd Year	Board-1st Year
2000-01	Dori Comer	Christina Gladwin	Janet Perry	Joyce Cacho Cheryl Doss	Mary Bohman Penelope Diebel
1999-00	Dori Comer	Christina Gladwin	Janet Perry	Laura M. Cheney Shannon Hamm	Joyce Cacho Cheryl Doss
1998-99	Janet Perry	Dawn Thilmany	Mary Marchant	Jean Buzby Chris Ranney	Laura M.Cheney Shannon Hamm
1997-98	Janet Perry	Dawn Thilmany	Mary Marchant	Mylene Kherallah Ann Vandeman Dori Comer	Jean Buzby Chris Ranney
1996-97	Mary Marchant	By-law change affects Chair and V-Chair terms	Maureen Kilkeeney	Judith Stallman Joyce Hall-Krause	Mylene Kherallah Ann Vandeman Dori Comer
1995-96	Maureen Kilkeeney	Mary Marchant	Laurian Unnevehr	Meyra Mendoza Stephanie Mercier	Joyce Hall-Krause Judith Stallmann
1994-95	Laurian Unnevehr	Maureen Kilkeeney	Ann Vandeman	Rebecca Lent Lydia Zepeda	Meyra Mendoza Stephanie Mercier
1993-94	Ann Vandeman	Laurian Unnevehr	Vicki McCracken	Jill Findeis Mary Marchant	Rebecca Lent Lydia Zepeda
1992-93	Vicki McCracken	Ann Vandeman	Joy Harwood	Shida Henneberry Laurian Unnevehr	Jill Findeis Mary Marchant
1991-92	Joy Harwood	Vicki McCracken	Deb Brown	Julie Caswell Bonnie Colby	Shida Henneberry Laurian Unnevehr
1990-91	Deb Brown	Joy Harwood	Eileen van Ravenswaay	Joy Harwood Sermin Hardesty	Julie Caswell Bonnie Colby
1989-90	Eileen van Ravenswaay	Deb Brown	Helen Jensen	Joyce Allen Vicki McCracken	Joy Harwood Sermin Hardesty
1988-89	Helen Jensen	Eileen van Ravenswaay	Edna Loehman	Frances Antonovitz Nancy Schwartz	Joyce Allen Vicki McCracken
1987-88	Edna Loehman	Helen Jensen	Mary Ahearn	Susan Offutt Margo Rich Ogus	Frances Antonovitz Nancy Schwartz
1986-87	Mary Ahearn	Edna Loehman	Linda Lee	Helen Jensen Jean Kinsey	Susan Offutt Margo Rich Ogus
1985-86	Linda Lee	Mary Ahearn	Sandra Batie	Tanya Roberts Edna Loehman	Jean Kinsey Helen Jensen
1984-85	Sandra Batie	Linda Lee	Jean Kinsey	Mary Ahearn	Tanya Roberts Edna Loehman
1983-82	Jean Kinsey	Sandra Batie	Sylvia Lane	Barbara Huddleston Mary Templeton	Mary Ahearn
1982-83	Sylvia Lane	Jean Kinsey	Ardelle Lundeen	Not applicable	Barbara Huddleston Mary Templeton
1981-82	Ardelle Lundeen	Sylvia Lane			

(Other 1981 members: Linda Lee, Barbara Redman, Margo Rich Ogus, and Katherine Reichelderfer).

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