

## **Editor's Comments**

The Passing of the Reins ceremony at Texas Tech signifies the end of one Masked Rider's tenure and ushers in a new mascot and representative for the university. The new Masked Rider brings a renewed sense of enthusiasm and dedication but is acutely aware that in time, their service in the position will end as the reins are passed yet again. It is with the same sense of enthusiasm that I eagerly take the reins of the Journal of Southern Agricultural Education Research from my friend, Tim Murphy. I publically thank and praise him for five years of service to the organization and for the milestones accomplished during his time as the editor of this publication; most notably securing an ISSN number from the National Serials Data Program of the Library of Congress. I have found the organization of the Journal to be top notch and my transition a very smooth process. I can only hope that my time as editor will yield such a consistently excellent publication.

Following the procedures first implemented in 2004, articles found acceptable for publication in the Proceedings of the 2007 Southern Region AAAE Research Conference (SR-AAAERC), whose authors had indicated that they be considered for publication in the JSAER, were submitted to a second peer review process. Dr. Tom Dobbins, Clemson University, the Chair of the SR-AAAERC, also served as Co-Editor and provided information to Dr. Murphy and myself in a timely, efficient manner. The six members of the Southern Region AAAE Research Committee served as the Editorial Board for the 2007 JSAER. The members for 2007 were Anna Ball, Scott Burris, Mark Kistler, Tracy Kitchel, John Rayfield and Grady Roberts. They were great for a first-timer to work with as they were prompt to respond yet provided meaningful comments on each paper.

A total of 11 articles were submitted for consideration to the JSAER following their acceptance through the SR-AAAERC review process. Of these, nine were published. The review procedure, adopted with Volume 55, allows JSAER reviews to "Accept with Major Revision," and "Accept with Minor Revision" in addition to the "Accept" and "Reject" options available to reviewers in Volumes 53 and 54. Given these options, the following decisions were made. No articles were Accepted without Revision, eight were Accepted with Minor Revision, one was Accepted with Major Revision and two were Rejected.

At the completion of the review process, nine articles were selected for publication. The Editorial Board established a policy that the Editor would publish the total number of articles accepted in the JSAER divided by the total number of unique submissions to the SR-AAAERC. There were 56 articles submitted to the 2007 SR-AAAERC. Twenty-seven were published in the conference proceedings (48%), and nine were published in Volume 57 of the JSAER for an official acceptance rate of 16%.

As the outgoing Editor-Elect and incoming Editor, I look forward to a productive period for the Journal. All the pieces are in place to promote the JSAER as an important source of regional literature in the field.

Respectfully,

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Editor-Elect, 2007