



## SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## President's Greeting

I extend warm greetings to all of you! This is my last message to our society as the President of the CAES-SCAÉ. I have enjoyed all the challenges and am proud of all the work our board has accomplished over the last year. As I approach the conclusion of my term as President, culminating with the upcoming Annual General Meeting in Whistler, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable efforts put forth by the Board and Society members throughout this past year. The smooth functioning of our Society relies on the firm commitment and diligent contributions of numerous individuals, and it is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge and thank each and every person who generously dedicated their time and expertise to the success of our mission. Your collective efforts have propelled our Society forward, and I am truly grateful for your support. In this message, I reflect upon the achievements of the CAES-SCAÉ Board over the past year, along with important upcoming events and initiatives. The significant growth in membership, the imminent return to in-person meetings, the recommendation for the establishment of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Standing Committee, and the successful communication initiatives demonstrate the society's commitment to advancing the field of food, agricultural and resource economics.

One of the major objectives for the Board this year was to increase our membership. I would like to express great satisfaction with the society's achievements in terms of membership growth. As of June 2023, compared to September 2022, the CAES-SCAÉ has experienced an impressive increase of approximately 40% in its membership base. I would like to congratulate the Membership Committee. This growth is a testament to the society's relevance and the valuable opportunities it offers to professionals and researchers. However, we recognize that there is still immense untapped potential, and we are committed to exploring innovative strategies to expand our reach and influence further. One way you can help is by renewing your membership if you have not already done so, and kindly encourage others to join CAES-SCAÉ.

We are days away from our first in-person joint meeting since 2019, which is scheduled to take place in Whistler, BC, on July 17-20, 2023. We are delighted to announce that the final program for the annual conference is now accessible on the CAES-SCAÉ website. This year's meeting boasts a diverse and extensive set of academic papers, with over 170 carefully selected submissions. In addition to the paper presentations, we have curated an impressive lineup of events, including one dozen symposia, engaging plenary sessions, a Focus on Fellows Session, and a workshop. The meeting signifies a significant milestone, as it demonstrates the society's ability to adapt to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and return to a sense of normalcy. The annual meeting will provide an invaluable platform for members to engage in face-to-face discussions, foster collaborations, network and exchange knowledge among economists, researchers, and professionals from Canada and the United States. We look forward to welcoming you to this meeting and wish you an inspiring and fruitful conference experience. I would like to thank the Program Committee and Awards Committee for their invaluable contributions to organizing the annual meeting and ensuring its success. Your dedicated efforts and hard work have truly made a significant impact. Well done!

Recognizing the importance of promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion within the food, agricultural and resource economics community, the CAES-SCAÉ board has recommended the establishment of an



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Standing Committee. This committee's primary mandate is to ensure that our society creates an inclusive environment where all members feel welcome and represented. The proposed standing committee will be crucial in developing strategies, policies, and initiatives that foster diversity and equal opportunities. By addressing these fundamental aspects, the CAES-SCAÉ aims to strengthen its membership and enhance its impact in the agricultural economics profession. I am optimistic that this recommendation will be approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), demonstrating the society's commitment to progressive values.

I would also like to applaud our Communication Committee for the successful launch and execution of our new communication initiative called "Members in the News." This platform has been well received by the CAES-SCAÉ membership. Members in the News aims to showcase the achievements, research, and contributions of society members to the wider food, agricultural and resource economics community. By highlighting these accomplishments, the CAES-SCAÉ promotes its members' expertise and advances the overall understanding of the field.

The 2023 Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference (CAPC) was a success, and we owe a debt of gratitude to our past president, Ellen Goddard. Her visionary leadership and dedication made the conference a remarkable event. As Ellen's presidential cycle draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her invaluable contributions and commend her for her outstanding and sustained service to our Society. The 2024 CAPC is tentatively set to take place on January 25 and 26, 2024, in Ottawa. The CAPC serves as a crucial forum for policymakers, researchers, industry stakeholders, and experts to discuss and shape agricultural policies in Canada. Please mark these dates on your calendars, as further details and updates regarding the conference will be communicated at a later time. The CAPC presents a unique opportunity for members to contribute to the policy discourse and make meaningful contributions to the agri-food sector.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as the president during the 2022/23 term, and I extend my best wishes to our incoming president Tristan Skolrud and the new members of the Board as we navigate the path of the CAES-SCAÉ in the upcoming year. As we turn our gaze toward the future, Tristan is pleased to announce that the 2024 CAES-SCAÉ Annual Meeting will take place in Winnipeg in July 2024. Save the date and join us in Winnipeg.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our exceptional staff members, Ashley Klotz, Scott McRae, and Scott Biden, as well as our dedicated volunteers. Their dedication and hard work were pivotal in our achievements in 2022/2023. I extend my appreciation to Jennifer Vignola for her exceptional event management skills. Her efforts and expertise were crucial in making our events truly remarkable. Thanks, Jenn, for your outstanding work!

It has been a rewarding experience, and I have full confidence in our Board's and Executive's abilities to lead the organization successfully into the future. As I approach my final term next year, I am committed to making meaningful contributions and leveraging my expertise to enhance our collective progress further. Together, I am confident that we will continue to achieve great things. I look forward to one more year working with the board members as Past-President.

Sincerely,  
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CAES-SCAE President



## Society News

### *2023 CAES Annual Meeting July 17-20*

If you have not registered for the 2023 CAES-SCAE & WAEA Joint Annual Conference, you still have a chance ! Register [here](#) to join us July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> in Whistler.

If you are registered, take a look at the [meeting program](#) and start planning your days at the conference !

### *Call for Editorial Board Members*

The CAES is seeking members to join the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue canadienne d'agroéconomie (*CJAE*) Editorial Board for a three-year term starting from July 2023 to the end of June 2026.

#### *About the Journal*

The *CJAE* provides a forum for scholarship in agricultural, resource, and environmental economics including topics concerning: agriculture, food, agribusiness, policy, resource utilization, and environmental impacts. The *CJAE* publishes a range of theoretical, applied and policy-related articles. The *CJAE* is published in an online-only format. Articles are published in Early View as they are accepted and then allocated to Issues published four times a year: March, June, September, and December.

#### *Responsibilities of the Editorial Board*

The editorial board serves as a panel of disciplinary "experts" to assist the editors in a variety of areas. Specific functions of the editorial board include the following:

- Assist the co-editors in identifying potential reviewers for manuscripts.
- Assisting the co-editors in identifying ideas for special "theme" issues of the *CJAE*, either as a source of ideas or as a sounding board for ideas developed by the co-editors.
- Serve as an additional source of disciplinary expertise in situations where difficult manuscript acceptance/rejection decisions need to be made by the *CJAE* co-editors.
- Act as a final board of appeal for authors who feel their papers have been unjustly evaluated.
- Assist with between three and seven reviews per year, including revised and resubmitted manuscripts.
- Possibly assist in the selection of the paper to be honoured with the annual "Best *CJAE* article" award.

Current members of the editorial board are listed on the [website](#).

#### *The Application Process*

If you are interested in joining the Editorial Board and thereby contributing to the quality and reputation of the journal, please send your CV with a brief statement outlining the reasons you would like to join the Editorial Board to Ryan Cardwell ([ryan.cardwell@umanitoba.ca](mailto:ryan.cardwell@umanitoba.ca)), Managing Editor of *CJAE*, and Yu Na Lee ([ylee13@uoguelph.ca](mailto:ylee13@uoguelph.ca)), CAES Publications Committee Chair.



### *CJAE Spotlight*

Be sure to check out the great research in the [Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics](#), free for CAES/SCAE members.

The current issue, released in June, shows the breadth of research being undertaken today in the discipline of agricultural economics. Authors explore topics of [induced innovation](#), [fungicide resistance](#), [COVID-19 tested food labels](#), [impact of access to credit on adoption of technology](#), and [optimal forest rotation ages](#).

### *EDI Survey Results*

Thanks to all the members who took the time to respond to the survey! Your views are important as we explore the next steps in advancing EDI work at CAES-SCAE.

Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions by email [linda.yuan.zhou@gmail.com](mailto:linda.yuan.zhou@gmail.com) or [ellen.goddard@ualberta.ca](mailto:ellen.goddard@ualberta.ca) or in person at our annual meeting.

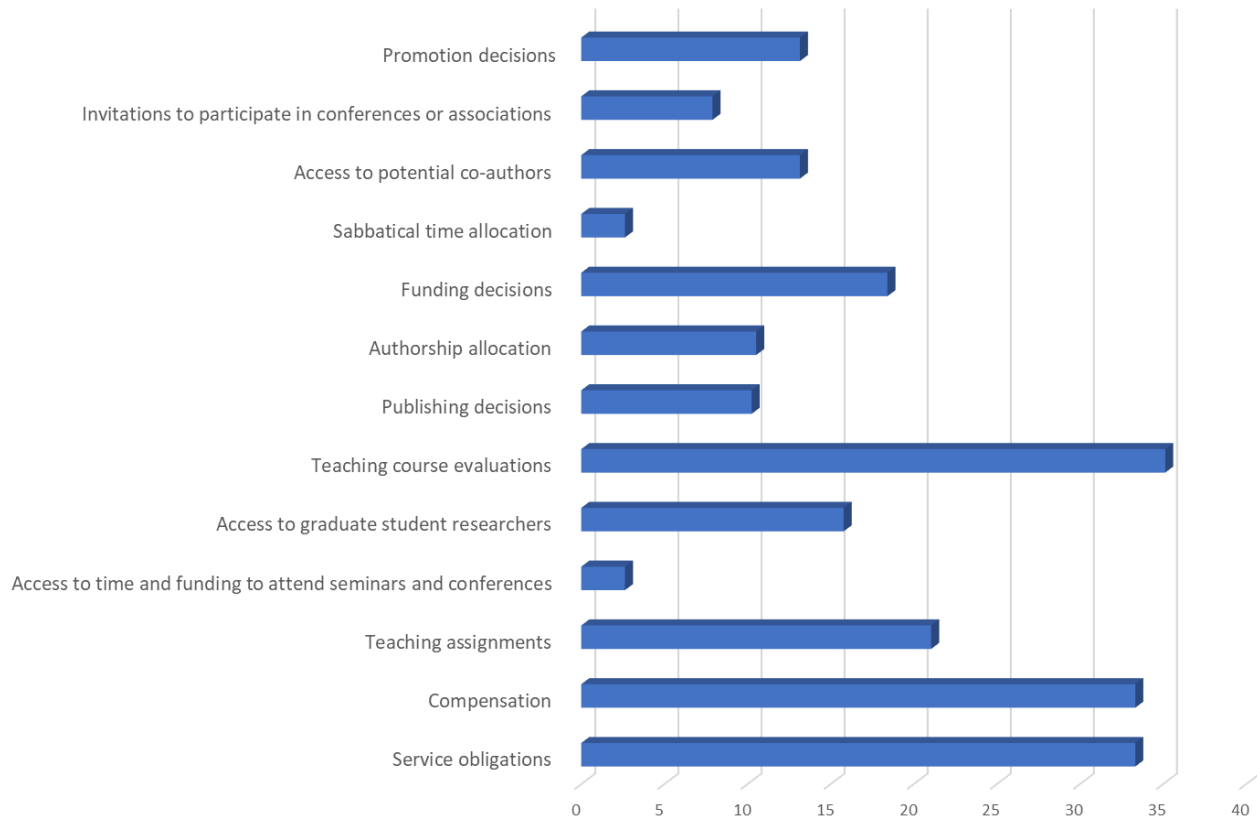
Summary of results below. Further results are available on request.

**A total of 57 responses** were received (currently the CAES-SCAE has 190 members).

- **Demographic profile:** the majority of respondents were in the ages between 35 and 64 (28% between 35 and 44, 22 % between 45 and 54 and 22 % between 55 and 64). 71% of respondents have doctorate degrees, while 18% have Masters degrees. 69% of respondents identified as male.
- **Employment:** 56% of the responding members were employed as permanent faculty in academic departments, the other categories of employment all had 10% or less of members selecting (university department - fixed term research, university department - fixed term teaching, government federal, government provincial, commodity organizations, private company, NGOs, graduate student, self employed, Other).
- **Language profile:** over 90% of respondents work primarily in English (very small group work in French). However, it is interesting to note that over 40% of respondents are not working in their mother tongue.



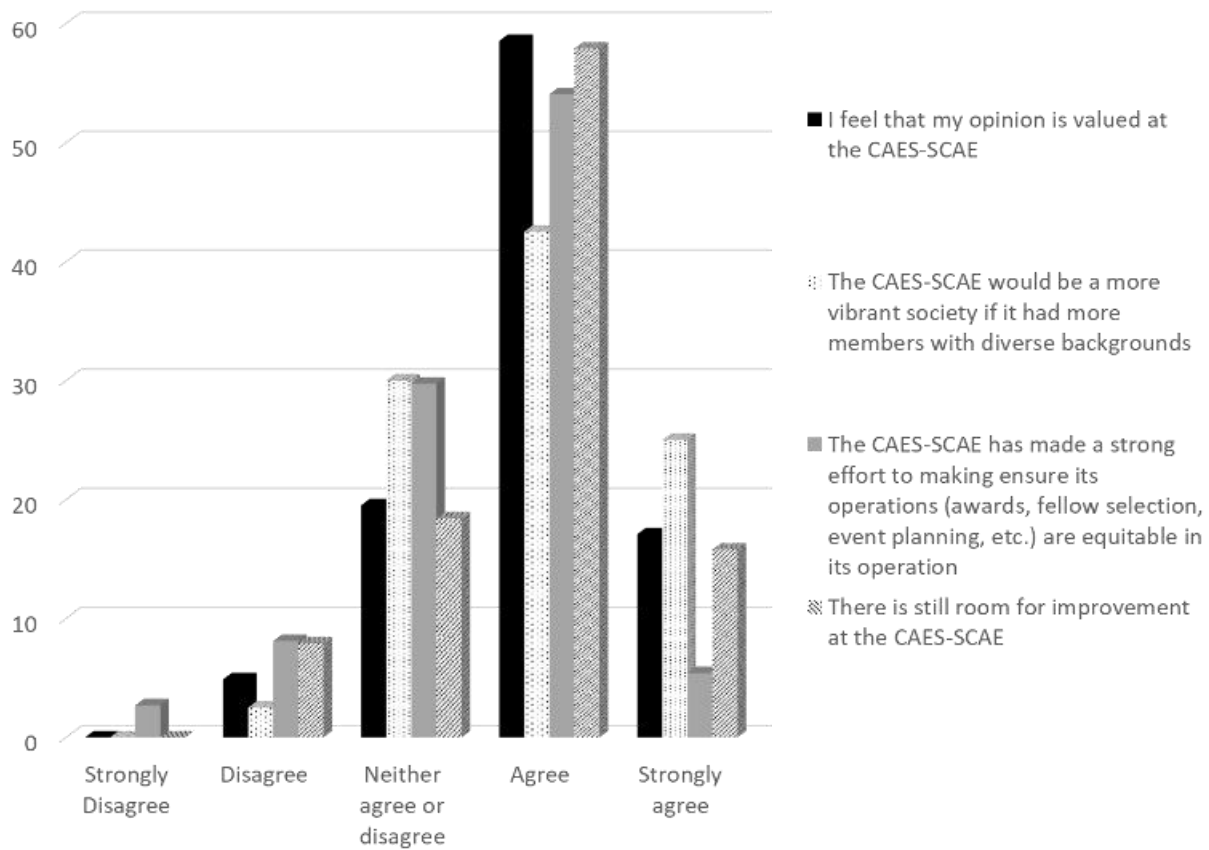
**Figure 1: Have you witnessed or felt discrimination or unfair treatment with respect to: & yes responses**



- While there is a general consensus that their current workplace, the field of agricultural economics, and CAES-SCAE provide a respectful space, unfair treatment was witnessed across all areas, led by teaching course evaluations at almost 35%.



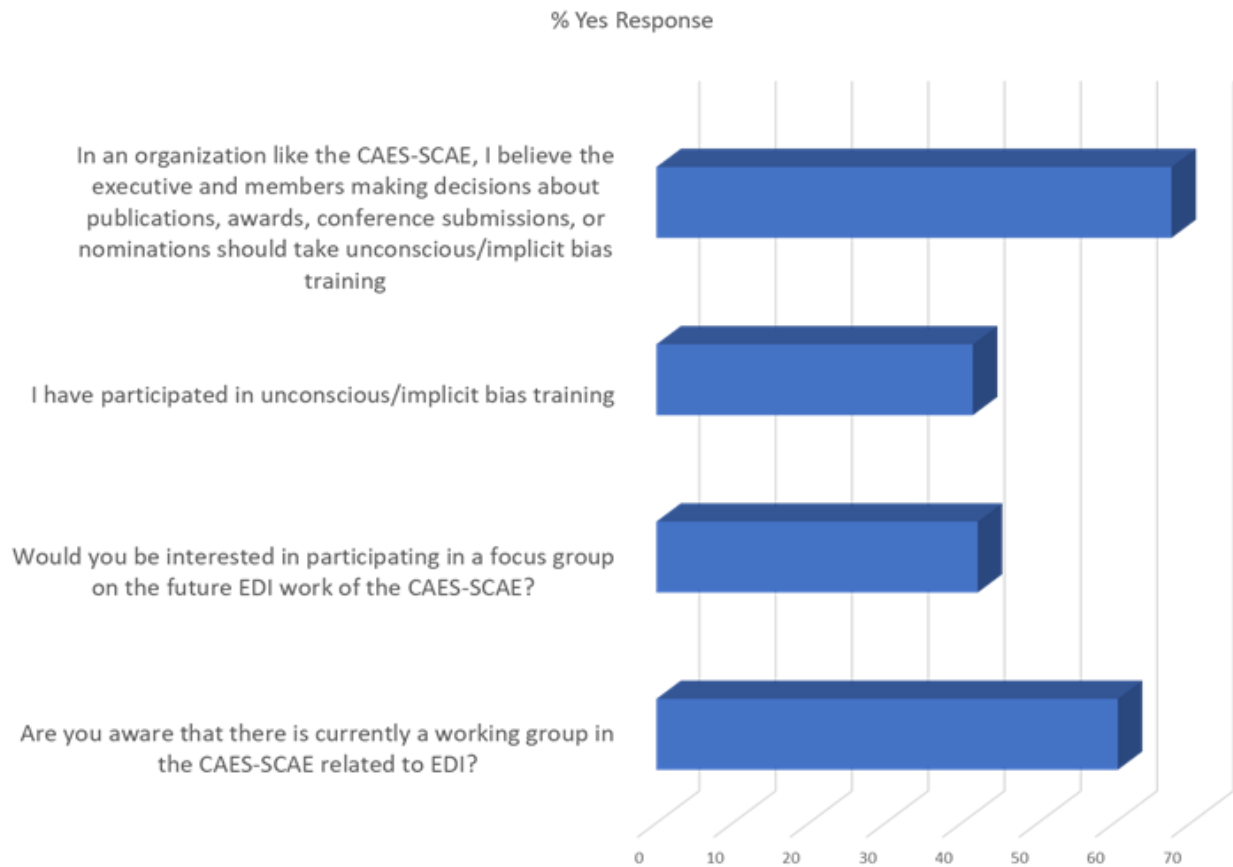
Figure 2: With regard to the CAES-SCAE, please identify your agreement with the following statements



- Nearly 80% of the respondents expressed a desire to see improvements in terms of creating a more inclusive space in our field (food, agricultural, and resource economics), as well as their own organizations.
- Over half of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that there is still room for improvement and that our society would benefit from EDI support.



Figure 3: General Questions about EDI and CAES-SCAE Processes



- In the open-ended questions, respondents provided numerous thoughtful suggestions for improvement, such as creating scholarships and support programs for members and students from under-represented groups.

#### Lessons learned

- The survey respondents are primarily from academic background. Future Society activities geared towards members working in non-academic should be encouraged.
- Although in general most attitudinal responses were positive, there was also quite strong agreement with the idea that we need improvement as a discipline and as the CAES-SCAE. On a very specific note, there was very strong agreement that any people involved in making decisions as part of the CAES-SCAE publications, awards, conference submissions and nominations should undertake unconscious bias training.





## Member Updates

No member updates. If you have any updates you would like included in the Fall Newsletter, please send to [contact@caes-scae.ca](mailto:contact@caes-scae.ca).

## Connect with Us

### *CAES-SCAE Member Feature on Twitter*

Do you want to be featured on the official CAES-SCAE Twitter as a Featured Member? The CAES-SCAE Communications Committee is seeking to highlight the incredible people that are members of the society and showcase the work, research, and achievements of our network. It is an excellent opportunity to increase the impact of your work and build a network! If you are interested, please contact us at [contact@caes-scae.ca](mailto:contact@caes-scae.ca) and we will be available to assist you, provide you with a template and examples, and answer any questions you may have.

### *Society Events*

If you are hosting or know of events that would be interesting to CAES-SCAE members we would love to promote them through our social media channels and newsletter. Please reach out to us through one of the methods below with the date, time, and brief event summary to be included.

### *Become a member*

Join many of your colleagues who embrace the value of a CAES-SCAE membership.

Whether you are a current member or joining the CAES-SCAE, our society can provide important resources to students, economists, policy experts, and scholars in the field of food, agricultural and resource economics. CAES-SCAE members gain access to the latest research, publish and present their work, find job openings, and collaborate with peers and scholars.

[Renew Now](#): Easily renew your existing membership

[Join Now](#): Sign-up to activate your membership

### *Note from the Communications Committee*

We would like to hear from you ! We are always looking for new ways to improve the newsletter and provide you with the most relevant news. Please send us your feedback and comments!



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