



NEWSNOTES

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<http://www.waeonline.org>

Presidential Note

Dear WAEA Colleagues:

As I came to campus this week when the temperature was in the teens and as I finished shoveling snow from my driveway I thought, wouldn't it be nice to be in Hawaii. Plans for the annual WAEA meeting in late June are progressing and it looks to be an outstanding event. Elsewhere in the news notes you will see the call for papers to be presented. We are also encouraging the development and submission of organized symposia. Further details are available on the WAEA web site.

WAEA started giving it's highest award this past summer when three outstanding scholars were recognized. This award is given to individuals who have made an "enduring contribution over their career to agricultural, resource and/or environmental economics in the western states and the WAEA". Any member of the association may nominate an individual. These nominations should be sent to Bruce Godfrey by the March 5, 2004. The executive committee and council suggested that more individuals need to be given this award in the coming year. As a result, a larger number of submissions is encouraged. You are also encouraged to submit nominations for the other awards that are outlined in this issue of the news notes. Last year more thesis were submitted that has occurred in several years, but the number of nominations for some of the other awards was down from what had been submitted in the past. There are many individuals who do outstanding work that goes unrecognized. Nominating a fellow worker for one of the WAEA awards is a good way of expressing appreciation for a job well done even if they are not selected to receive one of the WAEA awards.

You will note that an early submission date for papers and symposia is noted below. This early date is needed to allow selection of papers and notification to occur before the hotel rates increase (28 February 2004).

May you have a joyous, healthy and eventful holiday season. Take this opportunity to strengthen family relationships and renew old friendships. I look forward to the New Year with its challenges and opportunities. I also look forward to seeing you in Hawaii.

Best regards,

E. Bruce Godfrey

Remember! Selected Paper proposals are due by Friday, December 12th!!

Organized Symposium proposals are due by Friday, December 9th!!

Go to waeonline.org for more details on proposal requirements.

NOTICES

Dues Notice

Some of you have renewed your membership for 2004 either through Dawn Thilmany at Colorado State University or AAEA. If so, we thank you for your continued support. For those of you who still plan to join, a copy of the 2004 membership application and dues notice is enclosed with this issue of NewsNotes. Payment for 2004 dues should be sent to Secretary-Treasurer Dawn Thilmany. If you have any questions concerning the status of your membership, please contact Dawn at thilmany@lamar.colostate.edu.

Graduate Travel Fellowships

Funds partially defray the direct travel costs of graduate students attending the WAEA Annual meetings in Hawaii next summer, with preference going to those involved in the paper sessions or Awards program.

Fellowships are awarded to graduate students who are current members of the WAEA based on their scholarly and leadership potential in the field and association. The one-page application (enclosed) must be filled out and mailed to the address below by March 1, 2004. This is earlier than in the past because we know people will need to make travel arrangements earlier for these meetings.

Dr. Jill McCluskey
Department of Agricultural Economics
Washington State University
Pullman, WA 99164-6210

Upcoming Annual Meetings

At last summer's annual meeting the Executive Council decided that the 2004 WAEA meeting will be held in Hawaii, June 30-July 4, 2004, at the Hyatt in Waikiki. Visit their website at:

<http://www.hyattwaikiki.com/>

Utah State will be handling the registration for those meetings, so look for the registration materials in your April newsletter. We were granted a discount for any rooms that we have booked for that conference by February 28, 2004, so we have included a registration form in this newsletter. If you are certain you will be going, please register by that date to get the best rate. Dana Hoag hopes to give notice of accepted papers and symposium by mid-February to help in your travel planning.

At the 2003 meetings, we decided to meet jointly with the WEAI again in 2005 in San Francisco, CA, but to meet independently in 2006 at a location to be determined. If you or your institution is interested in hosting the 2006 meetings, contact E. Bruce Godfrey at <mailto:bruceg@econ.usu.edu>.

Correction

Our apologies for printing the wrong university for two of our 2002-03 award winners in the September issue of NewsNotes. Outstanding Seniors Brandon Leister and Derek Shreiner graduated from the University of Arizona.

NOMINATION FOR AWARDS

Nominations are solicited for the following awards that will be presented at the WAEA Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. All award mailings must be postmarked by March 5, 2004, and should be sent to the committee chairs for each award category.

Graduate Paper or Master's Thesis Award

Purpose of Award:

To recognize outstanding research by graduate students in WAEA institutions.

Nature of the Award:

The award will be called "Outstanding Graduate Paper or Thesis Award for the Western Agricultural Economics Association." This award will be made annually at the WAEA meeting. The winner will receive a certificate and a \$500 check and a travel grant to help defray the cost of attending the annual meeting.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees must have completed the master's degree at a WAEA institution during 2003. Only thesis or graduate papers bearing a 2002 completion date may be submitted from a WAEA institution. Only one paper or thesis may be submitted from an institution. Ph.D. dissertations are not eligible.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Importance of the problem or topic
- Significance of the results
- Quality of the work
- Effectiveness of reporting

Procedures:

Five copies of each thesis or graduate paper will be sent to the chair of the selection committee. All nomination materials become WAEA property and will not be returned to the nominees or nominators. Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Nominations should be sent to the following address by March 5, 2004:

Sián Mooney
University of Wyoming
Dept. of Agricultural & Appl. Economics
PO Box 3354
Laramie, WY 82071-3354
Phone: (307) 766-2389
Email: smooney@uwyo.edu

Undergraduate Teaching Awards

Purpose of Awards:

To recognize outstanding teaching of students and related activities by members of the association. The award may be made annually at the WAEA meeting.

Nature of Awards:

Two awards may be given. The first is the "Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association with less than 10 years experience." The second is the "Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association with more than 10 years experience." Each winner will receive a certificate.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees must be members of the Association and be actively involved in teaching and related activities. Previous award winners are not eligible for the same award.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Personal interest in and availability to students,
- Mastery of subject matter (course content),
- Creativity in designing and using innovative teaching methods,
- Impact on learning, based on student and peer evaluation, and
- Impact on departmental teaching program

Procedures:

Nominations may be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. The nominator should submit a Nomination Packet including a letter of recommendation, supplementary tables and supporting items if desired. The letter of nomination, limited to three pages single spaced, should summarize the teaching accomplishments of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above. Summary tables may be added to provide supplemental and supporting data. A maximum of three supporting items (letter of recommendation, publications, videos, etc.) may also be included. Each letter, publication, video, etc. counts as one item. Send five copies of all materials to the chair of the awards committee. All nomination materials become WAEA property and will not be returned to nominees or nominators. Selection of winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Nominations should be sent to the following address by March 5, 2004:

Less than 10 years:

Tom Marsh
Kansas State University
Dept. of Agricultural Economics
326 Waters Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506-4011
Phone: (785) 532-4913
Email: tmarsh@agecon.ksu.edu

More than 10 years:

Cheryl Wachenheim
North Dakota State University
Agribusiness & Applied Economics
P.O. Box 5636
Fargo, ND 58105-5636
Phone: (701) 231-7452
Email: cwachenh@nsduext.nodak.edu

Extension Program Awards

Purpose of Awards:

To recognize outstanding extension programs by members of the Association.

Nature of Awards:

Two awards may be given annually. The "Outstanding Extension Program Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, for Project" is given to programs that are of less than or equal to five years duration. The "Outstanding Extension Program Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, for Career" is given to programs that are of more than five years duration. These awards may be made annually at the WAEA meeting. Winners will receive a certificate.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominee(s) must be actively involved in programs of informal education for audiences external to the university. The program may be that of either an individual or a group of individuals working as a team. If given to a team, at least one member of the team must be a member of the Association. If given to an individual, the winner must be a member.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Importance of the problem or subject,
- Overall effectiveness of the program,
- Appropriateness of the economic analysis,
- Effectiveness of communication methods, and
- Evidence of accomplishments of objectives and positive impact on target audience.

Procedures:

Nominations must be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. The nominator should submit a nomination packet, including a letter of recommendation, supplementary tables and supporting items if desired. The letter of nomination, which is limited to no more than three pages single spaced, should summarize the teaching accomplishments of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above. Summary tables may be added to provide supplemental and supporting data. A maximum of three supporting items (letter of recommendation, publications, videos, etc.) may also be included. Each letter, publication, video, etc. counts as one item. Send each of five copies of all materials in a self-contained binder/folder/envelope to the chair of the awards committee. All nomination materials become WAEA property and will not be returned to nominees or nominators. Selection of winners will be made by a committee.

Nominations should be sent to the following address by March 5, 2004:

Project: Ruby Ward
Utah State University
Dept. of Economics, 3530 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322-3530
Ph: (435) 797-2323
Email: rward@econ.usu.edu

Career: Damona Doye
Oklahoma State University
529 Ag Hall
Stillwater, OK 74078
Ph: (405) 744-9813
Email: ddoye@okstate.edu

Published Research Award:

Purpose of Award:

To recognize outstanding research by members of the Association.

Nature of the Award:

The award will be called "Outstanding Published Research Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association." This award may be made annually at the WAEA meeting. The winner(s) will receive a certificate.

Eligibility Requirements:

At least one of the authors must be a member of the Association in the year the paper was published. Only research reports bearing a 2003 publication date will be considered. Textbooks will not be considered published research for purpose of this award. Articles published in JARE are not eligible.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Importance and significance of the results,
- Quality of the work, and
- Effectiveness of reporting

Procedure:

Nominations must be made by WAEA members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. Five copies of each publication will be sent to the chair of the selection committee. All nomination materials become WAEA property and will not be returned to nominees or nominators. Selection of winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Nominations should be sent to the following address by March 5, 2004:

David Lambert
Chair, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND 58105-5636
Phone: (701) 231-7444
Email: david.lambert@ndsu.nodak.edu



Membership Application and Dues Notice for 2004

includes a subscription to the
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
 increasing to 3 issues in the 2004, Volume 29

Name and Mailing Address (if employed by a government agency or university, office address is preferred.)

E-Mail Address:

Do you want to receive WAEA newsletter via (circle appropriate): electronic, paper, both

(Please check appropriate category)

Type of Membership	U.S., Canada, & Mexico	International
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$25.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (requires departmental certification)**	\$5.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (persons who have retired)	\$12.00	\$17.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (two memberships, one copy of Journal sent)	\$30.00	\$40.00
Lifetime Dues	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 55-59 \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 60-64 \$190
	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 65-69 \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Age 70+ \$80

**I certify that the person named above is eligible for student membership.

Department Head or Staff Member

Make check or money order (U.S. dollars) payable to:

WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Members are not guaranteed shipment of any journals or newsletters published prior to their membership date.

Total amount enclosed: _____

Send payments to:

Dawn Thilmany, Secretary-treasurer, WAEA

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO 80523-1172

Phone: (970) 491-7220 Fax: (970) 491-2067; E-mail: thilmany@lamar.colostate.edu

Graduate Travel Fellowship
Application

Application Deadline is **March 1, 2004**

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **FAX** _____
(last) (first) (initial) (area) number number

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

WAEA member? Yes/No

On 2003 WAEA Program? Yes/No Presenting Paper? ___ Receiving Award? ___ Other (describe) _____

Estimated travel costs: airfare \$ _____ hotel \$ _____

Education: (Optional: Include a recent C.V. in place of this part)

College and Graduate Schools (most recent first)	Graduation mo/yr	Degree level	Major field	GPA
_____	___/___	_____	_____	_____
_____	___/___	_____	_____	_____
_____	___/___	_____	_____	_____

Briefly List Leadership and Service Activities involved in during Graduate Studies:

Briefly Describe Current Research and/or Employment:

Briefly Describe your Career Goals after Completion of your Degree:

Briefly Describe your Professional Development Goals as they relate to Attendance at the Meetings:



RESERVATION REQUEST FORM WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2004

Name (s): _____
Address _____

Telephone: Day: _____
Evening: _____
Fax: _____

Gold Passport Number: _____
Category offered: Run of House at \$150.00 plus 11.416% tax per night*
Number of Rooms: _____

Run of Ocean option to upgrade based on availability at \$185.00 plus 11.416% tax per night Number of Rooms: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Check-in time is 3:00pm
Departure Date: _____ Check-out time is 12:00pm
Number of Guests: Adults: _____ Children: _____

(Third and fourth adults per room will be assessed a charge of \$35.00 plus tax, per day, per person.)

*Reservations confirmed prior to **February 28, 2004**, will receive a discounted rate of \$140.00 per night in the Run of House category. Reservations must be made in writing via facsimile, e-mail or post, and received by Hotel's reservation department by February 28, 2004 to be eligible for this discount.

Third and fourth person charges will be waived for guestrooms in which all guests are documented graduate students. All names for such rooms must be submitted with the initial reservation request and valid student ID must be provided for all such "student rooms" at check-in.

Reservations must be received prior to **May 30, 2004** or before the group block is filled to assure accommodations. All reservations are accepted on a space available basis; a maximum number of rooms are reserved in each category. A confirmation of accommodations will be mailed to you.

Pre/post convention rates: The group rate confirmed for your main convention dates of **June 30 – July 4, 2004** will be honored for three (3) days prior and three (3) days after these main dates. Therefore, we will honor the group rate for all reservations from **June 27 – July 7, 2004**, subject to availability. Rooms reserved outside of these dates will be confirmed at the published rate.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received within thirty (30) days to seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival will be assessed a one (1) night cancellation charge at \$150.00. Cancellations within seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival and no-shows will be assessed a two nights charge at \$150.00 per night.

Payment of two (1) night's deposit per room must accompany this form.
Please select type of payment:

American Express: VISA: Master Card:

Diners Club: Discover Card:

Account Number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Check/Money Order enclosed in the amount of: _____

I authorize the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa to charge my account for one (1) night's deposit per room.

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Credit card billing address: _____

Signature: _____

- If paying by credit card, please fax or mail your completed Reservation Request Form to:

**Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa
Reservations Department
2424 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815**

**Reservations Dept. Fax: 808-923-7839
Hotel Guest Fax: 808-926-3415**

- If paying by check or money order, please mail your completed Reservation Request Form with payment to:

**Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa
Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 31000
Honolulu, HI 96849-5042**

