

By: Ted Schroeder and Dawn Thilmany
December 2004

<http://www.waeasonline.org>

Presidential Note

Dear WAEA Colleagues:

Tonight I will sit down with my little boy and watch the longest running holiday special on its 40th anniversary, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. I think I've seen it nearly that many times and I wonder why some things gain so much loyalty while others fade and disappear. The WAEA is an association that has enjoyed similar tremendous loyalty, albeit by a bit smaller-sized group than Rudolph, for several decades. Those who have served the WAEA have exuded this loyalty with a passion for helping the WAEA thrive and provide service to its members. Our association is only as strong as its members, so when you renew your WAEA membership (either directly through WAEA with the attached form or through AAEA), encourage your colleagues and students to join us as well.

As we enter 2005 several changes in leadership are taking place in the association. Dawn Thilmany completes her service as secretary-treasurer and web coordinator. Dawn has been the ultimate contributor to the association and deserves all our gratitude for her excellent service. Lynn Williams takes over as secretary-treasurer and John Hewlett will be adding the WAEA web page management to his daily chores. Thank you both for your willingness to serve the association in these important ways. Dana Hoag is soon passing the torch of editorship of the *Western Economics Forum* to Rhonda Skaggs. Thanks Dana (and Dawn) for championing this excellent western issues-focused dialogue and to Rhonda for your willingness to take over.

Our annual meetings will be July 6-8, 2005 in San Francisco held jointly with Western Economics Association International and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association. Watch for forthcoming registration details in late January. The WAEA will offer travel awards for graduate students participating in the meetings (see attached application form). Our future profession and association leaders are in your graduate program, so let's get them involved! Selected Paper and Organized Symposium submission forms are also available at the WAEA web site. The meetings promise to offer an outstanding array of topics for discussion and we plan to have joint sessions with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association on topics of mutual interest.

Now is the time to nominate your peers and graduate students for WAEA awards. The attached forms provide details. In addition, we will be recognizing our third group of Distinguished Scholars of the WAEA. This prestigious recognition is indeed a highlight of our awards program.

The WAEA is here to serve you and the executive committee welcomes any comments or suggestions you have. Take time to enjoy family and friends over the holidays and I wish you the best holiday season (and I hope you enjoyed Rudolph one more time).

Best regards, Ted Schroeder

CHECKLIST OF THINGS FOR YOU TO DO

- Renew 2005 WAEA membership immediately**
- 2005 Meetings Selected Paper proposals due Friday, January 14, 2005**
- 2005 Meetings Organized Symposium proposal due Friday, January 14, 2005**
- 2005 WAEA Award Nominations due Friday, March 11, 2005**
- 2005 WAEA Distinguished Scholars Nominations due Friday, March 11, 2005**

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



The 2006 WAEA Annual meeting will be held independently at the Hilton in Anchorage, Alaska, June 28-30, 2006. Mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend!!

NOTICES

Dues Notice

Some of you have renewed your membership for 2005 either through Lynn Williams at California State University-Fresno or AAEEA. If so, we thank you for your continued support. For those of you who still plan to join, a copy of the 2005 membership application and dues notice is enclosed with this issue of NewsNotes. Payment for 2005 dues should be sent to Secretary-Treasurer Lynn Williams. If you have any questions concerning the status of your membership, please contact Lynn at lynnw@csufresno.edu.

Graduate Travel Fellowships

Funds partially defray the direct travel costs of graduate students attending the WAEA Annual meetings in San Francisco 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 e-mailed to the address on the bottom of the application by March 4, 2005 (this form is also available on the WAEA web page). This is earlier than in the past because we know people will need to make travel arrangements earlier for these meetings.

Upcoming Annual Meetings

We will be having the 2005 Annual Meetings jointly with the Western Economics Association International and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association in San Francisco from July 6-8, 2005 at the San Francisco Marriott. Registration, lodging, and other details will be forthcoming in late January.

NOMINATION FOR AWARDS

Nominations are solicited for the following awards that will be presented at the WAEA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. All award mailings must be postmarked by March 11, 2005, 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 2004. Only thesis or graduate papers bearing a 2004 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 11, 2005:

James McQueen
Department of Rural Economy
University of Alberta
515 General Services Building
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2H1 Canada
Phone: (780) 492-1518 Fax: (780) 492-0268
Email: james.mcqueen@ualberta.ca

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 11, 2005:

Less than 10 years:

Mike Boland
Department of Agricultural Economics
305D Waters Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-4011
Phone: (785) 532-4449
Fax: (785) 532-6925
Email: mboland@agecon.ksu.edu

More than 10 years:

Jim Casey
Agricultural Economics Department
California State University, Fresno
5245 N. Backer Ave. M/S PB 303
Fresno, CA 93740-8001
Phone: (559) 278-3004
Fax: (559) 278-6536
Email: jcasey@csufresno.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 11, 2005:

Project: Jim Johnson
Agricultural Economics & Economics
Montana State University
210 E. Linfield Hall, PO Box 172920
Bozeman, MT 59717-2920
Phone: (406) 994-5606
Fax: (406) 994-4838
acxyji@montana.edu

Program: Paul Patterson
University of Idaho
Idaho Falls Research & Extension Center
1776 Science Center Dr., Suite 205
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1575
Phone: (208) 529-8376
Fax: (208) 522-2954
Email: ppatterson@uidaho.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 2004 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 11, 2005:

Troy Schmitz
Morrison School of Agribusiness
Arizona State University East
7001 E. Williams Field Rd., Bldg 20
Campus Code 0180
Mesa, AZ 85212
Phone: (480) 727-1566
Fax: (480) 727-1961
Email: tschmitz@asu.edu

Name of the Award: **Distinguished Scholar of the Western
Agricultural Economics Association**

Criteria. The highest recognition by the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) for individuals making an enduring contribution over their career to agricultural, resource, and/or environmental economics in the Western states and the WAEA, demonstrating excellence in some combination of the following areas of performance:

- Basic and applied economics research
- Integration of knowledge (textbook writing or synthetic reviews)
- Service or outreach drawing on economic expertise
- Teaching (undergraduate and/or graduate)
- Administration (institution and/or WAEA).

Nomination process. Any member of the association may nominate any living member for the honor of election as Distinguished Scholar by submitting the name to the chair of the selection committee listed below no later than the announced date. Documentation shall include a brief vitae (not to exceed six pages, double spaced) along with a nomination letter on why the person is worthy of the honor. The total nomination package will be limited to a maximum of eight typed, double spaced pages. A nominee must be a current member of the association, having been a member for a total of at least 20 years.

Nomination Pool. The Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee is responsible to augment the pool of nominees obtained from the general membership with economists who they feel should be considered for this recognition.

Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee. The Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee shall operate with a chairperson revolving annually and is comprised of four Scholars, the Past President of the association, and WAEA Directors.

Announcement of Election. The names of the newly elected Scholars shall be announced at the annual meeting of the association by the President of the association or his/her appointed representative, who shall read a statement regarding the achievements of each Scholar and shall present a plaque of recognition to each person so honored. The statements regarding achievements and photographs of the winners shall be published in the December issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

Nominations should be sent to the following address by March 11, 2005:

Dale Menkhaus
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Department 3354, 1000 E. University Avenue
Laramie, WY 82071-3354
Phone: (307) 766-5128
Fax: (307) 766-5544
Email: menkhaus@uwyo.edu

**Western Agricultural Economics Association Meetings
June 2005, San Francisco, CA
SELECTED PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Eligibility: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural or resource economics, including teaching and extension, are encouraged. At least one author must be a member of the WAEA. Papers should be original and not be presented elsewhere.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals can be submitted via E-mail or traditional mail. Submissions must consist of a title page, followed by a separate two-page proposal. Electronic submissions must be PDF (preferred as it will ensure reviewers see the manuscript formatted correctly) or WORD format only.

Title page: Must include Title, Topic code (see list below) and Author(s) Name(s), Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone numbers, and Email address of corresponding author.

Proposal: Must be two pages or less, double spacing, one-inch margins on all sides, and 12 pitch font. Do not list author names. A suggested format is:

Problem Statement
Objectives
Data and Methods
Results or expected results and their implications

Topic Codes

Please indicate the two-digit topic area code on the title page that matches the paper's contribution most closely. This will determine who reviews the paper.

- 01—Production economics and farm/ranch management
- 02—Resource and environmental economics
- 03—Agri-marketing, demand and price analysis
- 04—Agribusiness
- 05—Agricultural finance
- 06—Quantitative and research methods
- 07—International trade and development
- 08—Consumer and household economics
- 09—Food agricultural policy
- 10—Community and regional economics
- 11—Teaching and extension issues
- 12—Agricultural industry organization

Deadline: Email one copy of your proposal (Please include "WAEA" in the subject line of your email) or mail three hardcopies (postmarked) no later than **Friday, January 14, 2005**.

Send to: Dr. Jill J. McCluskey; School of Economic Sciences; 101 Hulbert Hall;
Washington State University; Pullman, WA 99164-6210 USA
Email: mccluskey@wsu.edu

**Call For Proposals
Organized Symposia**

The Western Agricultural Economics Association is seeking proposals for organized symposia at the 2005 annual meeting in San Francisco on July 6-8. We will offer time slots of approximately 1.5 hours each for symposia. The purpose of the symposia is to provide time for discussion on a topic as presented by two or more speakers, with at least half the time devoted to discussion.

Please fill out the information below and mail by **January 8, 2005** (received) to:

Email tcs@ksu.edu (include WAEA organized symposium in subject line)

Or mail to: Ted Schroeder; Agricultural Economics; Waters Hall; Kansas State University; Manhattan, KS 66506

Please include the following in your proposal:

Title of Symposium:

Motivation for need and importance of topic:

Potential Presenters, including brief a description of their papers or discussion topics:

Session Format (panel, short presentations or other structure):



Membership Application and Dues Notice for 2005

includes a subscription to the
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
 Volume 30

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 one): 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:

Lynn Williams, Secretary-treasurer, WAEA

Department of Agricultural Economics

California State University—Fresno

Fresno, CA 93740-8001

Phone: (559) 278-2949 E-mail: lynnw@csufresno.edu