

Presidential Note

Greetings to my WAEA Colleagues:

It delights me to report that in addition to offering a top-level regional journal and coordinating excellent annual meetings, the WAEA has grown and changed in many meaningful ways. We now publish a second journal, the Western Economic Forum, have installed 15 distinguished scholars, provide graduate student scholarships for travel to the meetings and have expanded offerings of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics to three issues per year, to name a few. I am excited to be a part of this organization and honored to get the opportunity to serve as its President. I hope you will continue to participate in the organization and that you will also encourage your colleagues to do so.

One of the association's greatest assets is the people that have been willing to volunteer their time. I would like to thank DeeVon Bailey and his co-editors for doing a wonderful job publishing JARE and for instituting several positive changes. One of the newest changes is that the journal will be going to an online submission process very soon. I can't overstate how much we appreciate DeeVon and his team, but it's time now to choose their successors. Editing the journal is a big job, but we need someone to step up and maintain this important centerpiece to our organization. Please carefully consider if you can offer your service. Submission guidelines are contained within and on the website.

I also want to thank the WAEA officers and to welcome new officers. Thanks first to Ted Schroeder for his fine work as President. I appreciate his oversight and he has been very helpful to me in my transition. Thanks also to Jill McCluskey for her hard work coordinating the selected papers and symposia in San Francisco. Congratulations to President Elect Gary Brester, Vice President Penny Diebel, and new Directors F. Bailey Norwood and Jeffery Peterson. Thanks to

outgoing directors Penny Diebel and Paul Patterson. I want to thank Rhonda Skaggs for taking over as editor of the Western Economic Forum. I enjoyed the first issue and look forward to the next one. Finally, I want to thank Lynn Williams for his hard work as secretary-treasurer.

The meetings in San Francisco were very successful. We had 112 selected papers and 6 organized symposia. There were many interesting sessions and I thought the ones I attended were great. Congratulations to the three new Distinguished Scholars and other award recipients also at the meetings (listed inside).

Our next meetings are all set for Anchorage, Alaska on June 28-30. A call for awards, selected papers and symposia are contained in the following pages, with details posted on the website (waeonline.org). Keep watching the website for information about registering for the hotel, farm tours, family tours, and travel information. All of our deadlines are designed to allow us to let everyone know about their status in time to make travel plans—hopefully in early March. I want to emphasize that we receive very few nominations for awards and implore you to take the time to submit your colleagues for consideration. In my experience, a person receives more gratification from his or her colleagues nomination than from any award itself. Also, every institution should be submitting one of their students for the senior award.

Once again, it is an honor to serve in this position. I will discuss several things the association is working on in our spring newsletter. For now, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the association.

Dana Hoag, President

2004-05 WAEA Award Winners

Congratulations to the following winners. Their excellent work received well-deserved recognition at the WAEA annual meetings in San Francisco. We look forward to next year's nominations and winners.

Distinguished Scholars

Bruce Weber, Oregon State University
Ronald D. Lacewell, Texas A&M University
F. Larry Leistritz, North Dakota State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher Less than 10 years experience

William Njanje, North Dakota State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher More than 10 years experience

John Foltz, University of Idaho

Outstanding Master's Thesis

Jason Politylo, University of Alberta

"Economic analysis of carbon supply contracts under risk of fire: a supplier perspective"

Outstanding Extension Program

Dr. Steve Blank, University of California, Davis

Outstanding Extension Project Project Coordinators:

Wendy J. Umberger, Colorado State University
DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University

Contributing Team Members:

Chris Bastian	Dillon M. Feuz
Tana Stith	C. Wilson Gray
Ruby Ward	Darrell R. Mark
Jack C. Whittier	Doug O'Brien
Russel Tronstad	Dr. Michael Coe
James G. Robb	Kynda R. Curtis
Michael T. Roberts	Hollie Doyle
Erica L. Rosa	

Outstanding Published Research

Jeffrey T. LaFrance, Univ of California, Berkeley

"Integrability of the linear approximate almost ideal demand system." *Economic Letters* 84 (2004) 297-303.

Outstanding JARE Article

F. Bailey Norwood, Jayson L. Lusk, & B. Wade Brorsen

"Model Selection for Discrete Dependent Variables: Better Statistics for Better Steaks." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 29, 3 (December 2004): 404-419

Outstanding Seniors

Martin Arritola, Eastern Oregon University
Dana K. Dudley, University of Wyoming
Kirk Maag, Oregon State University
Steve Kaufman, University of Idaho
Lindsey Pardee, Texas A&M University

Send your 2006 outstanding seniors names, major, and contact information to:
lynnw@csufresno.edu

Election Results

Thank you to all those who stood for the election and we look forward to working with the new members of the Executive Committee.

The following individuals were elected or selected to serve the association as new members of the Executive Committee:

President-Elect
Gary Brester, Montana State University

Vice President
Penny Diebel, Oregon State University

Directors: 2005-2007
Jeff Peterson, Kansas State University
F. Bailey Norwood, Oklahoma State University

Continuing members of the Executive Committee include:

President
Dana Hoag, Colorado State University

Past President
Ted Schroeder, Kansas State University

Directors, 2004-2006
Eric Schuck, Colorado State University
Cheryl DeVuyst, North Dakota State Univ.

Secretary-Treasurer
Lynn Williams, California State Univ, Fresno

JARE Head Editor
DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University

WEF Head Editor
Rhonda Skaggs, New Mexico State Univ.

Membership and Dues

Membership in WAEA comes with many benefits, including an exceptional journal, new newsletter format with timely articles, and joint and independent meetings with great content and networking opportunities. Still, we have been able to retain low dues given past financial management successes and a solid membership base. Dues for 2006 will remain as follows:

	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>International</u>
Regular	\$25	\$30
Student	\$5	\$10
Senior	\$12	\$17
Family	\$30	

Please promote our association to your colleagues and graduate students. It is a great value. A membership form for 2006 is on the insert page.

Important Deadlines

December 19, 2005
Selected papers proposals due

January 13, 2006
Symposia proposals due
Most award nominations due

April 30, 2006
Senior award nominations due

June 28-30
WAEA Annual Meetings – Anchorage, Alaska

Announcement
August 2006 - International Association of Agricultural Economists meeting in Australia
www.iaae2006.org

2006 Annual Meetings, June 28-30 Anchorage, Alaska

Make your plans now for the next annual meeting at the Hilton in Anchorage, Alaska. REGISTER EARLY to assure getting a room. Book your flights early too; prices are low right now. The meetings begin on Wednesday with an executive council meeting at 3:00 and a reception at 6:30, followed by paper presentations and symposia until 5:15 on Friday. Watch the website carefully for registration information, deadlines, and information about field trips, travel, and organized outings for the families.

Call for Selected Paper Proposals

Deadline: December 18

It's time to start preparing manuscripts for the 2006 annual meetings. We estimate coordinating over 100 presentations. An early deadline in December will allow us to let you know whether your papers are accepted by early March. Submission guidelines for abstracts can be found at our website. Continue watching the website over the coming months for more program information.

Call for Organized Symposiums

Deadline: January 13

We will choose six organized symposia for the 2006 annual meetings. Look for information about submitting your proposal on the website.

Call for WAEA Award Nominations

Deadline: January 13

Nominations for WAEA awards are due early next year. Awards are given for undergraduate teaching, extension, published research, outstanding seniors and for outstanding masters thesis. Please take the time to let your colleagues know how much you appreciate them by nominating them for a WAEA award. You will find the nomination criteria and an outline of material needed (<http://www.waeasonline.org>).

Call for Nominations for WAEA Scholars

Deadline: January 13

The Distinguished Scholar award represents 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 economics research, integration of knowledge, service or outreach, teaching, administration. Check the website for submission guidelines.

Call for Editors of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Deadline: December 18

On behalf of the entire Western Agricultural Economics Association, I would like to thank DeeVon Bailey, co-editors T.F. Glover, Paul M. Jakus and David M. Aadland, and the many subeditors, reviewers and staff that have helped them publish the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE)*. It is now time to find new editors to begin accepting manuscripts April 1, 2006. JARE is arguably the top regional journal in the agricultural economics profession. Editing the journal offers a unique professional opportunity to understand a larger picture of the profession, provide direction to discussions within the literature of our profession, and to help mold other professionals.

A complete description of duties and responsibilities, as well as a budget of expected operating costs, is provided on our website to help applicants prepare proposals. Please submit a written proposal by December 15, 2005 to Dr. Dana Hoag at dhoag@colostate.edu, including a brief description of the editorial team, a short vita of the principle editors, a budget, budget description, and a narrative about why you are qualified to edit the journal. Feel free to contact DeeVon Bailey or Dana Hoag if you have any questions.



Membership Application and Dues Notice for 2006

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(Please check appropriate category)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$25.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (requires departmental certification)**	\$5.00	\$10.00
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<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

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