



# NEWSNOTES

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Colleagues,

This is my first written communication with the WAEA membership since taking office in Anchorage. I am truly honored to serve as President for the coming year. I had a lot of fun preparing and presenting my Presidential address. Thanks to all who provided comments and/or tolerated the presentation.

Special thanks to those who ran for 2006-2007 officer positions. Congratulations to Cathy Durham and Hayley Chouinard who join Jeff Peterson and Bailey Norwood as WAEA Directors for the coming year. Mike Boland will serve as Vice President, Lynn Williams will continue as Secretary/Treasurer, and DeeVon Bailey is the President-Elect. I am proud to serve with these fine individuals on the Executive Council.

The 2006 WAEA annual meeting was a great success. Anchorage was a terrific location, and the sharing of new ideas, visits with old friends, and good fishing made the conference memorable. Dana Hoag is to be commended for a well-organized meeting. Penny Diebel did an outstanding job with selected papers and organized symposia. A total of 128 selected papers were accepted (28 sessions), and 7 Organized Symposia were presented. Mike Boland did a great job of managing the awards program. Congratulations to those who received awards. However, all who were nominated for each award category are also winners.

Bruce Weber managed an outstanding set of Distinguished Scholar applications. Congratulations to Bruce Godfrey, Jeff LaFrance, Clem Ward, and Myles Watts. It was an honor to recognize this group of scholars for their contributions. In addition, many of the Scholars'

family members traveled to Anchorage to observe the presentations. That act speaks eloquently to the prestige of these awards.

During the Business Meeting, the association voted to change by-laws so that we can vote on 2007-2008 officers during the fall of 2006. This will enable elected officers to more effectively plan their attendance at Annual Meetings. I want to thank all of the candidates who have agreed to stand for election this Fall. Their biographies and WAEA vision statements are included in this newsletter. Voting will consist of simply sending an email to Lynn Williams by November 3, 2006. Please, please, please cast your ballot. It only takes a couple of minutes to indicate your preferences for the leadership of our Association.

Many thanks to DeeVon Bailey and the entire *JARE* editorial team at Utah State University for an outstanding job over the past three years. The new *JARE* editorial team of David Lambert, George Davis, and Doug Larson is up and running. The two teams have instituted electronic submissions and reviews. David has included an article in this newsletter outlining the progress he has made on making the *JARE* more visible and accessible.

Although it seems that we have just finished our 2006 Annual Meeting, preparations are already well underway for the 2007 meeting in Portland, Oregon. We will be meeting jointly with the AAEE and the CAES. Joint meetings offer both opportunities and challenges. AAEE's Executive Director, Yvonne Bennett, joined us in Anchorage. We had a productive planning meeting and have agreed on a number of scheduling and logistical issues at the Portland meetings so that the WAEA

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will retain some autonomy. And, some elements will be different as we are integrated into the AAEA schedule.

Dr. Marc Johnson, Vice Provost for Agriculture and Outreach at Colorado State University and a Past-President of WAEA, has enthusiastically agreed to provide our keynote address. His topic will focus on how agricultural economics/agribusiness departments can remain relevant in Colleges, Universities, and States. Clem Ward has agreed to chair the Distinguished Scholars award committee. Ruby Ward will manage the remainder of the awards program. As Vice-President, Mike Boland will manage selected papers. Selected paper procedures and deadlines will match those of the AAEA to avoid confusion.

Finally, the Executive Committee voted to hold our 2008 annual meeting at the Big Sky Resort in Montana. DeeVon Bailey and I visited the facilities, and we are all in for a real treat. The facilities are fantastic, and the Montana mountains provide numerous recreation opportunities. I have also informally visited with the leadership of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society about the possibility of a future joint meeting (perhaps in Alberta).

As for the business of running the organization, the WAEA continues to maintain a healthy net worth. Almost all assets are in relatively liquid securities, and we have virtually no debt. However, expenses have exceeded revenues in each of the past two years, and are projected to do so again this year. Three years ago, we had completed a series of years that generated positive net income. Because we are a non-

profit organization, a decision was made to spend more money and provide additional services. As a result, we initiated the Western Economics Forum, graduate travel awards, and payments for on-time *JARE* reviews. We agreed at the time that this could result in negative net income in the future, and that we would re-visit each of these issues. It is time to do so. Mike Boland has developed a very important on-line survey that is accessible at: <https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=58159> The survey is designed to elicit your opinions regarding these services. I encourage you to complete the survey before November 3, 2006, and participate in this important decision-making process. The survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

David Lambert, DeeVon Bailey, and I have been evaluating a proposal by Blackwell Publishers to publish *JARE*. At this time, we recommend that we continue to publish *JARE* independently and bring the issue to the membership at the 2007 WAEA Business Meeting.

All of this activity is reflective of an active, energized professional association. You can help maintain this energy by taking a moment to complete our membership survey and by voting for future officers.

I am looking forward to the coming year. Please contact me if I can be of service to you. Have a great Fall.



## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

An electronic survey of WAEA members is currently available at: <https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=58159> Survey responses will be received until November 3, 2006.

During the latter part of the 1990s, the WAEA's annual revenue consistently exceeded expenses, endangering the Association's non-profit status. In response, the membership approved additional uses of funds at the 2001 annual meetings. The following services were approved, with the provision that their continuation would be reassessed three years after their implementation: 1) establishing the Western Economic Forum, 2) funding graduate student travel scholarships to WAEA annual meetings, and 3) paying reviewers for on-time reviews of *JARE* manuscripts.

Partially as a result of the increased expenses because of the new services, the WAEA incurred annual operating deficits of about \$7,000 in both 2004 and 2005. A similar deficit is projected for 2006. Such deficits, while not devastating given the

WAEA's net worth of approximately \$200,000, should not continue.

Therefore, WAEA is reassessing the memberships' valuation of the services added at the 2001 meetings. If these services are deemed important by WAEA members, then additional revenue will be needed. Your responses will help the WAEA effectively manage the Association's finances.

In addition, changes in the funding of competing journals require us to consider how the Association supports *JARE*. For example, the American Agricultural Economics Association intends to replace *AJAE* page charges with submission fees in the near future. This policy change by the AAEA, as well as changes in submission and publication costs in other journals, could have large impacts on submissions to *JARE*. Therefore, WAEA is also seeking input on alternative *JARE* funding models.

## JARE NEWS

The new editorial team of David Lambert (North Dakota State), George Davis (Texas A&M), and Doug Larson (UC-Davis) began their term with manuscripts submitted beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The new team will be responsible for the 2007-2009 volumes of the Journal. The team expresses great appreciation to the retiring group of editors headed by DeeVon Bailey, Paul Jakus, and Terry Glover (all of Utah State) and David Aadland of Wyoming. Many of the changes initiated by this former team, such as the electronic submission and review process, are greatly appreciated and deserve a warm "thank you" from members of the Association.

The new editors signed a contract with EBSCO Publishing in July to add *JARE* to the EBSCOHost Research Database. The EBSCO database provides access to their private and institutional subscribers to numerous databases and thousands of journals. Searches of the EBSCO database that return *JARE* articles will include pointers to the JAREOnline website, with subsequent direct pointers to articles available for full-text download at AgEcon Search. This will increase exposure of articles published in *JARE* to

worldwide audiences, and hopefully increase the impact index for the Journal.

*JARE* articles available for downloading at AgEcon Search are also currently being updated. The 12-month window between release of the hard copy Journal and article availability to all researchers will be maintained. Other changes include current conversion of the AgEcon Search system by the staff at the University of Minnesota such that *JARE* articles resulting from Google Scholar searches will be downloadable from the Google site.

Finally, discussions were conducted over the summer with Blackwell Publishing about the migration of *JARE* to the Blackwell line of professional journals. Blackwell has adopted many of our competitors' journals, including the *AAEA*, *CJAE*, *AJARE*, and *JAE*. Given the higher cost of the migration to Blackwell, and other positive steps being taken to increase the impacts of *JARE*, it was recommended to postpone further discussion of publishing through Blackwell until after the membership has an opportunity to debate the issue at the 2007 annual meeting.

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## OFFICER ELECTIONS AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

The following members have been nominated, and have agreed to stand, for election.

Please vote by **Friday, November 3**.

**President:** Penny Diebel, James Mintert

**Vice-President:** Bailey Norwood, Russell Tronstad

**Director:** Chris Bastian, Aaron Johnson, Jayson Lusk, Kim Rollins

Please send an email to Lynn Williams ([lynnw@csufresno.edu](mailto:lynnw@csufresno.edu)) indicating your vote for President, Vice-President, and two Directors (four names in all). Include the words "WAEA vote" in the subject line.

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### FOR PRESIDENT—PENELOPE (PENNY) L. DIEBEL

Dr. Diebel is an Associate Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University. She is located in the off-campus program, OSU Agriculture at EOU in La Grande, OR. She received her B.S. in Outdoor Recreation Management and M.S. in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics from Colorado State University. Her PhD in Agriculture Economics is from Virginia Tech. Dr. Diebel has a strong commitment to students and teaching. Her research has included issues in distance education techniques and student learning preferences, economic alternatives to grass seed field burning, alternative crop economics, weed-free hay cooperatives and water quality issues.

She most recently served as the WAEA Vice-President and has served previously as WAEA Director, WAEA Awards Chair for 2005, and AAEA Outstanding Policy Contribution Award Committee Chair for 2005. She has been active in the AAEA Teaching, Learning and Communications Committee; National Food and Agribusiness Management Education Commission; Student Section-AAEA; NACTA; OSU Faculty Senate Distance Education Committee; OSU Writing Intensive Curriculum Program; the Eastern Oregon Regional Center For Support In Assessment, Learning, and Teaching (C-Salt) and other workshops and working groups. She is also the recipient of several teaching awards. (Continued on page 4)

## WAEA VISION STATEMENT

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I am honored to be a nominee for WAEA President. For over 10 years, I have been fortunate to observe the workings of the WAEA from the perspectives of a member, volunteer committee member or chair, and as an elected officer. The WAEA maintains a strong professional reputation through its journal, *JARE*, and its innovative Western Economic Forum. The WAEA continues to attract members because of this reputation but also because of the smaller, collegial nature of its organization. If elected President, I would like to work towards enhancing this reputation and increase the membership.

As President I would like to extend a membership drive to all of our western region universities and colleges. I would also like to see the WAEA continue to select meeting loca-

tions that highlight our western states and encourage attendance with easy access. We had excellent attendance at our 2006 meetings in Anchorage, including several international presenters. Our 2007 joint meeting with the AAEA in Portland, OR will provide an opportunity to increase interest in the WAEA among regional agricultural and natural resource economists.

I would also like to see the WAEA solicit more teaching and outreach research for our journals and our annual meetings. I would like to promote the submission of more symposium proposals addressing classroom techniques and communication applications usable by a broad audience. I have always believed that there are great opportunities for sharing research, experience and collegiality by being a WAEA member and if elected President I hope to share these opportunities with others.

## FOR PRESIDENT—JAMES MINTERT

Jim Mintert is a Professor and Extension State Leader in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Mintert was a co-recipient of the WAEA's *Outstanding Group Extension Program Award* four times over the past two decades and also served as a WAEA Director. He is also a member of the Livestock Marketing Information Center's advisory committee, serving as its Chairman during 1992-1993.

## WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for President of WAEA. I have been a member of the WAEA for over 20 years and have long considered it to be my professional association "home" in my work as a livestock marketing economist. The WAEA's strength lies in its ability to provide a forum for economists working on topics pertinent to the West. The association's journal (*JARE*) provides a nationally recognized high quality outlet for research, as does the WAEA's annual meeting. Furthermore, the annual meeting provides an opportunity to foster professional collaboration among economists working in the West, which I have found invaluable over the course of my career. Looking ahead, however, the WAEA faces several challenges.

First, we need to encourage all agricultural economics faculty in the West and Plains states to become active members of the Association. In particular, we need to encourage economists with significant extension appointments to routinely attend and participate in the

WAEA Annual Meeting. Forums and invited sessions targeted towards extension economists will help encourage broader participation by extension faculty. Second, to ensure the *JARE*'s status as a high quality journal remains intact, we need to improve electronic access to both past and current issues of the *JARE*. Disseminating the high quality research published in the *JARE* more quickly and more broadly will enhance both the journal and the association's reputation, which will be good for the WAEA in the long run. Finally, we should also ensure that the WAEA preserves its identity by holding Annual Meetings, in attractive locations, which are independent of the AAEA and Western Economics Association. Although occasional joint meetings are appropriate, I've observed that the WAEA's identity tends to become blurred at joint meetings, which reduces the opportunity for collegial interaction among WAEA members. As a result, I think it would be a step in the wrong direction if the WAEA simply became another "section" within the AAEA.

## FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—BAILEY NORWOOD

Bailey Norwood is an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. Bailey attained his current position after receiving a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Clemson University, a M.S. in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. in Economics at North Carolina State University. His involvement in the WAEA includes WAEA Director (2005-2007), *JARE* reviewer, presenting papers at the WAEA meetings, and recipient of the 2005 *JARE* Outstanding Journal Article. Research interests include livestock marketing, livestock policy, consumer marketing research, non-market valuation, statistical methodology, and undergraduate student development.

### WAEA VISION STATEMENT

Through years of responsible and creative leadership, the WAEA meetings has developed into a highly reputable location for quality research presentations and valuable networking opportunities. In addition, the *JARE* is a highly ranked journal in agricultural, environmental, and resource economics. The WAEA has also served its members in other fashions; such as the Western Economics Forum publication and graduate student travel grants. The Vice-President's major role is to coordinate the annual meeting selected paper submissions and to administer the WAEA newsletter. If elected Vice-President, I would seek to continue the organization's success by ful-

filling these duties responsibly and efficiently. Furthermore, I would strive to maintain popular WAEA traditions, such as holding meetings in a unique location one year and meetings joint with another organization in other years. I personally applaud the WAEA's willingness to frequently evaluate its programs to meet the preferences of its members, as indicated by a member survey to be administered this year. This is an organization I respect, and wish to contribute to as Vice-President.

## FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—RUSSELL TRONSTAD

Russell Tronstad is a Professor and Extension Specialist of Agricultural and Resource Economics with the University of Arizona. He received a B.S. in Agribusiness (1983) and M.S. in Applied Economics (1985) from Montana State University and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois (1989). Dr. Tronstad has served the WAEA as Director (1999-2001), Co-Editor of *JARE* (2000-2003), reviewer and contributor to both the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and *Western Economics Forum*, and regular presenter of selected papers at annual meetings. He has been the recipient of the WAEA Outstanding Extension Project Award (1997, 2005 and 2006).

### WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I believe the WAEA should focus on our two most successful activities, *JARE* and our annual summer meeting. *JARE* is recognized as the leading regional agricultural economics journal and our Association should continue to direct resources and follow policies that help bolster *JARE's* reputation. Our annual summer meetings should be well organized, held at attractive locations in the West, and focus on economic issues that are facing the West. I favor meetings that maintain a strong identity for our association, while I also appreciate the resource savings and positive interactions that can accrue from having

joint meetings with the WEAI, AAEA, and CAEA. Providing a limited number of graduate student travel grants to the summer meetings to help build goodwill and grow long-term membership and loyalty to the Association is something I support. I believe the WAEA should pursue avenues for increasing revenues before cutting services and benefits in order to limit the decline occurring in our Association's savings balance. Policies that require membership for all submitting or presenting authors should also be explored to help increase membership.

## DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - CHRISTOPHER T. BASTIAN

Chris Bastian received his B.S. in Farm and Ranch Management (1987) and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wyoming (1990). He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Colorado State University (2004). Before receiving his Ph.D. and becoming a faculty member at UW in the fall of 2005, Bastian served as the Agricultural Marketing Specialist from 1993 to 2005. He delivered extension education to agricultural producers in Wyoming and the West related to commodity marketing, integrated resource management, added-value agriculture and risk management. He has received the Outstanding Extension Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association and three outstanding group program awards in extension from the Western Agricultural Economics Association. Bastian's current teaching responsibilities include agribusiness management, agricultural commodities and futures markets, and advanced agricultural marketing. His current scholarly activities focus on natural resource-based business economics issues including an NRI grant investigating the market for conservation easements. Bastian has been a member of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) since 1987, when he received the WAEA Outstanding Senior Award at the University of Wyoming. He has been an active participant at meetings, volunteered for the extension award committees and served as substitute council representative for the University of Wyoming several times since 2001.

### *WAEA VISION STATEMENT*

I have found the WAEA meetings, the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and now the *Western Economics Forum* to be valuable resources for my professional development, particularly as it relates to my research interests. While I find the joint meetings with the AAEA and the Western Economics Association to be stimulating, I think it is important that we continue to meet on our own to provide opportunities for those

working on regionally relevant projects to interact and network. I think the association needs to continue to look for ways to retain and grow our membership. One area that I feel could be strengthened is investigating the potential of broadening our offerings at annual meetings or general membership services to attract more extension professionals, private and or government sector agricultural economists.

## DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - AARON JOHNSON

Aaron Johnson, the Food Business Strategy Specialist at Oregon State University's Food Innovation Center in Portland, Oregon, works with food businesses on topics related to startup planning, competitiveness, strategic planning, and other business and marketing related issues. He has assisted over 100 people looking at entering the food industry, constructed and delivered educational programs on starting a food business, and conducted or assisted with numerous economic feasibility studies. Dr. Johnson also conducts research on the food business startup process, strategic planning in the food industry, and various marketing topics related to consumer behavior. Prior to joining OSU, Dr. Johnson was involved with developing an industry-wide marketing strategy for the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association, which included working closely with a new food startup from product development through capitalization, including the development of their business and marketing plan. Dr. Johnson received his degrees in agribusiness management from Purdue University, where he was also involved in firm level strategic planning through the Center for Agricultural Business.

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## WAEA VISION STATEMENT

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I am honored to be nominated as a Director for WAEA. I am relatively new to WAEA, but not the agricultural economics profession. In the short time that I have participated in the organization, including serving on an awards committee, I have developed a strong appreciation for the many benefits it provides its members. *JARE* is highly respected in our field, and the *Western Economic Forum* is bridging the gap with our industry colleagues.

The challenge is to improve on this solid track record without losing site of what makes WAEA membership so valuable. As a Director, I would have a goal to ensure this value is extended into the future, and hopefully even improved upon. In addition, I would like to explore how we can continually build more and stronger bridges to industry. I look forward to pursuing these goals if I am given the opportunity to serve.

## DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - JAYSON LUSK

Jayson Lusk is Professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University (2000) and a B.S. in Food Technology from Texas Tech University (1997) and has previously served on the faculties of Purdue University and Mississippi State University. Lusk conducts research primarily related to consumer behavior and decision making, food marketing and policy, and non-market valuation. Since 2001, Lusk has published more than 50 articles in peer reviewed journals, has won several awards including the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE)* Outstanding Journal Article, and has received in excess of \$2 million in external grants to support his research. Lusk currently serves as associate editor for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization* and is past chair of the American Agricultural Economics Association's Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section. Lusk teaches a graduate level course in primary data collection and analysis and is the author of two forthcoming books on experimental auctions and on agricultural marketing and price analysis.

## WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a director of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA). The WAEA plays a valuable role for many agricultural economists, providing important opportunities for professional development that are more difficult to come by in other associations. The WAEA is made up of high-caliber scholars and hosts annual meetings that often provide better and more fruitful feedback for researchers than is obtained at larger meetings. The WAEA must strike a difficult balance between maintaining and increasing the quality of its annual meetings and journal, while remaining committed to serving the needs of current and future members by providing networking and professional development opportunities. The *JARE* has historically had a good reputation, but it is important that steps be taken to increase its visibility and stature;

perhaps by providing timely on-line access to articles. The Social Science Citation Index reports that the 2004/2005 average impact factor for the *JARE* was only 0.27 as compared to 0.8 for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)* and 0.4 for the *Review of Agricultural Economics (RAE)*. In a survey of authors I recently conducted for the AAEA, I found that 75% of articles published in the *JARE* in 2004 had been previously rejected at another journal; the same figure was only 20% for the *AJAE*, 50% for the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, and 7% for the *RAE*. The WAEA must balance the need to increase the professional stature of its journal with the need to provide an outlet for members to publish timely, applied research relevant to other academics and stakeholders. It is my hope to help the WAEA maintain these difficult balances.



## DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - KIMBERLY ROLLINS

Kimberly Rollins is an Associate Professor in the Department of Resource Economics at the University of Nevada, Reno. Prior to arriving in Nevada in 2002, she was faculty at the University of Guelph in Canada for 10 years. Dr. Rollins received her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wisconsin and BA in Zoology from the University of Maine. Professional service activities during the last year included serving on three awards committees, two for the WAEA and one for the AAEA. In the past she served on various committees for the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association and the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association. Dr. Rollins is a member of the W-1133 Western Valuation Group. She is co-organizing two sessions for interdisciplinary professional meetings during 2006-07. She and coauthors received a Canadian Agricultural Economics Association Honorable mention for best journal article in 1998, and her Dissertation received the AAEA Outstanding Dissertation award in 1991. Three Ph.D. students and 18 Master's students have completed their degrees under Dr. Rollins' supervision.

### *WAEA VISION STATEMENT*

The WAEA plays a significant role in training the next generations of our colleagues by providing a collegial and professional forum for graduate students to present research. I would be especially supportive of on-going and new activities that continue to strengthen this role. Developing a sense of the value of a career-long association with the WAEA among graduate students and young professionals is a step in maintaining a strong membership base. I would also like to contribute to building the Association's membership in general

through efforts that emphasize its commitment to high quality research, teaching, extension, and professional outreach. *JARE* has acquired an outstanding reputation due to this commitment – building on such an example of quality is a natural selling point to encourage active membership. I have been a member of a variety of professional committees over the years, and I welcome an opportunity to work in a supportive capacity with the WAEA.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WAEA SCHOLARS

### ***DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2007***

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. *Nominations are encouraged for the Distinguished Scholar Award.* Nominations must demonstrate excellence in some combination of the following areas:

- 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).

Any WAEA member may nominate any living member for the Distinguished Scholar Award by submitting the name to the chair of the selection committee listed on the website. A nominee must be a current member of the WAEA. 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. Please contact Clement Ward ([clement.ward@okstate.edu](mailto:clement.ward@okstate.edu)) with questions.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WAEA AWARDS

### ***DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2007***

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 materials needed at (<http://www.waeaonline.org>).

**NOTE:** electronic submission only except for the master's student thesis award. Materials may be scanned and submitted.

Any questions about the awards, please contact Ruby Ward [rward@econ.usu.edu](mailto:rward@econ.usu.edu)

## ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA

The President of WAEA has organized four symposia for the meetings. There will be no other symposia this year due to space constraints and a desire to accommodate as many selected papers as possible.

## 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 2007 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 2007 is on the next page.

## CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

### ***DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2007***

It's time to start preparing manuscripts for the 2007 annual meetings. We estimate coordinating over 100 presentations. Submission guidelines for abstracts can be found at our website. Proposals must be received by and should be submitted through the AAEA Web site's ([www.aaea.org](http://www.aaea.org)) link to the Community of Science (COS) Web site. Manuscripts previously presented at other meetings will not be accepted, and proposals should explicitly state that the material has not been previously presented.

All accepted papers will be given 20 minutes at the meeting for presentation and receive limited discussion from the moderator of the session, with four papers per session. At least one author must be a member of WAEA, and the author making the presentation at the Meeting must be a member of WAEA (or another sponsoring organization) and registered for the Annual Meeting. Each member may be the primary/presenting/contact author on only one abstract, but there are no limits to co-authorship on other abstracts

submitted by other individuals. However, scheduling conflicts may arise and, unfortunately, may not be resolved for authors who are not the primary, presenting author due the complexity of resolving such conflicts.

Each proposal will be reviewed by the selection committee, which will carry out a blind review. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by mid-March, or as soon as possible thereafter. The current status of the paper will also be listed in the COS system for authors to check.

Authors will be asked to classify their submission using one of the 24 subject codes. An extended two-page, single-spaced abstract that clearly defines what will be presented in the final manuscript must also be submitted, preferably as a separate document to be attached. Authors should include, in this abstract, a discussion of the paper topic's relevance to the profession/world, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting.

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**2006 WAEA AWARD WINNERS****WAEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS**

E. Bruce Godfrey

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