



NEWSNOTES

FALL 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Colleagues,

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our joint meeting with AAEA and CAES in Portland a success. Special thanks to past-president Gary Brester for organizing the meetings, Michael Boland for organizing the selected paper sessions, and Ruby Ward for handling the awards submissions and program. It is gratifying to observe the dedication of the officers and members to the WAEA. I believe members recognize the important role the WAEA plays in our professional lives through its emphasis on western issues and also through the outstanding opportunities the Association provides for disseminating our work through the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and our annual meetings.

Our membership consistently tells us that the *Journal* and our annual meetings are the two most important activities of the Association. This signals to the leadership of the Association that the membership is depending on us to maintain and improve the quality of these activities. We have an outstanding editorial team for the *Journal* consisting of David Lambert as editor with George Davis and Douglas Larson as co-editors. The editorial team has focused on improving electronic dissemination for the *Journal* which has become so critical in providing broader access to articles published in the *Journal* and in maintaining and improving the *Journal's* impact factor. We are cognizant of the need to hold high-quality annual meetings at attractive venues in the West. On June 25-27 the annual meeting will be held at Big Sky Resort in Montana. Big Sky Resort offers a wonderful opportunity for vacationing before or after the meetings. It is a beautiful location that is less than an hour's drive from Yellowstone National Park and about a 45-minute drive from Bozeman, Montana. Please mark your calen-

dars and plan on being with us at Big Sky next June.

The Association extends its congratulations to this year's Distinguished Scholars Michele M. Veeman (University of Alberta), Steven C. Blank (University of California-Davis), Richard E. Howitt (University of California-Davis), and Bonnie G. Colby (University of Arizona). I am pleased to see the stature of this award continue to grow. I believe this award provides needed recognition to highly productive members who have made significant contributions to our profession and also to the WAEA.

We offer thanks to those who stood for election to officer positions for 2007-2008. Congratulations to Jayson L. Lusk and Chris T. Bastian who join Catherine A. Durham and Hayley H. Chouinard as WAEA Directors for the coming year. Russell Tronstad will serve as Vice President, and Penelope (Penny) Diebel is the President-Elect. It is a pleasure to serve with these fine professionals on the Executive Council. We also appreciate those people who serve as members of the WAEA Council. This year we plan to use Council members more fully by making them not only our liaison with departments but also our principal recruiters.

We welcome Dr. Rob M. Davis as our new secretary/treasurer. Rob was elected by the Council at our Portland meeting to succeed Lynn Williams. Rob is a long-time member of WAEA and is employed by the Bureau of Reclamation in their Denver, Colorado office. The secretary/treasurer is a key player in helping the Association to run smoothly because he or she runs the day-to-day business of the Association. We thank Lynn Williams for his past service and welcome Rob who brings dedication and a set of organizational

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IMPORTANT DATES:

**WAEA OFFICER
BALLOTS**
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

**SELECTED PAPER
ABSTRACTS DUE**
JANUARY 22, 2008

**AWARD NOMINATIONS
DUE**
FEBRUARY 1, 2008

**WAEA ANNUAL
MEETING**
JUNE 25-27, 2008

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skills to this position that will help us tremendously in our operations and in moving the Association forward in our recruiting efforts.

Our profession faces some interesting challenges and opportunities. The current discussions by the AAEEA relating to a possible name change give each of us pause to think about the future of our profession. At the same time, job opportunities in agricultural economics and agribusiness seem to be relatively plentiful with relatively few graduate to fill those positions. Land and water use issues, the continued globalization of agricultural markets, and major structural changes in agriculture demand such as the expansion of ethanol production provide a wide range of issues into which we are uniquely qualified to provide insight. We are blessed in the West with many of the nation's leading teachers, researchers, and extension professionals to address these issues. The West is a great place to live. However, maintaining a high quality of life, while addressing the tremendous demands on the resources of the West and the need to maintain a viable western agricultural base, places significant expectations and responsibilities on us to provide intelligent answers to the many economic questions facing the West. I am proud to work with so many individuals who are not only gifted and accomplished professionals but who also take these responsibilities seriously and personally. This gives me great hope that we will be able to adequately address the challenges which lie ahead of us.

Preparations are well underway for our meetings in Big Sky. Vice President Russ Tronstad (University of Arizona) will be coordinating selected paper sessions while Chris McIntosh (University of Idaho) will oversee our awards committees. The facilities in Big Sky will be able to handle what we expect to be a larger than average-sized meeting.

You may register for the Big Sky meeting online at the following link: <http://sail2.ext.usu.edu/waea/>.

Information about submitting abstracts for selected papers and also about how to submit nominations for the various awards is provided in this newsletter and also on the WAEA website at <http://waeaonline.org/>. Click "About WAEA Awards" and then "Click here for nomination information." Registering for the meeting and making reservations for hotels at Big Sky Resort are also available on the WAEA website. Click "Meetings and Events" and follow the links for registration and hotel reservations. Plenary speakers at this year's meeting will include the presidential address by Penny Diebel and the keynote address by B. Wade Brorsen. Wade will be discussing issues related to career management and the trade offs between quality and quantity in research.

Our election for next year's officers is also ready to be conducted. Frankly, we have been disappointed by the low voter turnout for our last few elections. We have made voting a completely electronic "point and click" operation this year. So voting is easy and you have no excuse for not taking a few moments to cast your vote for an excellent slate of candidates. You can vote at <http://sail2.ext.usu.edu/waea/election.cfm>. This link is also available on the Association's website at www.waeaonline.org.

Finally, the Executive Committee voted to hold our 2009 annual meeting at the Hilton Kauai Beach Resort in Hawaii. With Big Sky in 2008 and Hawaii in 2009, we have great locations selected for our next two meetings. Being a member of the WAEA has never been so good! Thank you for your continued support of the WAEA. See you in Big Sky!



OFFICER ELECTIONS AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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

Please vote by **Tuesday, November 20, 2007**.

President: Michael Boland, Larry Van Tassell

Vice-President: David Buschena, Eric Schuck

Director: Eric DeVuyst, Scott W. Fausti, Bodo Steiner, Ruby A. Ward

Please vote electronically at <http://sail2.ext.usu.edu/waea/election.cfm> or through the link at the WAEA website (www.waeaonline.org) indicating your vote for President, Vice-President, and two Directors.

FOR PRESIDENT— MICHAEL BOLAND

Michael Boland is professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University, University Distinguished Teaching Scholar, and associate director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center. Dr. Boland took his doctorate and masters degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue University and has a masters in agricultural education (University of Minnesota) and bachelors in business (University of St. Thomas). He has served the WAEA as Vice-President (2007); the awards committee chair (2006); chair of various awards committees (undergraduate teaching awards, extension program awards); served on the MS thesis committee award; selected paper contributor and reviewer, multiple years; and recipient of Outstanding Extension Program (2002, 2004) and Undergraduate Teacher Less than 10 Years Experience (2001).

Dr. Boland teaches a capstone agribusiness management course, an international agribusiness course, and a graduate agribusiness course. His extension program is focused towards cooperative managers and directors and his research program is focused on providing information to decision makers in agribusinesses. Mike has taught or lectured in more than 25 countries, led four international study tours and taken two short professional sabbaticals at Montana State University and El Zamorano in Honduras. He served as co-chair of the USDA National Food and Agribusiness Management Education Commission (2003-2006). Dr. Boland has co-organized two AAEA preconference; is co-chair of the AAEA Teaching, Learning, and Communication section (chair of the 2008 TLC Young Professionals Teaching Academy); served as treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president of NCERA 194 Research on Cooperatives; and has chaired the AAEA selected paper reviews for the agribusiness economics and management category.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

The WAEA is one of my favorite professional organizations for agricultural economists. One reason is the collegial nature of the volunteers that work with WAEA in its leadership and committees. I want to see WAEA maintain its identity in future years with meetings at other locations in the Western U.S. or Western Canada that offer easy access for members as well as create opportunities for networking and encourage graduate student participation in WAEA activities.

One key part of the President's job is to organize the program for the annual meeting. The 2010 meeting will be held in conjunction with AAEA in Denver and it will be essential that WAEA has its own identity as part of that program so that members can attend the business meet-

ings, awards ceremony, and contributed paper sessions without major conflicts with participation in similar AAEA activities. As Vice-President of WAEA, I worked with AAEA on a similar joint annual meeting program in Portland.

A second key part of the President's job is to write the newsletters in a timely manner, lead the business meeting, and delegate various tasks. As Vice-President, I conducted the membership survey of services that helped the board make key decisions to remain financially stable and have served various other organizations where leadership and delegation were part of the job description.

FOR PRESIDENT—LARRY VAN TASSELL

Larry Van Tassell is Department Head and Professor in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho (1999-current). Larry was previously a faculty member at the University of Wyoming (1991-1999) and the University of Tennessee (1987-1991). He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University in 1987, and his M.S. in Agribusiness and B.S. in Animal Science from Brigham Young University. Larry has served the WAEA as Published Research Award Committee Chair, 2007; Director, 2002-2004; Council Member, 1992-1995; Thesis Awards Committee Chairperson, 1995; Thesis Awards Committee Member, 1994; Selected Papers Committee member, 2000; *JARE* contributor and reviewer; and selected paper contributor and reviewer.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

The WAEA exists to serve its membership. In so doing, the association needs to provide ample opportunity for members to associate with one another and to create synergism among institutions. I believe the WAEA council is the key for bringing the membership desires and needs to the association's governing board. The WAEA council has probably been underutilized in this capacity. Council members need to actively solicit input to a common set of questions from their department members, and have those questions explored at council meetings. This will position the leadership to be more in touch with members' desires.

Graduate student participation, both M.S. and Ph.D., also should be encouraged by continuing to offer travel assistance and providing activities that will involve graduate students in the association. For example, a graduate

student presentation competition could be sponsored whereby graduate students' presentations during regular WAEA meeting sessions would be judged by committee members assigned to attend those sessions. The first place presenter would then receive a plaque or cash award from the association. Council members should also solicit information from graduate students to determine how the WAEA can best meet their needs and facilitate their integration into the association.

Mainly, I feel this office would provide me an opportunity to again serve our organization. As Theodore Roosevelt said, "Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—DAVID BUSCHENA

Dave Buschena is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University. He has spent his career at Montana State after receiving his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics at U.C. Berkeley (1993), having prior completed an M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota and a B.S. in Agribusiness at Southwest Minnesota State University. Service to the association includes current membership on the Editorial Council of *JARE*, membership on the WAEA council (2004-2007), chair of the WAEA Masters Thesis Awards (2002), *JARE* reviewer, and selected paper reviewer. His research interests include decisions under risk, agricultural markets, and policy.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I believe that the strength of the WAEA remains the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and fundamentally valuable annual meetings. Both are critical to maintaining the association's committed membership. I applaud the current and past officers and directors for maintaining the high standing of the WAEA. The association, while regionally encompassing some of the strongest departments in the profession, has made its mark by being an organization with much broader appeal. The WAEA membership and leadership must maintain our strengths if the associa-

tion is to continue its long tradition as an academically viable association. Particular emphasis should be given toward strengthening our association's ties with natural partners such as the AAEA, AERE, the WEAI, and the CAEA. I would work in particular toward continuing to improve presentation quality at the annual meetings, supporting the *JARE* editorial efforts, and effectively carrying out necessary administrative duties.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—ERIC SCHUCK

Eric Schuck is an associate professor in the Economics Department at Linfield College. A native Washingtonian, he received his BA in Economics from Pacific Lutheran University in 1993, his MA in Economics from the University of Montana in 1995, and his PhD in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University in 1999. Previously on the faculty at both North Dakota State and Colorado State, he returned to his small college roots in 2006 when he accepted a position at Linfield College, a Division III school in McMinnville, Oregon named as the “Best Small Comprehensive College in the West” by *US News and World Report* from 2001-2006. Specializing in water and natural resource management, he is the author of over 15 journal articles, including the most requested article from *Resource and Energy Economics* in 2002 and the most requested article from *Agricultural Water Management* in 2006. A committed educator, he received both the Charles N. Shepardson Faculty Teaching Award and the Gamma Sigma Delta Distinguished Faculty in Teaching Award while at Colorado State. In 2006, he received a Fulbright to develop an economics curriculum in the Integrated Water Resource Management Program at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. A member of the WAEA since 1999, he served as the institutional representative for both North Dakota State and Colorado State from 2001 to 2006, and later served as an elected Director for the Association from 2004-2006. In addition to his duties as a professor, he is a Lieutenant in the Navy Reserve and is the Logistics Department Head for Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 33. He is married and has three children.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

At a time when many academic professional organizations are confronted with declining memberships and rising expenses, the WAEA finds itself in a very enviable position. With a solid, stable and loyal membership and consistently good revenue streams, the WAEA faces a relatively better future than many of its sister associations. Yet the WAEA cannot ignore the larger pressures facing all academic professional associations. It must strive to maintain its position by continuing to focus on its two key strengths: relevance and service. By continuing its strong tradition of reflecting western topics and issues, such as continuing to offer a policy-oriented journal, the Western Economics Forum, and through the Distinguished Scholar programs aimed at recognizing scholars whose contributions are uniquely Western, the WAEA retains its roots strongly in the West. Similarly, the management of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, easily one of the best journals not simply in the Agricultural Economics discipline but within Economics as a whole, consistently displays that it is possible to maintain quality and speed in the administration of a flagship journal, while the operation of the annual meetings continues to keep its focus squarely on providing members with a useful and meaningful venue for presenting their work rather than as a revenue-stream for the Association. All of these policies need to con-

tinue. At the same time, there are several areas where the Association could expand to build on these firm Western foundations. Always an excellent supporter of graduate students' research through the WAEA travel grant program, the Association needs to find ways to offer more and better opportunities for graduate students to display their research. Specifically creating graduate student showcase sessions at the annual meetings or creating awards for the best graduate student presentations at the annual meeting will provide major incentives for graduate students to begin viewing the WAEA as their best professional association. Furthermore, expanding student research opportunities downward to senior undergraduates by creating poster sessions for them would be another way to encourage greater student participation in the Association and to help attract the best and brightest of our undergraduates into our profession and ultimately our Association. Expanding and reinforcing our commitment to including students in our Association will provide the best possible future to the Association we all value so much. Those are my goals for the WAEA: build on our strengths, and cultivate the students who are our professions' future.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - ERIC DEVUYST

Eric DeVuyst earned his BS (1987) and MS (1991) in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University and PhD (1993) in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. He has served on the faculty at the University of Illinois (1993-1999) and at North Dakota State University (1999-present). He has taught courses in natural resource economics, farm and ranch management, microeconomic theory, production economics and mathematical programming. Eric has received numerous teaching awards for his classroom efforts. His research interests are varied but recently focus on utilizing genetic knowledge to improve profitability in the cattle industry.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

WAEA provides a very good value for our members. Annual dues remain at \$25 and provide two quality publications, *JARE* and *WEF*. Registration fees for the WAEA annual meetings are also reasonable, and the annual meetings are well regarded in the discipline and industry. *JARE* provides a high quality research outlet while *WEF* provides a highly accessible research outlet. I believe that the role of the Board is to maintain the quality of these key member services while keeping dues and fees low. To that end, it is critical that the WAEA Board avoids the "mission creep" that has affected many other professional

organizations and increased member fees accordingly. By continuing to focus on the annual meeting and the publications, dues, registration fees and page charges will continue to be affordable for our members. And, meetings and publications will continue to fill the needs of our members. Part of the focused mission of the Board should be to improve access to the association's journals. The WAEA Board must work with publishers to improve online access. For example, on-line versions of *JARE* and *WEF* articles should be accessible as soon as galley proofs are ready.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - SCOTT W. FAUSTI

Scott Fausti is Professor in the Department of Economics at South Dakota State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois (1991) and a B.S. in Economics from North Dakota State University (1986). Dr. Fausti joined the Department of Economics at SDSU in 1991 and presently fulfills a 70/30 USDA-AES and teaching appointment. His research agenda includes livestock marketing and economics of uncertainty. Dr. Fausti has served in various leadership roles on numerous institutional and regional committees, including the W-1177 (Western Regional Red Meat Project) and the SCC-76 (Southern Coordinating Committee on Risk in Agriculture). His teaching responsibilities have included International Trade and Finance, Mathematical Economics, Comparative Economic Systems, Agricultural Marketing and Prices as well as graduate level classes in both Macro- and Microeconomics. He has also taught introductory courses in Statistics and Macro- and Microeconomic Principles. Dr. Fausti has served as the Economics Department's Director of Graduate Studies. He is a member of the graduate faculty at South Dakota State University. Eight Masters students have completed their degrees under Dr. Fausti's supervision. He has published 30 articles (including 18 refereed articles), five book chapters, and 18 abstracts. As a member of an interdisciplinary team of scientists working on beef marketing and production issues, the team has received over a million dollars in competitive grant funding. Continued on page 7

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I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a WAEA Director during this period of transition we are facing as agricultural economists. Globalization of agricultural markets, global environmental issues, a decline in federal and state funding, and changing demographics of the population we study and serve are the issues we as agricultural economists need to address. Our organization provides us an important outlet for addressing these issues. I pledge to support the initiatives of the WAEA to expand its presence and impact within and beyond the traditional role it has played

as a professional association for agricultural economists. I will support initiatives that will increase the participation of graduate students at our annual meetings. I will encourage the organization to increase the involvement of interdisciplinary research at our annual meetings. I believe that agricultural economists must transcend our traditional roles by reaching out to our sister agricultural disciplines in order to effectively address the fundamental issues facing our profession today.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - BODO STEINER

Bodo Steiner is Assistant Professor in the Department of Rural Economy at the University of Alberta. He holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Reading, UK. Prior to his appointment in Canada he has been visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics. Steiner conducts research related to contracts, consumer behavior and value chains (beef, pork, wine). He has published in peer reviewed journals, such as *Agribusiness*, *Journal of Agricultural Economics* as well as contributed to an MIT Press book on food safety issues. Steiner currently serves on the executive board of the Alberta Agricultural Economics Association.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I would be excited to serve as a director of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA). I hope to contribute to increase the awareness of the Association and its journal to Western Canadian academics and to industry participants, as well as raise the impact factor of the JARE. How? When articles go to print, the JARE should be made instantly accessible electronically, so that the WAEA could leverage the journal's informational value. JARE's informational value may also be increased by getting industry partners to sponsor graduate travel scholarships to our summer meetings in return for a one-year free online-subscription. Furthermore, to increase the Association's presence in Can-

ada and the Western US, I would suggest a special meeting symposium or WEF issue that would concentrate on US-Canada cross-border issues. This could also help further differentiate the WAEA from the AAEA. Along those lines, I would suggest that efforts continue to be made to prevent the WAEA from losing its identity vis a vis the AAEA: let's not get lost too frequently in big joint meetings with the AAEA - an occasional partnering with the smaller bunch of members of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society via joint Annual Meetings might be one way to maintain this objective.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - RUBY A. WARD

Ruby Ward is an Associate Professor and Extension Economist at Utah State University. She received a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (1999) and an MBA (1994) from Texas A&M University and a BS in Agricultural Economics and Accounting from Utah State University (1992). Ward works in the area of agricultural entrepreneurship and rural development. Since 2002 Ward has been involved in more than \$1.6 million in external grants and was the principal investigator on more than \$400,000 of those grants. Ward has recognized the need to work with others to develop high quality extension programs and has been the recipient of many awards for those projects. Some of these awards are the AAEA Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Group in 2007, the WAEA Outstanding Extension Group Project in 2005 and 2006, and the Outstanding Program, Iota Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi (2005). Ward served as the Awards Committee Chair for WAEA during 2007. Ward teaches an undergraduate course in agricultural finance and a graduate course in community and economic development. **Continued on page 8.**

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I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a director of the WAEA. I have enjoyed being a member of WAEA and have found the contacts and knowledge gained through the organization to have been invaluable. There are many issues from both a research and extension perspective that are regional in nature. Being able to interact with other agricultural economics professionals in the West and develop the networks to address these problems, engaging in both research and extension projects is valuable. I believe WAEA traditionally has been an organization that encouraged this networking and collaboration. I would like to continue and build on that. The JARE, our annual summer meetings, and

newsletters are all integral parts of this. The JARE has been a high quality journal and I would like to see it remain so. For the summer meetings I think it is important to maintain the WAEA identity and specific events for WAEA even when meeting with others. I would like to see WAEA strengthen our membership and role of the council members. Council members could be used more to encourage membership and make sure the views of the membership are included in WAEA decisions. WAEA has a strong past and I would like to see that continue.

Register for the 2008 Annual Meetings of the Western Agricultural Economics Association to be held on June 25-27, 2008 at Big Sky Resort, Montana. Online registration and other meeting information is found at <http://sail2.ext.usu.edu/waea/>. See you in Big Sky!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WAEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2008

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 submit nominations to the selection committee chair, Clement Ward, at (clement.ward@okstate.edu) Contact Clem with any questions you may have about submitting a nomination.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WAEA AWARDS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2008

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.waeonline.org>).

NOTE: electronic submission only except for the master's student thesis award. Materials may be scanned and submitted. Any submissions and questions about the awards, should be directed to the awards' committee chair, Chris McIntosh at mcintosh@uidaho.edu.

ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA

The President of WAEA will organize 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 2008 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 2008 is on the next page.

CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 22, 2008

It's time to start preparing manuscripts for the 2008 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 WAEA Web site's (www.waeonline.org) link. This website will be prepared to receive electronic abstract submissions beginning on December 15, 2007. 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 and be 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.

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.

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. Questions relating to selected paper submissions should be directed to Vice President Russ Tronstad at tronstad@ag.arizona.edu.

Membership Application and Dues Notice for 2008

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E-Mail Address:

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2007 WAEA AWARD WINNERS**WAEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS**

Michele m. Veeman

Steven C. Blank

Richard E. Howitt

Bonnie G. Colby

PUBLISHED GRADUATE STUDENT OR MS THESIS AWARD

Bryce Edward Roger Stewart, University of Alberta, *Measures and Causes of Productivity Growth in Prairie Agriculture: 1940-2004*.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH AWARD

Jayson L. Lusk, J. Ross Pruitt, and F. Bailey Norwood, Oklahoma State University. "Consumer Demand for a Ban on Antibiotic Drug Use in Pork Production." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 88(November 2006):1015:1033.

Honorable Mention:

JunJie Wu, Oregon State University. "Environmental Amenities, Urban Sprawl, and Community Characteristics." *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 52(2006):527-547.

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION PROGRAM AWARD, FOR PROJECT

"Risk management Costs and Returns Program." Paul Patterson, Robert Smathers, C. Wilson Gray, and Neil Rimbey, University of Idaho.

Honorable Mention:

"Value-Added Agribusiness Program." Phil Kenkel and Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University.

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION PROGRAM AWARD, FOR CAREER

Kim B. Anderson, Oklahoma State University.

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (LESS THAN 10 YEARS)

Mark Manfredo, Arizona State University.

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (>10 YEARS)

Kim B. Anderson, Oklahoma State University.

JARE OUTSTANDING JOURNAL ARTICLE FOR 2005

Dmitry V. Vedenov, James A. Duffield, and Michael E. Wetzstein, "Entry of Alternative Fuels in a Volatile U. S. Gasoline Market." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 31(April 2006):1-13.