



WAEA December Update

WAEA Election Results: We are pleased to announce that Michael Boland (Kansas State University) is the new president elect of WAEA. Dave Buschena (Montana State) is the vice president elect and Ruby Ward (Utah State) and Eric DeVuyst (North Dakota State) are our new directors. Our thanks is given to those of you who voted in our election. We had a great slate of candidates and some of the elections were very close. We express our appreciation to each of the candidates that was willing to stand for election.

Western Economics Forum: We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Don McLeod at the University of Wyoming has agreed to accept the editorship of the WEF. Don's tenure as editor will run from January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010. All new manuscripts requesting consideration for publication should now be submitted to Don. His contact information is:

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Rhonda Skaggs will be finishing up her tenure as editor with our spring 2008 issue. We express our deep appreciation to Rhonda for her fine and dedicated service to the Association. We are indebted to her and again express our appreciation to Don for his willingness to accept the editorial responsibilities for this popular WAEA outlet.

Big Sky Meeting Registration: We are very excited about the beautiful venue for our 2008 meetings at Big Sky, Montana. The meetings begin the morning of June 25th and will finish by about 1:30 p.m. on June 27th. Registration, housing information, and information about related outdoor activities are available on the WAEA website at www.waeaonline.org. We believe this year's meetings will be one of our best attended ever. We thank John Hewlett for his development and maintenance of our website. He does a wonderful job and we believe that we are making registering for the meetings easier each year.

Selected papers and Awards: Selected paper abstract submissions will be able to be submitted beginning December 15, 2007 at the WAEA website at www.waeaonline.org. Click "Meetings and Events" then "WAEA Meetings, Big Sky, Montana" then "Papers and Program" to get to the submission site link. Selected paper abstract submissions are due by January 22, 2008. Our thanks are given to Vice President Russ Tronstad (University of Arizona) for coordinating our selected paper submission process. Information about WAEA awards nominations and submissions is also available at the same web site location but click "WAEA Awards." All award nominations, except for Distinguished Scholars, should be submitted to Chris McIntosh at the University of Idaho by February 1, 2008. Distinguished Scholar nominations should be submitted to Clem Ward at Oklahoma State University by February 1, 2008. We thank Chris and Clem for chairing our awards committees.

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