



NEWSNOTES

FALL 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WAEA Members:

I would like to welcome everyone to a new WAEA year, filled with exciting plans and new officers.

First, I would like to thank everyone for making the 2008 meetings in Big Sky such a great event! Many thanks to DeeVon Bailey and Russell Tronstad for their work with the meeting site, arrangements, and paper sessions. In addition, thanks to Christopher McIntosh, Clem Ward and their many committee chairs and members for their work on the Award selections. Congratulations again to all winners (see the list later in this NewsNotes).

A special thanks to DeeVon and Sec/Treas. Rob Davis for skillfully leading the WAEA through last year's transitions; and to Russ for getting our paper abstract submission process online. Thanks also to Hayley Chouinard and Catherine Durham our outgoing WAEA Directors for all their services to WAEA.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2009 Meeting in Kauai, Hawaii on July 24-26th, with the WAEA Business Meeting and Evening Reception on Wednesday the 24th. Information about paper submissions, award nominations and arrangements continue to be updated on our WAEA website (www.waeonline.org) and will be highlighted in the November WAEA NewsNotes.

We have several new officers who are to be welcomed and congratulated. David Buschena, Montana State University, is serving as Vice-President this year and has already done a wonderful job of setting up this year's selected pa-

per abstract submissions process (see the website) and of enlisting many members to serve as WAEA Council members. We now have nearly a full slate of Council members! Michael Boland, Kansas State University, is President-Elect this year. Michael is already making great plans for the upcoming 2010 Meetings in Denver—so look for something a little different from the WAEA in 2010. WAEA and CAES will be joining the AAEA's 100th Anniversary celebration in Denver. Eric DeVuyst, Oklahoma State University, and Ruby Ward, Utah State University, are joining our Board of Directors. Please contact any of these WAEA representatives or your state's WAEA Council representative with any suggestions or comments regarding WAEA activities or business.

The *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* continues to be a premier discipline publication thanks to the hard work of our editorial staff: Editor, David Lambert, University of North Dakota; Co-Editors, George Davis, Virginia Tech, and Douglas Larson, University of California, Davis; and Editorial Assistant, Cybil Perkins. However, their term as editorial staff is coming to a close and we are opening up a **Call for Editors**, details available within this newsletter and on the website. Our other publication, the *Western Economic Forum (WEF)* continues to draw attention from the discipline and we have seen an increase in submissions under the leadership of Donald McLeod, University of Wyoming.

In addition to the need for a new editorial team, we are also opening the annual election process for officer positions. Those positions include: Vice-President 2009-2010, President-Elect 2010-2011, and two Directors 2009-2011. We

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IMPORTANT DATES:

WAEA OFFICER BALLOTS DUE
NOVEMBER 19, 2008

SELECTED PAPER ABSTRACTS DUE
JANUARY 20, 2009

AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

GRADUATE TRAVEL APPLICATIONS DUE
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APRIL 10, 2009

WAEA ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 24-26, 2009
KAUAI, HI

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have a wonderful slate of candidates and I hope everyone will take the time to read their short biographies and vision statements before voting. I am asking all WAEA Council representatives to work to increase our election participation by encouraging members in their states to **vote by Wednesday, November 19, 2008.**

I hope in the upcoming year to keep communication flowing between the WAEA members and the WAEA officers. So at anytime if you feel we need to address a topic or have ideas about upcoming meetings etc., please let one of us know. You will find this NewsNotes focuses on wrapping up the Big Sky Meeting, elections, and membership renewal. Please visit with your colleagues about renewing or becoming a new member of the WAEA. You can look forward to a newsletter in November which will contain more details of the upcoming meeting in Kauai. If you need information before then visit our website, where our webmaster John Hewlett, University of Wyoming, does an excellent job of keeping things up-to-date. Any discrepancies or missing information are my responsibility not John's - so be sure to let me know if you find errors.

It was with trepidation that I stood in front of you at the meetings in Big Sky and began my Presidential Address. My nervousness came not from speaking to my colleagues but from presenting a topic which not only addressed the subject of *ethics* but also that of *teaching ethics* in our classrooms as part of agricultural economics and business content. However, I expected the best and the membership of WAEA met my expectations. I have been overwhelmed with thoughtful responses to my presentation. Certainly I am not the only one in our discipline who has addressed this issue; many others are currently teaching exactly this type of content. From those colleagues I have collected many classroom ideas, shared experiences and a long reading list! I truly appreciate this. From others, the idea of pulling the backgrounds of economics and ethics back together (as historically they have been linked) in the classroom was an idea they felt could be used in their classroom teaching and we have exchanged ideas, as well.

Not only has this exchange of ideas and experiences been exciting it has also assured me that in our discipline the value of and enthusiasm for undergraduate teaching remains. It seems we live in a time while some universities are overwhelmed

with students, others struggle to maintain a student body but all universities face a resource shortage. As faculty this means we are pulled in many directions and the pull to bring in funding, primarily through research, is pressing. Our attention and incentives can easily be diverted from undergraduate programs.

I was pleased to hear and see many conversations taking place about doing something "new" in our classrooms during the Big Sky meeting. I hope that in Kauai we can reconvene formally and informally to share our experiences of trying "new" things that worked or did not work and other plans for our classrooms. It's an exciting time in the discipline and we need to spread that excitement to our students who are experiencing historical changes in agriculture, economies, markets, business and even ethical/philosophical struggles as we speak.



WAEA Meeting Sites

- 2009 Kauai, HI June 24-36
- 2010 Denver, CO July 25-27
with AAEE and CAES
- 2011 Banff, Alberta
with CAES
- 2012 TBA

OFFICER ELECTIONS AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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

President: Russell Tronstad, Larry Van Tassell

Vice-President: Chris Bastian, Karen Klonsky

Director 2-yr Term: Bradley Lubben, Christopher McIntosh, Dragan Miljkovic, Jonathan Yoder

Please vote by **Wednesday, November 19, 2008.**

Web ballots are submitted at <http://sail2.ext.usu.edu/waea/election.cfm> or through the link at the WAEA website (www.waeaonline.org). Please disregard any messages regarding registration fees that may be returned to you after submitting your vote.

FOR PRESIDENT— RUSSELL TRONSTAD

Russell Tronstad is a University Distinguished Outreach Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Arizona. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Montana State University and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. Dr. Tronstad has served as *WAEA* Director (1999-2001), Co-Editor of *JARE* (2000-2003), *WAEA* Vice-President (2007-2008), 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 received recognition from the *WAEA* for the Outstanding Extension Project Award (1997, 2005 and 2006).

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I have greatly enjoyed being a member of the *WAEA* for almost 20 years and appreciate more every year the professional information, contacts, and publication outlets the *WAEA* has provided me. I consider it an honor to be nominated as a candidate for President of the *WAEA*. If elected, I will work to preserve and enhance the experiences of both junior and senior members within our Association.

I believe the *WAEA* should focus on our two most successful activities, *JARE* and our annual summer meeting. *JARE* is recognized as one of the top agricultural and resource economics journals and our Association should continue to direct resources and follow policies that help bolster *JARE's* reputation. Financial resources devoted to preserving and enhancing *JARE* should be at the top of our Association's budget.

A key responsibility of the president is organizing the program for our annual summer meeting. These meetings should be held at attractive locations in the West, focus on economic issues facing the West, and attract widespread participation from the West. Provinces and states in the West are considered as equal in our Constitution for Coun-

cil representation, yet participation from our Canadian colleagues at recent annual meetings has been very limited. If elected, I will work to bring individuals from western Canada back into the dialogue of our Association and increase their annual meeting participation. Also, some senior members that were once actively involved in the *WAEA* have ceased attending our annual meetings. Increasing the presence of these senior members and their interactions with students at our annual meetings is an objective I will work towards. I believe we should also continue to provide 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.

Writing our newsletters in a timely manner and conducting business activities of the Association are other important duties of the President. With regards to the current financial situation of the Association, the *WAEA* should explore avenues for increasing revenues, including the promotion of endowment funds. Policies and tools that require membership for all submitting authors of selected papers and *JARE* articles should also be explored to help increase membership and revenues.

FOR PRESIDENT— LARRY VAN TASSELL

Larry Van Tassell is Department Head and Professor in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho (1999-2007). 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

I believe in Mayor Richard M. Daley's philosophy on governance: First and above all, people want their garbage picked up, the snow plowed, and their streetlights to work. In other words, the basic important issues must be dealt with. Past administrations have been effective in making the WAEA a financially sound organization and have implemented several programs that benefit the membership. I would definitely want to follow their vigilant stewardship and continue on the path they have charted.

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—CHRISTOPHER BASTIAN

Chris Bastian received his B.S. in Farm and Ranch Management and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wyoming and completed his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Colorado State University. Before receiving his Ph.D. and entering a teaching and research faculty position 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, value-added agriculture and risk management. He has received the Outstanding Extension Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association twice (1997 & 2007) and three regional awards in extension from the Western Agricultural Economics Association (1997, 2005, 2006). His teaching responsibilities include agribusiness management and marketing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His scholarly efforts focus on natural resource-based business economics. Bastian has been a member of the WAEA since 1987. His service to the association includes: Director (2007-2009); Outstanding Published Research Award Committee (2007); Selected Paper Referee (2008); Extension Award Review Committee (2008); Graduate Student Travel Scholarship Award Committee (2009 Co-chair with Jayson Lusk); *JARE* reviewer; *JARE* contributor; and, substitute council representative from UW (various years).

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

The WAEA is my favorite professional organization for agricultural economists. I have found the professional development opportunities at WAEA meetings to be rewarding and intellectually stimulating. I especially enjoy the opportunity to learn from and interact with other agricultural economists interested in Western issues. High quality meetings and high quality publications such as the *JARE* and *WEF* are at the core of what the Association does and should continue to offer in terms of professional development for its members and opportunities to communicate scholarly efforts to other applied economists and clientele being served by its members. Moreover, as the Association's niche is Western issues, the Association also must work to maintain that niche even as we collaborate with other associations and organizations. I believe we must continue efforts to develop new membership from graduate students as well as work to attract other professional agricultural economists who may have jobs focused on some-

thing other than research endeavors. For example, last year at the annual meetings, there was a pre-conference workshop related to risk management education. I believe the WAEA should continue to develop such offerings as is feasible.

The major responsibility of the Vice President is to coordinate and organize the selected paper portion of the annual meeting program. The meeting in 2010 will be held jointly with the AAEA in Denver. Part of the Vice President's responsibility at that time will be to offer a selected paper program that will appeal to both members and non-members while maintaining WAEA's identity at that meeting. Moreover, the Vice President should work to help the Executive Council lead and conduct the business of the Association. If elected, I will take these responsibilities seriously and conduct myself in accordance with these responsibilities and my vision for the Association.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—KAREN KLONSKY

Karen Klonsky is a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California – Davis with an appointment in Cooperative Extension. She received her BA in mathematics from the University of Michigan in 1974 and her PhD in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University in 1985. Specializing in farm-level decision-making with respect to farming practices, Klonsky works in interdisciplinary teams providing the economic component of comparative farming systems with an emphasis on sustainable agriculture. She has been involved in over \$5 million in external grants and published 75 journal articles and hundreds of Extension and trade journal publications. Klonsky is past chair of the Extension Committee of the AAEA and past member of the awards committee. Extremely active with farm organizations and government agencies, she currently serves on the California Walnut Board, the California Organic Foods Advisory Board to the CA Department of Food and Agriculture, the Management Committee of California Certified Organic Farmers, and is an editor for the Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. She has served as a reviewer for *JARE* and as a selected paper contributor and reviewer. Klonsky is also a soccer mom.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I believe the strongest aspect of the WAEA is its unambiguous identity as an organization of professionals dedicated to problem solving targeting the unique resource and policy issues rooted in the Western United States. The primary job for the vice president is organizing the selected papers for the annual meetings. Arguably, the selected papers sessions are the backbone of the annual meetings. Therefore, maintaining the high quality and relevance of the papers is essential for the continued high rate of participation in the annual meetings and ultimately to the continued health of the organization. A

critical component of a successful association meeting is assuring that papers are grouped to create coherent, issue-oriented sessions and that sessions on similar topics are not scheduled during the same time slots.

As a member of the WAEA Executive Council, my primary objective would be promoting increased and diversified membership. We should target non-land grant faculty with programs in agricultural economics such as California Polytechnic State University.

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Economists working for state and federal agencies such as the EPA and the Department of Fish and Game are another untapped pool and could be invited to present the results of their analyses of Western resource management issues. We must continue to encourage graduate student participation through travel grants and increasing awareness of the \$5 annual fees for students. Finally, we must look within the ranks of the land

grant faculty to get more people from more campuses to attend the annual meetings through invited paper sessions and selected paper sessions focused on Extension education and research.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - BRAD LUBBEN

Brad Lubben is an Assistant Professor and Extension Public Policy Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He earned his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University in 2005 and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from UNL in 1989 and 1992. He has been at UNL since 2005 and specializes in agricultural and public policy as part of an integrated program of teaching, research and extension efforts. At present, Lubben teaches an introductory policy course and advises both graduate and undergraduate students in the department. His Extension efforts are focused on agricultural policy issues, including the development and now implementation of new federal farm policy and the co-organization of a national train-the-trainer conference for Extension specialists and educators on the new farm bill within one month of the new bill being completed. His policy research efforts include leadership of the national producer preference survey in advance of the debate on what became the 2008 Farm Bill as well as research on the economic impacts of farm programs and mandatory country-of-origin labeling. Lubben has been an active member and leader in several organizations and committees, including former chair of the National Public Policy Education Committee and member of the new SERA39 (Southern Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group on Public Policy Issues Education).

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Director of the WAEA. The WAEA has been a strong association that has served its members well with two valuable publications, the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and the *Western Economics Forum*. The *JARE* has been a high-quality outlet for research work on issues both in the region and in the broader profession. The *WEF* has added a new avenue in its first few years for publication of timely research information and emerging issues that may be fundamental to future research and policy directions. With the increasing uncertainty and complexity in agriculture today over market outlook and volatility, the status of trade agreements and conflicts, the role of agriculture in the energy sector, the interrelationship of resource management and environmental issues, and the evolving structure of the consumer and marketing sys-

tem, there are numerous areas where WAEA can be a primary source of valuable information and analysis of key issues and in particular, of their regional impacts. I would encourage a focused issue of the *WEF* or even the *JARE* to develop a timely analysis that contributes to the contemporary issues of the day with an academic rigor that provides a timeless reference of theoretical and empirical understanding. Beyond the association's publications, I would also work to maintain the continued strength of the association's annual meeting. Whether the meeting is separate or joint with another association, such as with AAEA in Denver in 2010, it is important that WAEA work to maintain its identity and niche with sessions and topics that highlight the unique issues and contributions of the region and the WAEA membership.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - CHRISTOPHER MCINTOSH

Christopher McIntosh is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho. He previously served as assistant and associate professor at the University of Georgia and coordinated the University of Idaho's off campus agribusiness degree program in Idaho Falls, ID. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Idaho and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. Dr. McIntosh has served the WAEA as a contributor, reviewer and frequent participant in the annual meetings. He has served as general chair of the WAEA awards committee (2008) and is currently serving on the WAEA council. Over his career Dr. McIntosh's has received numerous awards and recognition for the quality of his teaching and research.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

The WAEA provides significant value to its membership and preserves its unique identity through the publication of the *JARE* and *WEF* through consistently excellent annual meetings. The annual meetings provide opportunities for networking, professional development and with the travel-grants program, opportunities for graduate students to be engaged in our professional organization. I believe that strong continued support for these activities is essential. The WAEA can be strengthened by increasing membership and fostering increased participation by agricultural economists

from all facets of the land grant mission: teaching, research and extension. A major focus for the board should be to maintain the quality of our journals and annual meetings, while keeping the membership and registration fees reasonable. The board should also make efforts to increase the visibility and stature of our journals and annual meetings. I am excited to have this opportunity to serve the association and look forward to working with all of you to maintain our standards of excellence while continuing to build on our past successes.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - DRAGAN MILJKOVIC

Dragan Miljkovic is Professor of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics at North Dakota State University. He also served on the faculty at Missouri State University (1999-2004), and as Research Fellow at Montana State University (1997-1999). Dr. Miljkovic holds B.S. (1985) and M.S. (1990) degrees in Economics from the University of Belgrade, and Ph.D. (1996) in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Research areas of interest include agricultural price analysis, international economics, and agricultural and food policy including human nutrition, obesity, and food safety. Dr. Miljkovic authored more than 40 peer reviewed journal articles, edited three books in the area of international agricultural trade and development, and presented his work at more than 50 domestic and international conferences and universities in North America, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and Australia. His teaching responsibilities have included undergraduate classes in agricultural prices, agricultural policy, and international trade, and graduate classes in advanced econometrics, mathematical economics, and consumer behavior. Dr. Miljkovic is the Founding Editor and Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of International Agricultural Trade and Development (JIATD), and has also served as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE). He is an active member of numerous professional organizations and associations including the AAEA, WAEA, SAEA, NAREA, AARES, the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC), and regional projects NCCC-134, WERA-72, and S-1016.

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated to serve as a director of the WAEA. There are many reasons why the WAEA has been the prime regional association in our discipline. WAEA publishes two high quality publications, *JARE* and *WEF*. *JARE* is highly selective research outlet that publishes papers of highest quality and as such has second highest impact factor of all agricultural economics journals published in the United States. This high ranking of *JARE* has perpetually attracted professionals from not only Western United States but entire country to submit and publish their best research in the Jour-

nal. *WEF* is highly accessible research outlet providing valuable information to those interested not only in research but outreach and extension as well. High quality and visibility of WAEA's journals coupled with low cost of annual dues has helped maintain current membership and attract new membership from Western and other states. I would be promoting these two journals in their current format and low annual dues for members since they create good image of the WAEA. I also support WAEA meetings to be separate from other meetings since there is enough interest among current

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I also support WAEA meetings to be separate from other meetings since there is enough interest among current and potential membership to have well attended and successful conferences. The identity of WAEA will be best served and protected by primarily discussing many issues pertinent to our region. Given the size of the Western United States and its agricultural, geographic, and demographic diversity, our annual meetings are certain to be attractive not only to pro-

fessionals from this region, but to agricultural economists from the entire country, and even globally. WAEA annual meeting should serve to prompt collaboration among the members as well as to serve as a powerful tool to attract other professionals to join the WAEA.

DIRECTORS (CHOOSE 2) - JONATHAN YODER

Jonathan Yoder is Associate Professor in the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from North Carolina State University and his Masters degree in Applied Economics from Montana State University. His Bachelor's degree is in Biology and journalism from Indiana University. Yoder's primary research interests are natural resource and environmental economics, and the economics contracts and policy design. Yoder has published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE)* and the *Western Economic Forum*, and has served as a reviewer for *JARE*, and has participated in the WAEA annual meetings as a presenter, reviewer, and moderator. He also served on the WAEA Master's Thesis Award Committee in 2006. For more details, please visit <http://www.ses.wsu.edu/People/yoder.htm> .

WAEA VISION STATEMENT

The WAEA and its journals have solid and useful niches in the agricultural economics profession for Western North America. Although limited electronic access has improved in recent years for *JARE* in particular, there is room for further improvements to extend the scope and interface of electronic access. In addition, the impending editorial staff changes for *JARE* provide an important opportunity to maintain and improve its status as the premier regional agricultural economics journal in the country.

The Association has done well in recent years to improve its unique identity in part by choosing interesting and family-friendly locations for its annual meetings, while at the same time maintaining connections with the American Agricultural Economics Association in other years. This is an important balance, and I would do my best to help maintain this tradition while taking care to insure that all members feel as well represented as possible in the choice of meeting locations.

Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics Call for Editors

The three year term of the editorial team of David Lambert, George Davis, and Doug Larson will end with the December 2009 issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. The Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) is currently accepting proposals by individuals or teams interested in assuming editorial leadership of the *Journal*. The new editors will assume responsibility for new submissions beginning April 1, 2009. Full responsibility for future issues for the new team will commence with Volume 35, Number 1 (April 2010).

The mission of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* is to publish creative and scholarly economic studies in agriculture, natural resources, and related areas. Manuscripts dealing with the economics of food and agriculture, natural resources and the environment, human resources, and rural development issues are especially encouraged. The *Journal* provides a forum for topics of interest to those performing economic research as well as to those involved with economic policy and education.

The *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality and impact of its published articles. Current acceptance rates of approximately 20% reflect the high standards maintained by the Association for its flagship journal. It is the goal of the Association to maintain the *Journal's* excellent reputation through rigorous review of submitted manuscripts.

Publication of the *Journal* is facilitated by excellent service provided by its technical editor, from Fastrack, the electronic manuscript management system used for the *Journal*, and from Sheridan Press, the *Journal's* publisher. Financial remuneration from the Association offsets some of the editors' time and provides for an editorial assistant to assist in manuscript management and preparation for publication.

Further information about editorial responsibilities can be obtained from David Lambert (701-231-7444), George Davis (540-231-6301), or Doug Larson (530-752-3586), or from the President of the WAEA, Dr. Penny Diebel (541-962-3789). Email contacts can be initiated from the homepage of the Association: <http://waeonline.org/http://jareonline.org/>. Complete proposals are due December 19, 2008 to Dr. Penny Diebel, Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, Eastern Oregon University, LaGrande, OR 97850.

WEF CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Western Economic Forum is accepting manuscripts for the December 2008 and May 2009 editions.

The purpose of this publication is to provide a forum for western issues.

Audience The target audience is professional agricultural economists with a Masters degree, Ph.D. or equivalent understanding of the field that are working on agricultural and resource economic, business or policy issues in the West.

For past volumes and submission information, please see <http://waeonline.org/> and the *Western Economics Forum* link.

You may contact Don McLeod the current editor at dmcleod@uwyo.edu

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership in WAEA comes with many benefits, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, the *Western Economic Forum*, New Notes, 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 2009 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 2009 is on the next page.

Membership Application and Dues Notice for 2009

includes a subscription to the

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Name and Mailing Address (if employed by a government agency or university, office address is preferred.)

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(Please check appropriate category)

Type of Membership

U.S., Canada, & Mexico

International

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family (two memberships, one copy of Journal sent)	\$30.00	\$40.00
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2008 WAEA AWARD WINNERS**WAEA DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS**

Andrew Barkley , Kansas State University
 James W. Richardson, Texas A&M University
 Vincent H. Smith, Montana State University

PUBLISHED GRADUATE STUDENT OR MS THESIS AWARD

Hendricks, Nathan. Kansas State University. *Estimating Irrigation Water Demand with a Multinomial Logit Selectivity Model.*

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Costa, Rafeal De Farias. Texas A&M University. *The Impacts of Improving Brazil's Transportation Infrastructure on the World Soybean Market.*

Muthusamy, Kalamani. University of Idaho. *Impact of a Marketing Cooperative on Price Behavior in the Idaho Potato Industry.*

PUBLISHED RESEARCH AWARD

Raper, K. C., H. A. Love, and Shumway, C. R. (2007). "Distinguishing the Sources of Market Power." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 89(1): 78-90.

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION PROGRAM AWARD, FOR PROJECT

Dr. Dean A. McCorkle, Extension Program Specialist III, Texas A&M University. *Economic Accountability.*

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION PROGRAM AWARD, FOR CAREER

Dr. Steven L. Klose, Associate Professor and Extension Economist, Texas A&M and Dr. Joe L. Outlaw, Professor and Extension Economist, Texas A&M.
The Financial And Risk Management (FARM) Assistance Program

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (LESS THAN 10 YEARS)

Cheryl DeVuyst - nominated by North Dakota State University

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (>10 YEARS)

Eric Devuyst - nominated by North Dakota State University

JARE OUTSTANDING JOURNAL ARTICLE FOR 2005

Kai-Li Wang (Tunghai University, Taiwan) and Christopher B. Barrett (Cornell University).
 "Estimating the Effects of Exchange Rate Volatility on Export Volumes." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 32,2 (August 2007):225-255.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Jaimy J. Cass, University of Wyoming

Desirae Early, University of California, Berkeley

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Shea Griffin, Oklahoma State University

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