



NEWSNOTES

WINTER 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WAEA Members:

First I would like to thank all the WAEA members who ran for office. We appreciate your time and commitment to the WAEA. I congratulate the elected officers who will begin their terms in June of 2009 and to Dr. Larry Van Tassell, University of Idaho, who will be President –Elect, 2009-10.

Please encourage applications for the *JARE* Editorial Team. Our current editorial team has done an excellent job of building upon the reputation of the *JARE*. As members of the WAEA, I hope you feel some ownership of the journal and will assist us in finding a team to step forward and guide the future of our journal.

The arrangements are shaping up for our meeting at Kauai Beach, June 25-26th. I am happy to announce that there will be a pre-conference symposium on Wednesday, June 24th honoring Dr. Doug Young, Washington State University. Dr. Young is a Distinguished Scholar of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (2003); served as WAEA President, 1993-94; and was a *JARE*, Editorial Council Member,

1992-94. More information is available in this NewsNotes edition.

There are many exciting family activities available on Kauai including fishing, hiking, sailing, snorkeling and sightseeing. Most require reservations so we recommend you start by visiting the link for Kauai, Hawaii on the WAEA webpage.

On-line registration and room reservations for the WAEA Meetings will be available January 1, 2009 on the WAEA website. An announcement will go out to all members when the website is open.

Be sure to check the Paper Abstract and Award Nomination Deadlines.

WAEA Annual Meeting Sites

- 2009 Kauai, HI June 24-36
 - 2010 Denver, CO July 25-27 with AAEA and CAES
 - 2011 Banff, Alberta with CAES
 - 2012 TBA
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WAEA Website: <http://waeaonline.org/>

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JANUARY 20, 2009

AAEA ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 26-28, 2009
MILWAUKEE, WI

WAEA ELECTION RESULTS

The Tellers Committee has approved the results of the WAEA Election. Please congratulate these colleagues and thank all the candidates.

President Elect, 2009-2010

(President 2010-2011):

Larry Van Tassell, University of Idaho

Vice-President, 2009-2010:

Karen Klonsky, University of
California-Davis

Directors: 2009-2011:

Christopher McIntosh,
University of Idaho

Jonathan Yoder,
Washington State University

CAES CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* intends to publish a special issue on water "Water in the 21st Century" in December 2010. The issue will include 12-15 state-of-the-art papers relating to economic methods, models, applications and institutions relevant to water issues in different jurisdictions and watersheds. Although all manuscripts on the topic will be considered, priority will be given to studies that advance theory or methods, or have broad policy relevance.

Authors wishing to submit manuscripts for the special issue should send an abstract of 1-2 pages to the managing editor of the CJAE (cjae@uvic.ca) on or before 27 February 2009. Manuscripts from selected abstracts will be peer reviewed. Reviews and final edits and revisions will be completed by June 30, 2010. Additional information is available at: <http://caes.usask.ca/cjae/issues.php>.

2009 WAEA MEETING NOTES

We are very excited about our 2009 WAEA Meeting location in Hawaii. Please take a few minutes to visit our website and view the area and hotel. Meeting registration and room reservations are scheduled to be open on January 1, 2009 with a link provided on the website.

Hilton Kaua'i Beach Resort, Lihue, Hawaii

The WAEA Meeting rates are available for 4 days prior and 4 days after the meeting dates. Single: \$189 + tax. Double: \$189 + tax. Additional person (up to 4 person's maximum per room) \$40.00 + tax. The *deadline for WAEA room rates is May 24, 2009*. The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from the Lihue Airport.

General Schedule:

Wednesday, June 24th, 2009:

Pre-Conference: Dr. Doug Young's Retirement Symposium
WAEA Council and Executive Committee Meeting
Opening Reception/Buffer (evening)

Thursday, June 25th, 2009:

WAEA President's Address/Keynote Speaker
Selected Paper Sessions

Lunch – Provided /Dinner – Own Your Own

Friday, June 26th, 2009:

General Business Meeting and Breakfast
Selected Paper Sessions / Awards Lunch
Meeting Adjourned at 1:30

WAEA Pre-Conference Symposium

A pre-conference retirement symposium honoring Dr. Doug Young, Washington State University, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at the WAEA Annual Meetings in Kauai, Hawaii. The retirement symposium is being arranged by Dr. Young's former students around the theme of "Microeconomics in Service to Humanity." Papers will be presented by former students of Dr. Young's and the afternoon will feature a "Panel Discussion from Around the World". The symposium is open to everyone. Registration will be available on the WAEA Annual Meeting registration page, a small registration fee will be charged for those attending the lunch. For more information on contact Dana Hoag, Colorado State University, 970-491-5549 or dhoag@lamar.colostate.edu (copy to Kim Dupin, kdupin@wsu.edu).

WAEA 2009 CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2009

It's time to start preparing manuscripts for the 2009 annual meetings to be held June 24-26 in Kauai, Hawaii. We estimate coordinating more than 100 presentations. Submission guidelines for abstracts can be found at our website. Proposals must be received by and should be submitted through the WAEA paper submission web site's www.waeonline.org link. This website will be pre-pared to receive electronic abstract submissions beginning on December 15, 2008. 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 approximately 20 minutes at the meeting for presentation and receive limited discussion from the moderator of the session, with four papers per session. At submission, at least one author must be a member of WAEA. The author making the presentation 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 submitted 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 12 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 Dave Buschena at buschena@montana.edu

WAEA 2009 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

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. Nominees must have demonstrated excellence in two or more of the following areas of performance:

- (1) basic and applied economics research,
- (2) integration of knowledge (textbook writing or synthetic reviews),
- (3) outreach drawing on economic expertise,
- (4) teaching (undergraduate and/or graduate,
- (5) administration or service.

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. Nominees must be a current member of the association and have demonstrated active involvement over their career as a member of the association. Submissions should be sent in electronic format as a pdf document. 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 is limited to a maximum of eight typed, double spaced pages. *Please submit nominations electronically to the selection committee chair, Michele Veeman, at michele.veeman@ualberta.ca*. Contact Michele with any questions you may have about submitting a nomination.

WAEA 2009 CALL FOR GENERAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Outstanding Published Research Award

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding research by members of the Association.

Nature of the Award: The award will be called "Outstanding Published Research Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association". This award shall be made annually at the WAEA meeting. The winner(s) will receive a certificate.

Eligibility Requirements: At least one of the authors must be a member of the Association in the year the paper was published. Only research reports bearing a 2008 publication date will be considered. Textbooks will not be considered published research for purpose of this award.

Eligibility Criteria: 1) Importance and significance of the results,
2) Quality of the work, and
3) Effectiveness of reporting.

Procedure: Nominations must be made by WAEA members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. An electronic copy (pdf format is preferred) of each publication will be emailed to the chair of the selection committee. Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to: Dr. Tim Richards, email: trichards@asu.edu . *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Outstanding Thesis Award

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding research by graduate students from WAEA institutions. Nature of the Award: The award will be called "Outstanding Thesis Award for the Western Agricultural Economics Association." This award will be made annually at the WAEA meeting. The winner will receive a certificate and a \$500 check.

Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must have completed the master's degree at a WAEA institution during the calendar year prior to the association meeting. Only theses bearing a completion date within the calendar year prior to the association meeting may be submitted from a WAEA institution. Evaluation criteria: 1) Importance of the problem or topic, 2) Significance of the results, 3) Quality of the work, 4) Effectiveness of reporting.

Procedures: Three paper copies of each thesis will be sent to the chair of the selection committee. All nomination materials become WAEA property and will not be returned to the nominees or nominators. Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to: Dr. John Crespi, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Manhattan, KS 66506-4011

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award,

- with less than 10 years experience**
- with more than 10 years experience**

Purpose of Awards: To recognize outstanding teaching of students and related activities by members of the association. Nature of Awards: The winner(s) will receive a certificate(s). This award will be made annually at the WAEA meeting.

Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must be members of the Association and be actively involved in teaching and related activities. Previous award winners are not eligible for the same award. Evaluation Criteria: (1) Personal interest in and availability to students, (2) Mastery of subject matter (course content), (3) Creativity in designing and using innovative teaching methods, (4) Impact on learning, based on student and peer evaluation, and (5) Impact on departmental teaching program.

Procedures: Nominations may be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. Nomination Packet should contain: (a) The nominator should submit a letter of nomination, supplementary tables and supporting items if desired. The letter of nomination should summarize the teaching accomplishments of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above. The nomination letter is limited to no more than three pages (single spaced). (b) Summary tables may be added to the letter of nomination to provide supplemental and supporting data. NOTE: Summary tables will not be counted as part of the three page limit for the nomination letter and will also not be counted as one of the three supporting items. (c) A maximum of three supporting items may also be included. Electronic files of all materials shall be sent to the chair of the awards committee. Supporting materials may be scanned and submitted. Send nominations to: Dr. Cheryl DeVuyst, email: cheryl.devuyst@okstate.edu *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Outstanding Extension Program Award,

- for Project**
- for Career**

Purpose of Awards: To recognize outstanding extension programs by members of the Association. Nature of Awards: (1) "Outstanding Extension Program Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, for Project". This award shall be given to programs that are of less than or equal to five years duration. (2) "Outstanding Extension Program Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, for Career". This award shall be given to programs that are of more than five years duration. These awards may be made annually at the WAEA meeting. The winner(s) will receive a certificate.

Eligibility requirements: Nominee(s) must be actively involved in programs of informal education for audiences external to the university. The program may be that of either an individual or a group of individuals working as a team. If given to a team, at least one member of the team must be a member of the Association. If given to an individual, the winner must be a member. Evaluation Criteria: 1) Importance of the problem or subject, 2) Cost effectiveness of the program, 3) Appropriateness of the economic analysis, 4) Effectiveness of communication methods, and 5) Evidence of accomplishments of objectives and positive impact on target audience(s).

Procedures: Nominations must be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. Nomination Packet should contain: (a) The nominator should submit a letter of nomination, supplementary tables and supporting items if desired. The letter of nomination should summarize the accomplishments of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above. The nomination letter is limited to no more than three pages (single spaced). (b) Summary tables may be added to the letter of nomination to provide supplemental and supporting data. NOTE: Summary tables will not be counted as part of the three-page limit for the nomination letter and will also not be counted as one of the three supporting items. (c) A maximum of three supporting items may also be included. Electronic copies of all materials shall be emailed to the chair of the awards committee. Materials may be scanned and submitted. Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to: Dr. Kynda Curtis, email: kcurtis@cabnr.unr.edu . *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

WAEA 2009 CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

As part of the Western Agricultural Economics Association's efforts to encourage graduate student participation at meetings and in the association, the WAEA continues to offer graduate student travel scholarships. Scholarship awards are competitive. Both PhD and MS students are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those students who participate in the meetings as presenters or who will receive other WAEA awards at the meetings such as the Outstanding MS thesis award. The number of and individual award amounts are subject to WAEA resources. Past recipients have received awards ranging from \$400 to \$500 per person. Students must submit a brief application form and a short curriculum vita in pdf format. Award recipients are expected to become members of the WAEA, and they are expected to moderate at least one selected paper session at the meetings. *Award recipients will be notified by March 31, 2009.*

Students interested in applying may follow the graduate student travel scholarship link at the WAEA website (<http://waeonline.org/>) or submit the requested application materials at the same website housing the WAEA selected paper submissions. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

WAEA 2009 CALL FOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding undergraduate seniors who have achieved excellence in their academic achievements and of whom much is expected of their future contributions to agricultural, resource, and/or environmental economics in the Western states.

Nature of the Award: The awards will be called "Outstanding Senior Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association". These awards shall be distributed annually by the WAEA to department contacts, who shall distribute to selected students. The winner(s) will receive a certificate, 1-yr WAEA membership (including only the *WEF* publication not the *JARE*). All recipient names and institutions will be included in the WAEA Awards program and posted in the WAEA website.

Eligibility Requirements: One senior standing student may be selected by each degree granting institution in the nineteen western states of the United States (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) and four western provinces of Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan).

Eligibility Criteria: Decisions are made by individual departments.

Procedure: Selected student names and department contact information should be emailed to the WAEA President. Certificates and journals are mailed to the Department not to the student.

Send selected student information to: Penny Diebel, email: Penny.Diebel@eou.edu

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.

WESTERN ECONOMIC FORUM

The Dec/Jan issue of the *WEF* will include articles addressing the topics of Experimental Economics, Agritourism, Off Highway Vehicle Expenditures, Economics of Predator Control, and Benefits Transfer Tools for Environmental and Recreational Values. Be sure to access your copy at:

<http://agecon.uwyo.edu/waea/waeawef.htm>

The *WEF* is now seeking submissions for May 2009. Submission guidelines at http://agecon.uwyo.edu/waea/WEForum/2008_06_WEFSubmissionGuidelines.pdf

For more information contact: Donald M. McLeod, Editor - Western Economics Forum

Phone: (307) 766-3116, email: 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 are:

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

Membership forms available at:

<http://waeonline.org/>