



Dear WAEA Members;

I hope everyone is having a great winter. There is a lot going on in our association this winter. First, please join me in congratulating our new officers! The membership has elected Russell Tronstad (President), Chris Bastian (Vice President), Catherine Keske and Hikaru Peterson (directors) as our new officers.

Plans are ongoing for our special one-day WAEA program which will be held in conjunction with AAEA in July. Four joint sessions were submitted with AEM, FAMPS, GSS, and TLC sections of AAEA.

We have an impressive set of confirmed speakers for our special program. A special thanks to the The Farm Foundation for helping underwrite our luncheon with a \$5,000 donation.

A number of issues will be discussed at the business meeting. A new award will be proposed for the Outstanding Junior JARE reviewer and Senior JARE reviewer to be chosen by the editorial team. Many professional societies

recognize outstanding reviewers and we will submit this to the membership for their consideration.

We are working with the executive committee to bring a budget and discussion of our financial situation (which is in good shape), updating some non-profit status tax issues, coordinating our meeting with AAEA, and looking at our bylaws.

Information about the WAEA awards and nominations processes are included in newsletter and on our website. Please consider nominating a colleague.

Remember, WAEA is not having a separate call for selected papers for the joint meeting with AAEA. Information is included below on selected presentations submissions through AAEA for the joint meetings. Ande and Brian at AAEA have been a lot of help in coordinating our joint meeting.

The editorial team has a report and our devoted Treasurer has a report on membership.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 785.532.4449 or mboland@ksu.edu.



Thanks!

Mike Boland,  
WAEA  
President

#### Important Dates to Remember

January 18, 2010  
AAEA Selected presentations submissions due for 2010 AAEA/CAES/WAEA joint meeting

February 12, 2010  
WAEA award nominations due

February 12, 2010  
Graduate student travel scholarship applications due

July 25-27, 2010  
AAEA/CAES/WAEA joint meeting in Denver

## 2010 WAEA Invited Presenters

The following individuals will be speaking during our one day program and will be recognized at our luncheon which will be sponsored by the Farm Foundation. Confirmed speakers include:

Bill	Chambers	Stahlbush Island Farms	Oregon State University
Brad	Clow	Union Pacific	North Dakota State University
Christian	Freberg	The Wrigley Company	Kansas State University
Craig	Marotz	Sensitech	Washington State University
Dave	Berg	American Crystal Sugar Company	North Dakota State University
Dennis	Conley	Consultant	University of Idaho
Dustin	Clevenger	Gavilon	University of Nebraska
Gregg	Doud	NCBA	Kansas State University
Karen	Taylor	Farm Credit Canada	Oklahoma State University
Karla	Chambers	Stahlbush Island Farms	Oregon State University
Ken	Starks	BancFirst	Oklahoma State University
Kevin	Hoelscher	American Express	Texas Tech University
Mark	Teague	Toyota Financial Services	Oklahoma State University
Neil	Conklin	Farm Foundation	University of Wyoming
Richard	Fritz	Global AgriTrends International Dairy Foods Association	Montana State University
Robert	Yonkers	Association	Texas A&M University
Tim	Watts	Watts and Associates	Montana State University
Troy	Thompson	Chevron Services Company	Texas A&M University
Sterling	Liddell	Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Utah State University

Marty Albright (Koch Industries, Kansas State), Chuck Lyon (American Express International, University of Arizona), Jaral Neeper (Calcot, Texas Tech), and Mark McGinnis (Salmon, Lewis, and Weldon, University of Arizona) will also be recognized but cannot attend.

## WAEA 2010 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. 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. Send nominations to: Dr. Ted Schroeder, email: tcs@ksu.edu.

*Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted. Deadline February 12, 2010*

## WAEA 2010 CALL FOR GENERAL AWARD NOMINATIONS (Karen Klonsky)

The deadline for all submissions is Feb. 12, 2010. Please contact me at 530 752-3563 or [klonsky@primal.ucdavis.edu](mailto:klonsky@primal.ucdavis.edu) with any questions.



### **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 2009 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. Julian Alston, email: [Julian@primal.ucdavis.edu](mailto:Julian@primal.ucdavis.edu)  
*Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

### **MS 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: Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee. Four 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. Alternatively, an electronic version of the thesis may be sent to the chair of the selection committee.

Send nominations to: Dr. Tim Richards, email: [trichards@asu.edu](mailto:trichards@asu.edu) or mail: Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness Arizona State University, 7171 E. Sonoran Arroyo Mall, Peralta 3rd Floor Mesa, AZ.  
*Electronic submission are preferred.*

## **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).

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. Kim Anderson, email: [kim.anderson@okstate.edu](mailto:kim.anderson@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. Dawn Thilmany, email: [dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu](mailto:dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu). *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

### **WAEA 2010 CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010**

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 will receive other WAEA awards at the meetings such as the Outstanding MS thesis award. Six recipients will receive awards of \$500 per person. Students must submit a one page statement explaining how they will benefit from the award and participate in the annual meetings along with a one page curriculum vita in pdf format. Award recipients are expected to become members of the WAEA and they are expected to help introduce speakers at the WAEA sessions of the joint AAEA meetings in Denver.

*Award recipients will be notified by April 1, 2010. Recipients will be chosen based upon their submission materials.* Send nominations to: Dr. Michael Boland, email: [mboland@agecon.ksu.edu](mailto:mboland@agecon.ksu.edu). *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

### **WAEA 2010 CALL FOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010**

**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: Dr. Michael Boland, email: [mboland@agecon.ksu.edu](mailto:mboland@agecon.ksu.edu).

## **AAEA SELECTED PRESENTATIONS CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2010 AAEA, CAES & WAEA JOINT MEETING (Remember that WAEA does not have a selected paper program this year)**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 18, 2010

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2010 AAEA, CAES, & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option of having their submission considered as a poster only.

Submissions for Selected Presentations need to include a two-page, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Joint Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting.

Abstracts need to be received by January 18, 2010, and should be submitted using AAEA's online submission system. In order to submit an abstract, you'll need to be a [2010 AAEA member](#), or pay a non-refundable [\\$25 submission fee](#). Once you have met either one of these requirements, you can submit through the [My Account section](#).

Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and proposals should explicitly state that the material has not been previously presented.

### **News From The *JARE* Editorial Team (Gary Brester)**



Joe Atwood, Vince Smith, Myles Watts, and Gary Brester officially began our tenure as editors of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE)* on January 1, 2010. We will be responsible for publishing Volumes 35, 36, and 37 during 2010-2012. However, we have been managing new submissions since April 2009 in preparation for Volume 35. We expect to have some carryover from David Lambert, George Davis, and Doug Larson. However, the carryover will likely be minimal which is optimal for authors, reviewers, and editors. After nine months of managing new submissions, I have a much greater appreciation for the skill and dedication of Dave, George, and Doug. Parenthetically, I have a much better appreciation for all editors who have managed my own submissions over the past 20 years. I hope each of you can find the time to contact our “retiring” *JARE* editorial team and express your appreciation for their efforts over the past three years.

To date, we have managed about 65 initial submissions. We greatly appreciate the time and energy commitment provided by those who both agree to review manuscripts and submit reviews within requested time frames. One of our goals is to minimize delays in the review/publishing process. We have been able to move papers “off of our desk” within one week of receiving submissions and reviews. Hence, delays in the process are primarily a function of waiting for reviewer confirmations and the receipt of reviews. *JARE* uses a web-based manuscript management software program (FastTrack) that provides automatic reminders to reviewers, and we often follow those reminders with personalized notices. As editors, we certainly understand the combined time pressures of work, teaching, research, grants, administration, and review requests. Therefore, we appreciate the positive responses of our profession to our review requests. The expertise of our reviewers is a primary factor in maintaining the quality of *JARE*. In an effort to economize on scarce reviewer resources, our team reads each submitted paper to determine its suitability for a formal review process.

As editors, we are learning how to optimize the use of our manuscript management software, and a few glitches have occurred as the result of two editorial teams “simultaneously” editing *JARE*. We expect the system to work more smoothly as we transition to a single editorial team and as we learn more about the system. We are very pleased to have Laura Smith provide our team with editorial assistance. Laura’s undergraduate educational background includes a focus on both Economics and English, and she has a Master’s Degree in Economics. In addition, she has excellent organizational skills. Thus, Laura is a fantastic member of our editorial team. Judy Harrison continues to expertly serve *JARE* as our technical editor. I have known Judy for more years than either she or I care to admit, and I am looking forward to working with her as we publish the April 2010 edition.

Perhaps our greatest concern at this point involves the ability of our profession to allocate time to producing research results and garnering the resources needed to publish those results. Time commitments on faculty seem to be growing, and this certainly inhibits our ability to conduct research. In addition, the publication of *JARE* is primarily supported by author page charges. In many institutions, these resources are dwindling. The leadership of *WAEA* and *JARE* continues to evaluate the trade-offs of alternative funding/publishing models. Alternatives will likely be presented to the membership at the *WAEA* 2010 annual meeting in Denver.

Finally, the quality of *JARE* is highly dependent on the quality of submitted manuscripts. We hope each of you considers *JARE* to be your primary research outlet. We look forward to receiving high-quality submissions from our members. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the publication of *JARE*.

#### **Membership Update News from the Secretary and Treasurer (Rob Davis)**



*WAEA* currently has 561 domestic memberships and 23 international memberships. The domestic members live and work in 47 states, Washington, D.C., and 6 Canadian Provinces. There are no current members from Mexico. International members work and live in 14 different countries. There are 5 types of memberships for domestic members: regular, student, senior, family, and lifetime. Regular memberships are the most common, making up 79.7 percent of the total domestic memberships. Student memberships make up 14.6 percent of the domestic memberships, followed by senior memberships (2.3 percent), lifetime memberships (2.1 percent) and family memberships (1.3 percent).

Most *WAEA* members work for universities (87.2 percent), but government agencies and private businesses are also represented by *WAEA* members (12.8 percent). There are 72 non-university domestic memberships. Data from the membership database shows that 30 private companies and 19 government agencies (including different groups within the same agency) have current *WAEA* members. There are 23 current memberships from the *USDA*. These memberships come from the *ERS*, *ARS*, *FAS*, *Livestock Branch*, *CSREES*, etc. These were counted as separate agencies even though they are all under the umbrella of the *USDA*.

The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year, so please consider renewing your membership for 2010. For domestic members, it will cost \$25 to renew or pay for a membership, students will pay \$5, family members will pay \$30, seniors will pay \$12, and a lifetime membership will cost, at most, \$240. Membership forms can be downloaded from [www.waeasonline.org](http://www.waeasonline.org) and then filled out and sent to Rob Davis, the secretary-treasurer, with a check.

If you prefer to pay for your membership with a credit card, you can fill out the membership form with your membership and credit card information and then send/fax/email the form to *AAEA* at:

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Or FAX to: 414-276-3349

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