

WAEA NEWS

Fall 2012



President's Message

We held another fine meeting of the WAEA membership on June 20-22 in Park City, Utah. Attendance was down somewhat, which we attributed to the AAEA holding their meetings this year in Seattle. Nevertheless, we had 110 attendees registered with the AAEA. This was higher than we anticipated, resulting in the meeting generating a net surplus of \$5,400 for the Association. I want to thank

Russ for all his work for putting together such an excellent meeting, also for Ruby Ward's help in handling the registration process. I thought Park City was a great venue for our association to meet. I think it would be a good place to return to in a few years.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 26-28, 2013 in Monterey, California. The AAEA meetings next summer will be in Washington, DC, so we expect many will opt for the natural beauty and pleasant weather of the Central California coast. Our meetings will be held at the Marriott Hotel, located in the heart of Monterey and just a few blocks from the ocean, Fisherman's Wharf, and other scenic attractions. Room rates will be \$199/night, which is somewhat more than what we paid in Park City. Registration fees will be right around the \$275/person charged in Park City. The association saw a drop off in membership from 453 members in 2011 to 381 in 2012. We attribute much of this to the decision by many to attend the Seattle meetings instead of Park City. We are confident that a more favorable venue vis a vie the AAEA will cause membership to rebound.

Our transition from the editorial team at Montana State to the team at University of Idaho-Washington State University is nearly complete. Gary Brester and his team are putting the finishing touches on the December issue of the JARE. Chris McIntosh is busy with the editorial

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Important Dates

WAEA Officer Ballots due November 1, 2011.

Selected Paper & Symposia Submissions due January 23, 2013.

All Award Nominations due February 11, 2013.

Presenters of Selected Papers & Symposia Proposals Must Register by May 1, 2013.

2013 Annual Meeting Monterey, California June 26-28, 2013.



process for the first issue of 2013. Thanks again to Gary, Joseph Atwood, Vincent Smith and Myles Watts for their work over the past three years. And I don't want to overlook the fine work of Don McLeod for putting together the *Western Economics Forum*.

In September the WAEA Executive Committee met via conference call to wrap up some issues from their meeting in June, as well as to discuss some ideas for next summer's meetings. The committee voted to contract with EDI to create a new website for the association and also to create a merchant account. Much of the cost for these upgrades will be covered by the "profit" generated at the Park City meeting. The website will give us a more updated and professional look. The merchant account will be invaluable in helping process registration fees for future meetings, JARE page charges, and other costs

associated with running the WAEA. We also want to identify some ways to boost attendance at our meetings and membership in the association. We are exploring with the AAEA the option of providing discounted membership dues for individuals who join more than one professional organization. We will also be holding a competition for outstanding graduate paper at next summer's meetings. More details are provided later in the newsletter.

Sincerely,



Greg M. Perry
WAEA President

News From The JARE Editorial Team

The editorial team of Hayley Chouinard, Gregmar Galinato, Larry Makus and I have been working diligently since April 1 toward putting together Volume 38 of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. The Editorial team is managing an average of 20 submissions each month and at any given time has 35 to 40 active submissions in process. There are many challenges that come with managing the review process. Obviously the continued production of a high-quality journal is dependent upon the contributions of our authors and reviewers.

The editorial team is committed to maintaining and improving the *JARE*'s standing within the agricultural economics profession. The quality of the *JARE* is dependent on the quality of our submissions, and the time commitment of our reviewers and editorial council. I can speak for the entire editorial team in saying thank you to those of you who have willingly given of your time and talent to contribute to the

quality of the *JARE*. The editorial team is truly appreciative of your efforts. We would also like to express our thanks to Gary Brester and Amy Bekkerman for their assistance with many aspects of editing the *JARE*.

We encourage everyone to consider *JARE* as your primary publication outlet. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments regarding the publication of the *JARE*.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. McIntosh
Managing Editor (2013-2015)
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Western Economics Forum

It is my pleasure to feature three exemplary articles in the Spring 2012 Special Issue of *Western Economics Forum*. The first by Little, Broadbent and Berrens focuses on a long standing contention that Contingent Valuation (CV) suffers from hypothetical bias. They use meta-analysis to combine and estimate the contribution different phenomena have to hypothetical bias (actually the disparity between hypothetical v. actual responses) from nearly 100 existing studies. The probability of disparity models indicate that how data is collected, the demographics of the sample, the importance of the good and the value elicitation format all have an impact on the deviation of hypothetical from actual valuation responses. A key outcome is that “no evidence here (*exists*) that private goods are less prone to observing hypothetical bias.” They find similar results for Choice Experiments v. CV as well as willingness to pay compared to willingness to accept formats.

The second article by Taylor and Rollins uses rangelands as a basis for organizing how economic analysis may be applied to policies targeting landscape-scale ecological change. The scale of analysis implies the consideration of collections of species and multiple ecological services rather than a piece-wise analysis. They offer a benefits transfer approach with ex post estimation coming from aggregated sites as a means to obtain welfare changes associated with ecological changes. They indicate the importance of spatial and temporal scale considerations in addition to considering the uncertainty of a given management action achieving an intended policy outcome.

Finally the piece by Loomis gives perspective on economic analysis (CV) of public lands management decisions. He provides a holistic approach as implied by the valuation of management alternatives as compared to separate valuation of individual outputs of management decisions. Several prescriptions and

opportunities are offered. CV should target the change in values for different landscapes and even desired landscape conditions, perhaps ultimately as embedded values in GIS layers. Open space valuation should inform the value of public lands open space on the wildland urban interface. Although an array of nonmarket techniques may be useful for valuation, stated preference techniques offer the best framework for large scale management plans and desired future conditions.

The Fall 2012 issue offers the following:

- Wesley Bignell “Comparing Locally Oriented and Mainstream Farming: Observations from the Oregon Blueberry Industry;”
- Christiane Schroeter and Xiaowei Cai “It’s All About Produce: Flexing the Muscles of Western U.S. Organic Spinach Consumption;”
- Christopher T. Bastian, Stephen T. Gray, Dannele E. Peck, John P. Ritten, Kristiana M. Hansen, James M. Krall, and Steven I. Paisley “The Nature of Climate Science for the Rocky Mountain West: Implications for Economists Trying to Help Agriculture Adapt;”
- Craig A. Bond and Terrence Iverson “Modeling Information in Environmental Decision-Making;” and
- Kelly M. Cobourn and Neil F. Crescenti “The Implications of Surface–Ground Water Hydrology for Optimal Conjunctive Management;”

Manuscripts are now being accepted for the Spring 2013 issue.



Don McLeod, editor



WAEA Officer Elections

We are grateful for the following members who have agreed to stand for election.

Voting Instructions

Please vote by **November 1, 2012**. Web ballots should be submitted at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D872BJL>.

Candidates for President (please choose one)



Ruby Ward
Associate Professor
Utah State University

Background

Ruby Ward is an Associate Professor in the Applied Economics Department at Utah State University. She has a PhD in

Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University (1998), an MBA from Texas A&M University (1994) and a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Utah State University (1992). Ward has had a three way appointment throughout her career with teaching, research and extension responsibilities. Her work is in the area of agricultural entrepreneurship and community development. She has received the Outstanding Extension Group Project three times from WAEA the latest was in 2011 for a national project which she led, Rural Tax Education. Ward was the chair of the WAEA awards committee in both 2004 and 2007 and a member of the committee in a few other years. She was a WAEA Director from 2008-2010 and has also been a member of the WAEA Council.

WAEA Vision Statement

The Western Agricultural Economics Association is one of the most valuable, rewarding, and enjoyable groups that I have been a part of and it is an honor to

be nominated for president. One of the things that I have benefited from the most is the opportunity it provides to exchange ideas with others. WAEA is truly an association. The annual meetings, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics and the Western Economic Forum have all encouraged and enabled my interaction with others in our profession. WAEA has always been a place where applied issues that are important to people in the West are explored from interesting papers and topics at the annual meetings and journal articles in JARE. Through WAEA I have made connections with others that have helped me in all areas of my career including research, teaching and extension, from informal mentoring and conversations that sparked new ideas to formal collaborations on larger projects. It is important to me to continue to have a strong association that provides these opportunities to others in the profession including new faculty.

Being a part of the Executive Board and council meetings of WAEA I am aware of the issues that the association has dealt with and continues to deal with. One of these is getting new faculty involved in the association so that it can continue to offer the same benefits to them as it has in my career. If elected as president, I want to continue to build on the strong tradition of WAEA holding great annual meetings and having a highly respected journal. I would also like to explore new ways for members to interact with each other and for WAEA to continue to be an organization that has strong value for its members.





Tom Marsh
Professor
Washington State
University

Background

Tom Marsh is a Professor in the School of Economic Sciences at

Washington State University. He received his B.S. from Carroll College and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Montana State University and Washington State University. From 1998 to 2004 he was assistant and then associate professor at Kansas State University. Since 2004 he has been a faculty member at Washington State University. His research and teaching activities have been focused on agricultural and natural resource economics. He has previously served WAEA in various ways, including reviewing selected papers and journal articles, serving on committees, organizing meeting sessions, as well as participating on the Executive Council and JARE Editorial council. He also provided service and leadership roles for the AAEE and AARES associations.

Vision Statement

The purpose of the WAEA is to serve its constituents, and I believe the role of the president is one of service and leadership. Past administrations have effectively provided guidance and direction for the association. I would follow the path and precedence of previous administrations where reasonable and effective. In this light I believe it is important to maintain a fiscally sound and progressive path. Moreover, we need to continue to work on membership issues as highlighted in past business meetings. Effective organization of annual meetings that continue to be relevant and accessible to the membership should remain a top priority.

The membership may want to consider alternative paths. For example, WAEA has held joint annual meetings with the AAEE and other organizations in the past. However, we may consider holding organized symposiums outside of annual meeting dates. These have been successfully implemented by the Australian and European societies. The idea is to not only attract new members or re-establish connections with past members, but also to address timely, relevant policy issues, provide more outlets for research, and facilitate networking.



Candidates for Director (please choose two)



Lynn Hamilton
Professor
Cal Poly

Background

Dr. Hamilton has been a faculty member in Cal Poly's Agribusiness Department since 1996, where she teaches

agribusiness principles, agricultural policy, and research methods. Her research interests include land use policy, the regulatory environment faced by agribusiness firms and renewable energy. She has been a member of WAEA since 2001. Cal Poly, the WAEA, the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture and AASCARR have recognized her for teaching excellence. Dr. Hamilton also held a visiting associate professor position at Michigan State University from 2004-2010 where she helped coordinate MSU Extension's wind energy outreach project. Dr. Hamilton has a B.S. from The Ohio State University and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Hamilton has served on the Teaching Awards Committees for both the WAEA and the AAEA, as well as two years as chair of AAEA's Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics and as a regional director of NACTA. She has been a reviewer for a

variety of applied economics journals as well as a grant reviewer for USDA funding programs.

Interest in Serving the WAEA

It's an honor to be nominated to serve as director of the WAEA. I have been a member of WAEA for more than 10 years, and have benefited tremendously by my involvement in the organization. I find the meetings intellectually stimulating and professionally rewarding, as I return to my university with new ideas for research and teaching innovation. I have found WAEA an excellent outlet for presenting my work and I always receive constructive and useful feedback during the selected paper sessions. Over the years I have served the WAEA as a member of the Teaching Awards Committee as well as a reviewer for selected papers. I will be working with several colleagues at Cal Poly to plan an exciting industry tour for the 2013 WAEA meetings in Monterey, California.

As a director, I would bring a perspective somewhat different from those of my colleagues at land-grant universities. WAEA should strive to serve all members, and there are a number of us who teach at non-land grant institutions. We serve primarily undergraduates, and focus heavily on innovations in agribusiness education and applied industry research. My goal as director is to ensure that those viewpoints are represented, and that agribusiness education and industry partnerships are part of future WAEA meetings.





Dustin Pendell
Associate Professor
Colorado State
University

Background

Dustin Pendell is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at

Colorado State University. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University, respectively, and Ph.D. from Kansas State University in 2006. His research and teaching activities are in the areas of agricultural marketing and agribusiness management. Since first presenting at the 2003 WAEA annual meeting while in graduate school, Dustin has attended regularly. Currently, Dustin serves on the WAEA council as he has since 2009. Additional activities for WAEA include reviewing journal article submissions for *JARE* and *WEF* and selected paper abstract submissions. Dustin served on the Distinguished Scholar Award Selection committee in 2011 and 2012.

WAEA Vision Statement

Since participating in my first WAEA annual meeting in 20013, this association has become one of my

favorite professional organizations. During my time as a graduate student and now as faculty, I have found the annual meetings provide excellent opportunities not only for scholarly engagement and professional development, but in networking with fellow agricultural and resource economists that are interested in similar Western issues. The challenge (and opportunity) facing the WAEA is to continue adapting its actives to create value, especially to graduate students and new Ph.D.'s. I am committed to exploring and implementing innovative opportunities that attract new members, all the while maintaining successful incentive programs (e.g., graduate student travel grants). As one example to increase participation, I would explore ways to have more young faculty and graduate students involved in Organized Symposia. Although this is just one possible way to increase participation, additional ideas would be obtained from current members, other regional associations and disciplines. As we expand membership and increase involvement, we need to continue with our current successes (e.g., attractive meeting locations, diverse Western topics and strong reputation of *JARE*). In summary, I truly believe in investing in our future and am looking forward to serving the Association and contribute to the success of the WAEA for years to come.





Jared Carlberg
Associate Professor
University of Manitoba

Background

Dr. Jared Carlberg, currently serving as a councillor for the WAEA, is an associate professor in the Department of Agribusiness &

Agricultural Economics at the University of Manitoba. Jared grew up on a mixed cattle/grain farm near Osage, Saskatchewan, and later earned his B.A. (Honours in Economics) and B. Commerce (Finance major) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1997, his M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Saskatchewan in 1999, and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University in 2002 under the supervision of Clem Ward. He became a member of the Western Agricultural Economics Association in 2000, presenting a paper at the Vancouver meetings that year on game theory applications in fed cattle markets.

Jared's research to date has focused on agricultural marketing, industrial organization, and agribusiness. He has published papers on price discovery, market power, and animal identification strategies in the cattle and beef industries, on the effects of ownership restrictions on farmland values, on consumer preferences for branded beef products, and on success factors for new generation co-operatives. More recently, he has been conducting research on beef quality grades and price discovery at cattle auction marts, while also doing work on the social costs of food choice. For most of his career at the University of Manitoba, Jared has taught graduate agricultural marketing research and undergraduate econometrics; in 2012 he developed a new course focusing on consumer food choice, the health outcomes associated with consumer food choices, and the economic implications of those outcomes. More information on his research, teaching and extension activities can be

found at: <http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~carlberg/bio/Carlberg.html>

Vision for the WAEA

I consider the WAEA to be defined by its members' ability to undertake practical, policy-relevant research with a solid foundation in economic theory using rigorous statistical methods. Our Association is home to many of North America's top applied economists, and we have a proud tradition of publishing high quality agriculture and resource economics focused research. However, we, like other organizations, face a number of important challenges, not the least of which is thinking of ways to increase our membership numbers. To that end, during my time as a director, I will work to increase the visibility of our Association with the objective of improved member recruitment and retention.

In order to accomplish this, my specific goals will be (1) to increase our Association's contingent of Canadian members, and (2) to focus on encouraging graduate students to become more involved with the WAEA. With respect to the first goal, Canada has a considerable number of excellent agricultural and resource economists, but too few of them are aware of the benefits of being involved with the WAEA. I will work to change this by personally contacting every Canadian agricultural and resource economist who is not currently a WAEA member with an invitation to become involved with our organization. I will also continue to keep Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) members apprised on WAEA events. The 2011 Banff meetings showed that the two organizations can work well together and have a great deal in common in terms of membership and organizational goals. With respect to the second goal, I believe the WAEA is doing a good job of engaging with graduate and undergraduate students. Nevertheless, I will work with graduate co-ordinators and/or department heads at western universities to increase awareness of our organization among graduate students and encourage their participation in our annual meeting, highlighting the WAEA awards for which they may be eligible.





Philip Watson
*Assistant Professor,
 University of Idaho*

Background

Philip Watson is an Assistant Professor at the University of Idaho. His research focuses on the role of agriculture and natural resources in the

economic health of communities, the causes of regional economic growth, public resource management, and how communities value their natural resources. Phil is a faculty member in the department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and has a joint appointment with the interdisciplinary Bioregional Planning program. He has taught courses on community economic development theory, community economic development methods, regional planning methods, bioregional planning, and natural resource economics.

Dr. Watson received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. He has worked with both private firms and government agencies including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Park Service, National Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management on a broad array of regional economic and natural resource management issues. He first presented at the annual WAEA meetings as a graduate

student in 2004 and has greatly appreciated the association ever since that initial extremely positive experience.

Vision Statement

The thing that I have appreciated most about the WAEA is its commitment to promoting relevant research and discussion in agricultural, natural resource, environmental, regional development, and applied economic topics that are highly relevant to Western, national, and international problems. To me, economics is an evidence based problem solving discipline and I want to encourage and commend the WAEA for its commitment to meeting current challenges in a changing world.

The topics addressed by the WAEA are more relevant to society now in the twenty-first century than they have ever been. Agriculture is feeding more people now than it ever has before while meeting new challenges to determine its role in energy and biotechnology production. Natural resources are playing an ever more complex role in a society hungry for resources while increasingly sensitive to environmental consequences of externalities and public good issues surrounding natural resources. Urban and rural communities alike are looking a new their relationship to the food they eat and examining how to best use their land and resource to provide a prosperous future for generations to come. These are big topics and I want to be a part of a WAEA that is committed to meeting these challenges head on with practical approaches that use the best available science to answer real world problems.



WAEA 2013 Call For General Award Nominations (Hikaru Peterson and Catherine Keske)

The deadline for all submissions is February 11, 2013. For questions, please contact Hikaru Peterson (phone: 785-477-0726; email: hhp@agecon.ksu.edu) or Catherine Keske (phone: 970-372-7966; email: ckeske@law.du.edu).

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 2012 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:

- (1) Nominations must be made by WAEA members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association.
- (2) An electronic copy (**pdf format** is preferred) of each publication will be emailed to the chair of the selection committee.

- (3) Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to Dr. Rachael Goodhue at goodhue@primal.ucdavis.edu. *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Graduate Paper or Master's 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 Graduate Published Paper or 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 thesis or graduate Published papers 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: Nominations must be made by departments located within the geographic scope of the Association. Only one nomination per institution can be submitted.

An electronic copy (**pdf format**) of the thesis needs to be emailed to the chair of the selection committee.

Send nominations to Dr. Stephen Devadoss at devadoss@uidaho.edu. *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards

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

Purpose of Award: To recognize outstanding teaching of students and related activities by members of the Association.

Nature of Awards: Two awards may be given. (1) The first shall be called "Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association with less than 10 years experience". (2) The second will be called "Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award of the Western Agricultural Economics Association with more than 10 years experience". 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:

- 1) Nominations may be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association.
- 2) Nomination Packet.
 - 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 (letters of recommendation, publications, videos, etc.) may also be included. Each letter, publication, video, etc., counts as one item.
- 3) Electronic files of all materials shall be sent to the chair of the awards committee. Supporting

materials may be scanned and submitted.

- 4) Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to Dr. Marshall Frasier at (marshall.frasier@colostate.edu). *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Outstanding Extension Program Awards

--for Project
--for Career

Purpose of Awards: To recognize outstanding extension programs by members of the Association.

Nature of Awards: Two awards may be given annually. (1) The first shall be called the "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) The second shall be called "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:

- 1) Nominations must be made by Association members and/or departments located within the geographic scope of the Association.
- 2) Nomination Packet.
 - 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 (letters of recommendation, publications, videos, etc.) may also be included. Each letter of recommendation, publication, video, etc. counts as one item.
- 3) Electronic files of all materials shall be emailed to

the chair of the awards committee. Supporting materials may be scanned and submitted.

4) Selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a committee.

Send nominations to Dr. Jeff Johnson (jeff.johnson@ttu.edu).

Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.

Call for Distinguished Scholar Award Nominations

Deadline: February 11, 2013
(*Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*)

Send Applications to Russ Tronstad at RussTronstad@ag.arizona.edu

Purpose of the Award: To recognize 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 some combination of the following areas of performance:

- 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).

Nomination Process: Any member of the association may nominate any living member for the honor of election as distinguished scholar by submitting the name to Russ Tronstad at RussTronstad@ag.arizona.edu no later than midnight, February 11, 2013. Documentation shall include a brief vitae (not to exceed six pages, double-spaced) along with a nomination letter describing why the person is worthy of the honor. The total nomination package will be limited to a maximum of eight typed, double-spaced pages. A nominee must be a current member of the association, having been a member for a total of at least 20 years.

Nomination Pool: The Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee is responsible to augment the pool of nominees obtained from the general membership with economists who

they feel should be considered for this recognition.

Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee: The Distinguished Scholars Selection Committee shall operate with a chairperson revolving annually and is comprised of four scholars, the past president of the association, and WAEA directors.

Announcement of Election: The names of the newly elected scholars shall be announced at the annual meeting of the association by the president of the association or his/her appointed representative, who shall read a statement regarding the achievements of each scholar and shall present a plaque of recognition to each person so honored. The statements regarding achievements and photographs of the winners shall be published in the December issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

Call for Selected Papers

For the 2013 Meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association
(June 26-28, 2013, Monterey, California)

Selection and presentation guidelines have been updated, so please read the complete guidelines carefully.

Eligibility: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural and resource economics, including teaching, research, and/or extension are encouraged. At least one author must be a member of WAEA. Additionally, by May 1, 2013, the presenting author must be identified, registered for the Annual Meeting and a current member of the WAEA in order for an accepted paper to be included in the program. *No member may submit more than one abstract as the sole or senior author, but an individual may be a junior author on multiple abstracts.* Papers should be original, not submitted elsewhere for presentation, and not previously presented at another agricultural economics meeting.

Paper Selection: Papers will undergo a double-blind peer review process. The Selected Paper Review Committee will prioritize paper acceptance based upon a rank order of scores on a paper review rubric. The final decision to accept or reject a paper will be made by the Selected Paper Committee Chair. Notification of paper acceptance will take place mid-March 2013. Authors and co-authors that withdraw or do not present accepted selected papers, except for unavoidable emergencies, will be tracked and this information

may be used as part of the selection criteria for next year.

Submission Guidelines:

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the link provided on WAEA's website (www.waeaonline.org). Proposals must be submitted *in pdf format* and cannot exceed two pages using double-spacing and a 12-point font with one-inch margins on all sides; however, references may be included on a third page. To facilitate the blind review process, please do not place the author(s) name(s) on the abstract. Author information will be collected separately during the electronic submission process. A suggested format for the abstract is as follows: Title, Problem Statement, Objectives, Data and Methods, Results or Expected Results, and Implications.

Submission Deadline: January 23, 2013 midnight (EST).

Proposals can be uploaded to the conference software via a link on the WAEA's website (www.waeaonline.org) starting around mid-November 2012.

Graduate Paper Competition:

As a part of the selected papers process, the WAEA wants to particularly encourage the submission of quality papers by graduate students. To this end, the WAEA is sponsoring a contest for the outstanding selected papers submitted by graduate students. To be eligible for this competition, a student must: a) Be the lead author on the selected paper; b) Indicate in the submission process

that the paper is to be considered in the competition; c) Be a member of WAEA as of February 1, 2013; and d) Present the paper in person at the WAEA meetings in Monterey, California. The authors of the top three papers will receive cash rewards of \$500, \$250 and \$100. The top paper will also be published in the JARE. **Topic Codes:** Please indicate a two-digit topic area code on the title page that matches the paper's contribution most closely. This will determine who reviews the paper.

- 01—Production economics and farm/ranch management
- 02—Resource and environmental economics
- 03—Agri marketing, demand and price analysis
- 04—Agribusiness
- 05—Agricultural finance
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