

# WAEA NEWS

Fall 2013



## President's Message

We held another great meeting of the WAEA on June 26-28 in sunny Monterey, California. Attendance of 112 plus 22 guests was about the same as the meeting in Park City, Utah last year. I want to thank Greg Perry for organizing an excellent meeting and making the arrangements for such an enjoyable event. Also I want to thank the Cal Poly folks for organizing a very interesting and informative tour of four agribusiness firms in the Salinas

Valley. About 20 percent of the conference attendees participated in the tour. Certainly Monterey, California should stay on our radar as a possible place to hold a meeting.

Our next meeting is June 22-24, 2014 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Antlers Hilton. The hotel is located in a new part of the city with many nearby restaurants and shopping opportunities. The meeting rooms are very nice and the venue will be just the right size for the WAEA. Room rates are \$139 per day. Reservations can be made by calling 719-555-5600 or FAX 719-955-5650, toll free at 866-299-4602, or online at

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/antlers-hilton-colorado-springs-COSCSHF/about/index.html>

Reservations need to be made by May 23, 2014 to lock in the conference rate plus free high speed internet and complimentary self parking (a \$17/day saving).



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## Important Dates

WAEA Officer Ballots due  
November 1, 2013.

Selected Paper & Symposia  
Submissions due February 10, 2014.

All Award Nominations due  
February 14, 2014.

Presenters of Selected Papers &  
Symposia Proposals Must Register by  
May 1, 2014.

2014 Annual Meeting Colorado  
Springs, Colorado, June 22-24, 2014.

The WAEA website has been updated at [www.waeonline.org](http://www.waeonline.org). A feature I want to add to the website is a link to download PDFs of all slides presented at the WAEA meeting. I requested PDF files of PowerPoint slides from all presenters at Monterey but have received only about half of the presentations. Send me your slides so the rest of the profession can see the high quality of presentations at the WAEA meetings.

Membership was down again. We need to encourage our colleagues and graduate students to join the WAEA. At \$5 for students and \$40 for full members the WAEA is a bargain. Financially the WAEA has shown a positive net income for the past four years. We can expect this pattern to continue; however, increased membership would certainly add to the bottom line so we can continue this fine organization.

Last year WAEA contracted with EDI to provide a merchant account as part of the new website. Page charges, registration fees, and membership dues can now be paid online. I hope that this new feature is working for you. If you have issues please contact me and we will try to resolve the problem.

Jay Noel and Kellie Raper are in charge of the WAEA Awards for the 2014 meeting. If you are interested in serving the Association please contact me or one of them regarding participation on an awards committee.

Dates to keep in mind are:

- Vote by November 1 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HGLWJVP>
- WAEA Presented Papers will be due by February 10, 2014.
- WAEA Award nominations will be due by February 14, 2014.
- Suggestions for symposiums can be sent to me before January 31, 2014.



James W. Richardson  
President  
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## News From the JARE Editorial Team

You should soon be receiving your August 2013 issue of the *JARE*. The publication of this issue is a little tardy due simply to the volume of manuscripts received and the pace of the review and editorial processes. While as editors, we have little control over the pace of the peer review process, we strive to complete reviews in a timely fashion. We continue to believe the double-blind peer review system is the best approach to accomplishing the goals of the Journal and our professional association. Your participation in this process is an important contribution to not only to the *JARE* but also to our profession.

In the Spring 2013 issue of WAEA news I alerted you to the presence of a fraudulent “Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economic” *sic*. This website continues to exist, though they have moved to a new URL. In the past they have accepted manuscripts and page charges using the name of our Journal (as well as signing correspondence with my name). I have noticed that they recently placed a link to the (real) WAEA web site on their “journal” page. I will continue my attempts to get this shut down. The real *JARE* continues to operate as it always has and the FastTrack system is secure.

We currently have 43 active manuscripts in process undergoing either their first or second review. We have been receiving an average of 23 new submissions each month. As I have said in the past, the quality of the *JARE* is dependent on the quality of our submissions, and the time commitment of our reviewers and editorial council members. 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*.

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

## Greetings from the Editor of Western Economics Forum

The Western Economics Forum  
A peer reviewed publication from the Western  
Agricultural Economics Association

### Purpose

One of the consequences of regional associations nationalizing their journals is that professional agricultural economists in each region have lost one of their best forums for exchanging ideas unique to their area of the country. 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.

### Subject

This publication is specifically targeted at informing professionals in the West about issues, methods, data, or other content addressing the following objectives:

- Summarize knowledge about issues of interest to western professionals
- To convey ideas and analysis techniques to non-academic, professional economists working on agricultural or resource issues
- To demonstrate methods and applications that can be adapted across fields in economics
- To facilitate open debate on western issues

### Structure and Distribution

The Western Economics Forum is a peer reviewed publication. It usually contains three to five articles per issue, with approximately 2,500 words each (maximum 3,000), and as much diversity as possible across the following areas:

- Farm/ranch management and production
- Marketing and agribusiness
- Natural resources and the environment
- Institutions and policy
- Regional and community development

*Western Economics Forum* offers four valuation pieces in the Spring 2013 issue.

The first offering is a health policy piece based on surveys conducted at Colorado State University. The

payment vehicle is interesting and intuitively appealing for a student sample. The second and third articles provide methods for valuation using benefits transfer techniques. The final paper explores the limitations of nonmarket valuation with respect to rangeland projects.

Chian Jones Ritten and Ian M. Breunig

Willingness to Pay for Programs for the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine on a Rocky Mountain West College Campus

John W. Duffield, Chris J. Neher, David Patterson, John Loomis

Valuation of Recreation in the National Parks: Estimating Micro Meta Models for Benefit Transfer

Randall S. Rosenberger, Lauren A. Bell, Patricia A. Champ, and Eric M. White

Estimating the Economic Value of Recreation Losses in Rocky Mountain National Park Due to a Mountain Pine Beetle Outbreak

L. Allen Torell, Gregory L. Torell, John A. Tanaka, and Neil R. Rimbey

The Potential of Valuing Rangeland Ecosystem Services on Public Rangelands

Fall 2013 is to be a special issue based on economic issues associated with the management of public lands in the West. Several manuscripts are currently in preparation based on the adequacy of submitted prospectuses.

Submissions for Spring 2014 are now being accepted. This is a great forum for “Choices-like” articles and for graduate students to get their feet wet in the publishing process.

Looking forward to your submission



Donald McLeod

## WAEA Officer Elections

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

### Voting Instructions

Please vote by **November 1, 2013**. Web ballots should be submitted at

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

### Candidates for President (please choose one)



**Hikaru Peterson**  
*Professor*  
*Kansas State University*

### Background

Hikaru is Professor and Undergraduate Program Director in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, where she has been a faculty member since 2000. Hikaru received her B.A. from University of Tokyo, and

M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. Her research activities have focused on food and agricultural marketing. She has previously served WAEA in various ways, including reviewing selected papers and journal articles and serving on the WAEA Council from 2008 through 2011. She was elected to the WAEA Board in 2010 and served through 2013.

### WAEA Vision Statement

WAEA became my professional home early in my career at Kansas State, when my colleagues invited me to join. I've become fond of two things about the association in particular: its commitment to nurturing young members and its emphasis on stakeholder relevant research. Since I began to attend the executive meetings, I've been impressed with the leadership of fiscal responsibility and forward-looking vision. I observed the recent incorporation of the association as a Council member and an incoming Board member. The changes have brought about institutional stability to the association and positioned the association to further pursue its stated goals, including professional development of members and problem-oriented research.

We should certainly monitor the recent decline in membership and annual meeting attendance. But, I strongly believe that the future of the association is bright as long as we continue to provide value to members through annual meetings with face-to-face interactions among attendees that cannot be obtained any other way. Together with the Board and Council members and JARE editors, I look forward to strengthening the annual meeting format to further promote constructive feedback to presenters. One way is more deliberate and active solicitation of organized symposia, which is within the President's responsibility. Other ideas I'd like the leadership team to consider include appointments of discussants for selected papers, designating time within sessions for a panel-type discussion, and facilitated mentorship opportunities.

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**Dr. Dawn Thilmany McFadden**  
*Professor Colorado State University*

**Background**

Dawn Thilmany

McFadden is a Professor of Agribusiness and Agribusiness Extension Economist with Colorado State University. Dawn’s research and extension focuses on Sustainable Community Development, Specialty Crops and Food System Work teams. Her current work focuses on developing curriculum and short courses for beginning farmers in the Western region and supporting value-added agribusinesses throughout Colorado. She has served as the Interim Program leader for Organics with USDA-CSREES and was a Farm Foundation Fellow for Rural Community Vitality. She currently serves on the USDA Advisory Board on Research, Extension and Education and the National Rural Development Policy Research Advisory Board.

In addition to attending and enjoying almost every WAEA meeting over the past 20 years, she has served WAEA in a number of positions including: Board of Directors (1996-98), Awards Chair (1997), Selected Papers Chair (2001), Editor of the Western Economics Forum (2002-05), Vice President (1998-99) and Secretary-Treasurer (2002-04). She will end her term on the AAEE Board of Directors in 2014 and also serves on the Board for the Food Distribution Society.

**WAEA Vision Statement:**

WAEA was the first organization I associated myself with as a young professional, because I have been trained (UC-Davis) and held appointments (Utah State and Colorado State) in key institutions of our region, and because it was a uniquely inviting community for early career professionals. Since then, my role in the WAEA has evolved as I played different service roles, and I became even more convinced that WAEA had a unique role in our profession. In addition to maintaining a strong and independent journal representing highly visible issues to the West (natural resources and water, livestock market dynamics, rural development in sparsely populated areas), we have Annual meetings that allow our members to engage with their peers in venues and

group sizes more conducive to strengthening their professional networks. These key activities should continue, while we also consider some of the emerging professional needs of the next generation of our members (tools and venues to communicate their Research and Extension to new audiences, smaller symposia and networking opportunities outside of the Annual meetings (in-person or virtual). Perhaps some of these needs will be addressed in coordination with similarly focused allied organizations and regional research committees. My goal would be to help establish one new service of value to our membership, especially graduate students and those early in their career, so that they can feel networked with the region (and beyond) in the way that WAEA allowed me to develop in my earlier years.

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**Candidates for Director (please choose two)**



**Scott Fausti**  
*Professor*  
*South Dakota State University*

**Background**

Dr. Scott W. Fausti is a Professor in the Department of Economics at South Dakota State University. He has been on the SDSU faculty for over 20 years, after earning his M.S. and Ph.D. from

the University of Illinois U-C. Dr. Fausti received his B.S. degree from North Dakota State University.

Dr. Fausti’s research and teaching activities are in the areas of agricultural marketing and risk management. He attended his first WAEA annual meeting in 1995. In addition to being a dedicated member of the WAEA, he has contributed to the association by reviewing journal article submissions for *JARE* and selected paper abstract submissions. Dr. Fausti has also been an active member of the W-3177 and SCC-76 regional committees as well as the AAEE Applied Risk Analysis section.

**WAEA Vision Statement**

As a loyal member of the WAEA, I am honored by the opportunity to serve the WAEA membership. Throughout its long history, the WAEA has devoted itself to economic and environmental issues pertaining to Western States. As a member of the faculty at South Dakota State University, I value the analysis and policy insights on issues discussed during the annual meetings and the articles that appear in *JARE* and *WEF*. The outstanding quality of these WAEA outreach activities is a reflection of people who support and participate in this outstanding organization. If elected, I promise to serve the interest of the membership and provide leadership to address the challenges that the WAEA may confront in the future. In my opinion, the issues facing the WAEA are the same issues other regional associations are facing today, with the most pressing issue being membership and annual meeting attendance. Declining federal and state funding is forcing faculty to make decisions to

forego attending multiple professional meetings on an annual basis. Regional meeting attendance has suffered because of this financial constraint facing faculty. The most effective way to gain loyal membership is to attract faculty at the beginning of their career. If elected, I will pursue policy options that will encourage graduate students and new Ph.D. faculty to view WAEA membership as a valued resource that is necessary for career development. Increasing professional activities for young members will encourage increased participation and ensure a rising membership in the future. In summary, I believe in investing in our future and encouraging all of our membership to become actively involved in the Association.

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**James G. Robb**  
*Director*  
*Livestock Marketing*  
*Information Center*

**Background**

Jim Robb is the Senior Agricultural Economist at the Livestock Marketing Information Center

(LMIC) and for 19 years has served as the Director. He has written over 1,000 research reports, articles, and newsletters on a variety of marketing and economic topics related to the livestock industries. Jim is a regular speaker at conferences throughout North America and has given expert testimony to the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee.

Prior to joining the LMIC in 1991, Jim was an Agricultural Economist at the University of Nebraska with joint Extension and applied research responsibilities in the areas of farm management and marketing. He also has worked in the agricultural banking sector. Jim received degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of California-Davis (B.S. with Honors) and Michigan State University (M.S).

The LMIC began in 1955 as the Western Livestock Marketing Information Project; it grew into a North American virtual center of excellence in the early 1990's. It is a unique cooperative effort that supports market education, research, and outlook. Center partners include 28 Land Grant Universities, six USDA agencies, and associate organizations. Associate organizations include livestock commodity organizations, Canadian institutions, and a select group of agribusinesses.

**Vision Statement**

The WAEA has distinguished itself through the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics and an annual meeting. Publications and annual meetings must remain both accessible and relevant to the membership with special focus on agricultural and natural resource economic issues in the west.

For many years, the overriding Association issue has been membership and participation. Working on those issues is a major role of the organizations leadership. The membership count needs to be increased. Increasing

member participation at the annual meeting should remain a high priority.

I bring a blend of experience and affiliations with industry, Federal government, and academia. If elected, I will be engaged and actively represent the membership.

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**Duncan M. Chembezi**  
*Professor*  
*Alabama A&M*  
*University*

### **Background**

Duncan M. Chembezi is a professor of economics and agribusiness at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville. Having a joint appointment, he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in economics, agricultural economics, agribusiness and applied econometrics in the Department of Finance, Agribusiness and Economics within the College of Business and Public Affairs. He also directs and provides leadership for the University's Small Farms Research Center within the College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences (CALNS). The Center is the sole outreach arm within CALNS, disseminating useful information and providing outreach training, business management education, and carefully targeted technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs and agricultural producers, who own, manage or operate small farm businesses, often with limited resources. Duncan holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural and applied economics with emphasis in price/policy analysis, marketing and applied econometrics from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has previously worked with the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri and with the Agricultural Policy Analysis Center at the University of Tennessee. He has also consulted with the U.S. Agency for International Development (US-AID) in Africa.

Duncan's primary research focus is agricultural and food policy, marketing and market structure, risk management, and food safety. He is a long-standing member of the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA), Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Food Distribution Research Society, Missouri Valley Economic Association (MVEA), and other professional associations. Duncan is a current member of the AAEA Nominating Committee. He also sits and serves on the Board of Directors for the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE), a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the national presence of the agricultural economics profession. C-FARE aims to represent the interests of all professional agricultural and applied economists in the United States. Duncan has

previously served as SAEA director, MVEA vice president and director, AAEA's Extension Section 1890 director, member of the AAEA's Economics, Statistics and Information Resource Committee, Membership Committee, Committee on the Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics, Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section, and Food and Nutrition Section. Duncan has made several presentations at WAEA annual meetings, and has annually served as reviewer of selected papers and posters.

### **Vision Statement**

Because of WAEA leaders, who have shared a common vision and worked tirelessly to establish methods of identifying emerging agricultural, economic and policy issues around the globe, WAEA has developed into one of the strongest and well-established regional associations. It has become known for delivering effective services to its membership, students and the profession, as a whole. With many achievements and a great history, WAEA is also facing new challenges, especially as the U.S. grapples with issues of the environment, natural resources, and the effects of global economic crises which continue to significantly and adversely affect agriculture and other sectors of the economy. The impending U.S. Farm Bill and the diverse nature of U.S. agriculture call for significant involvement by diverse teams of applied economists – analyzing, understanding, and effectively communicating the likely impacts of the new farm legislation and global economic downturn on agriculture and other sectors of the economy.

If elected, I would work toward increased interdisciplinary efforts and interaction that continue to recognize exceptional teaching, research and outreach/extension expertise. Secondly, WAEA should propose to increase membership by attracting able young economists and promoting them in professional ranks to assume key leadership positions. WAEA must remain more inclusive, appealing equally to increased numbers of under-represented professionals from 1890 and 1994 institutions. Furthermore, I believe there should be increased awareness of WAEA expanded throughout the agricultural economics and agribusiness profession, as well as throughout the graduate school community, by sponsoring professional activities for graduate and undergraduate students. I also believe that WAEA would benefit from increased efforts towards training graduate students and young professionals to be able to translate research results into usable/useful outreach information.

Finally, the establishment of more professional activities and increased collaboration between or among WAEA, AAEA, SAEA, NAREA and other professional associations through joint symposia and/or other professional activities, would definitely serve to strengthen organizational successes. While joint annual meetings are an obvious means of fostering collaboration and enhancing professional exchange among associations and their members, joint professional activities outside these annual meetings can prove equally valuable to and rewarding for our profession. I would like to be at the center of these necessary transformations that will likely exert extreme pressures for continued growth of our association and profession.

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**KERRY LITZENBERG**  
*Presidential Professor  
 for Teaching  
 Excellence, and  
 Regent's Professor  
 Texas A&M University  
 System*

**Background**

During my 30 plus year career at Texas A&M University I have focused on teaching and applied

research in sales and sales management, marketing, management and strategic decision-making at Texas A&M and to students in Guatemala (summer school Master's Program for 10 years) Australia, Indonesia and Armenia. I also present seminars and manage projects in higher education, scholarship of teaching and learning and curriculum development. I am particularly interested in research on student motivation and learning, industry skill requirements, career development of students and serve as a national and international expert on curriculum design. I have presented several faculty seminars at Western universities (eg. University of Idaho, Oklahoma State University), as well as other Land Grant universities (University of Florida, University of Illinois) about engaging millennial students in our classrooms. I regularly present seminars to students on career planning and development, interviewing and professional skill development.

During my career I regularly do sales training sessions with firms in the pest control, agricultural chemicals, seed, housing and other technically based industries and I am also an effective moderator for reaction panels for industry and university conferences. I have also led strategic planning exercises with profit and not-for-profit firms and organizations. I characterize myself as a professional teacher first and foremost but have served as a consultant in academic program development and evaluation at over 15 universities in the US, Canada, Armenia and Australia. In 2010, I was the chief of party for a 4 member panel to provide an analysis of the Agriculture Teaching Center (ATC) at the State University of Armenia.

I have won several awards for teaching with the most prestigious being: the Texas A&M Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence, USDA Excellence in College And University Outstanding Teaching Award, AAEA

national teaching award and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Southern Association of Agricultural Economists. Being chosen as a *Regent's Professor* at Texas A&M University System in 2009 and being selected as a *Fellow* of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association are among my most honored awards. Distinguished Teaching Awards from the Texas A&M Association of Former Students on three occasions are evidence of support from the over 10,000 former students in my courses taught in the Agricultural Economics department and in the May's business school at Texas A&M.

Kerry Litzenberg was born in 1949 in Northeastern Indiana and grew up on a grain farm. He was active in High School Athletics (Football and Basketball) and FFA. After earning three degrees from Purdue University he moved to Texas in 1979 and has been at Texas A&M since that time. He has three daughters (all graduated Aggies and two of them are married to Aggies) from his first marriage and has five grandchildren. Kerry is married to Sandy Keller Litzenberg, a south Texas native.

**Interest in Serving WAEA**

Over the past several years I have become convinced of two evolving principles for agricultural economics professionals: regional preferences expressed by millennial students are important for their career placement and our education (and supporting research) activities, and regional partnerships in research are the most valuable input in our research production function. I have been heavily involved in WERA-72 (Western coordinating committee in agribusiness research) for over 25 years. I now believe that it is time for me to become more active in the WAEA. I have been a member for over 10 years, but have not been active in the leadership. I now want to take a leadership role in this regional association.

My vision for WAEA is to increase membership by providing a forum for partnership development by Western agricultural economics faculty in the association. The current leadership in sponsored research important to the region must continue. My focus would be to expand the function of WAEA to purposefully develop working relationships between members of the Association in collaborative research and teaching. Another idea I have is to develop a forum for the younger faculty to learn from the experience of more mature faculty, especially highlighting the experiences with agribusiness firms and policy development experiences. I have a current

working paper with Lindsay Higgins that explores the opportunities of team teaching where faculty with lots of applied experience and relatively un-experienced faculty work together. Younger faculty tend to bring current methods of analysis to the team. This updates mature faculty while providing young faculty with a context for their research. I believe WAEA could be a major force in developing this partnership mentality among Western faculty.

In summary, I truly believe in the opportunities provided by WAEA and want to participate in the leadership of WAEA to include all faculty and professionals interested in research and teaching in the West. I look forward to serving the Association and contributing to the success of the WAEA.

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## WAEA 2014 Call For General Award Nominations

Jay Noel and Kellie Raper

The deadline for all submissions is February 14, 2014. For questions, please contact Jay Noel (phone: 805-756-5014; email: [jnoel@calpoly.edu](mailto:jnoel@calpoly.edu)) or Kellie Raper (phone: 405-744-9819; email: [Kellie.Raper@OKState.edu](mailto:Kellie.Raper@OKState.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 2013 publication data 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 Wade Brorsen at [wade.brorsen@okstate.edu](mailto:wade.brorsen@okstate.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 Gary Brester at [gbrester@montana.edu](mailto:gbrester@montana.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 Lynn Hamilton, [lhamilto@calpoly.edu](mailto:lhamilto@calpoly.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 award 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.
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- (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 David Anderson at [danderson@tamu.edu](mailto:danderson@tamu.edu). *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

## Call for Distinguished Scholar Award Nominations

**Deadline:** February 14, 2014 (*Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted*).

**Send Applications** to Greg Perry [perry@ccmail.orst.edu](mailto:perry@ccmail.orst.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:

1. Basic and applied economics research
2. Integration of knowledge (textbook writing or synthetic reviews)
3. Service or outreach drawing on economic expertise
4. Teaching (undergraduate and/or graduate)
5. 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 Greg Perry [perry@ccmail.orst.edu](mailto:perry@ccmail.orst.edu) no later than midnight, February 14, 2014. 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 2014 Meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association  
(June 22-24, 2014, Colorado Springs, Colorado)

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, 2014, the presenting author must be identified and registered for the Annual Meeting and a current member of the WAEA for an accepted paper to be included in the program. *No member may submit more than one abstract as the presenting author, but an individual may be an 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 2014. 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](http://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:** *February 10, 2014 midnight (EST)*. Proposals can be uploaded to the conference software via a link on the WAEA's website ([www.waeaonline.org](http://www.waeaonline.org)) starting around mid-November 2013.

**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, 2014, and d) Present the paper in person at the WAEA meetings in Colorado Springs, Colorado. 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 economics
- 03—Agri marketing, demand and price analysis
- 04—Agribusiness
- 05—Agricultural finance
- 06—Quantitative and research methods
- 07—International trade and development
- 08—Consumer and household economics
- 09—Food agricultural policy
- 10—Community and regional economics
- 11—Teaching and extension issues
- 12—Agricultural industry organization
- 13—Environmental Economics
- 14—Experimental and behavioral economics
- 15—Other

Any questions should be directed to the Selected Paper Committee Chair, Karina Schoengold at [kschoengold2@unl.edu](mailto:kschoengold2@unl.edu) or Gregory McKee at [gregory.mckee@ndsu.edu](mailto:gregory.mckee@ndsu.edu).

## **Call for Organized Symposia Proposals**

The WAEA is seeking organized symposia proposals for the 2014 annual meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Each symposium should consist of two or more speakers with ample time devoted to discussion. At least one author must be a member of the WAEA.

If a symposium is accepted, all presenters need to register for the annual meeting by May 1, 2014 to have the symposium included in the program. The proposal should include 1) title of symposium; 2) motivation for need and importance of the topic; 3) potential presenters, including a brief description of their papers or discussion topics; and 4) session format (panel, short presentation or other structure). Please submit proposals via email to James W. Richardson in pdf format at [jwrichardson@tamu.edu](mailto:jwrichardson@tamu.edu) by February 10, 2014.