



Annual Meeting Information

Our annual meeting is being held July 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa, and Casino. Registration and hotel links are available at <http://www.waeaonline.org/meetings/2017-waea-annual-meeting>. You must register through the link to get the conference rate at the hotel. Our block of rooms is now 90% full. If you made your hotel registration early and were unable to register for the meeting then, please register for the meeting now. The tentative program is now available at <http://www.waeaonline.org/UserFiles/file/TentativeProgram4-27.pdf>

Workshop and Tour

Tuesday afternoon we are giving conference participants the choice of a tour or a spatial econometrics workshop. There are few afternoon flights out of Reno so we planned activities on Tuesday afternoon as part of the conference.

Western Extension Group

We are meeting jointly with the western extension group. We have a western extension track throughout the conference. The group has also planned our tour and is providing some financial support for the meeting. This is a joint relationship that we hope to continue in future years.

Transportation to the Meeting

The hotel is 33 miles (45 minutes) from the Reno airport and 127 miles from the Sacramento airport. Shuttle transportation is available from the Reno airport. North Lake Tahoe Express (866-216-5222) will take you to the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort. The rate is \$49 one way per person. Reservations are required <http://northlaketahoeexpress.com/>.

Meeting Planning

WAEA directors Eric Belasco and Glynn Tonsor received 96 selected papers of which 78 have been selected for presentation at the meeting. Of the submitted papers, 28 requested to be included in the graduate student paper competition. 16 papers were picked to be in the graduate student paper competition based on rankings given by selected paper reviewers. Authors of selected papers have been notified of decisions.

WAEA directors Scott Fausti and Kerry Litzenberg have organized the WAEA awards selection. Award winners have been selected and nominators have been notified.

Also, many thanks to Dawn Thilmany McFadden for patiently answering my many questions.

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2018 WAEA Annual Meeting
Anchorage, AK, June 24-26, 2018

JARE Editor Applications

Applications to be the next JARE editors are being accepted. The new editors will be responsible for the 2019-2021 issues of JARE. The next editors will begin handling new submissions in January 2018. Submit applications to wade.brorsen@okstate.edu by June 16, 2017. Applications should include (i) names and responsibilities of the editorial team, (ii) statement of editorial philosophy, and (iii) other arguments for selecting your editorial team. Editors do receive a payment, but the real reward of editorial service is contributing to the advancement of the agricultural economics discipline.

Western Economic Forum

After many years of outstanding service, Don McLeod stepped down as *Western Economic Forum* (WEF) editor. We are fortunate that an editorial team has stepped forward to take over the WEF and so we have hope that WEF will survive without Don. The new editorial team is Matt Stockton (University of Nebraska), Jay Parsons (University of Nebraska), Dana Hoag (Colorado State University), and Dan O'Brien (Kansas State University). Please submit manuscripts electronically to Matt Stockton at matt.stockton@unl.edu.

Future Meeting

The 2018 meeting will be in Anchorage, Alaska. The attendance at this meeting is likely to be high. President-elect Randy Fortenbery is working on a site for the 2019 meeting with sites being considered including Kuai, HI and Jackson Hole, WY.

Fishing in Tahoe

Jon Biermacher has agreed to organize a fishing trip on Wednesday after the conference in Tahoe. If your travel plans allow it and you would like to be included, then email Jon at jtbiermacher@noble.org.