

WAEA News Update



The WAEA is finishing 2015 with lots of activities and planning. In this newsletter, there are a number of deadlines, information on upcoming meetings and opportunities for you to get involved. Please join us in keeping the WAEA active and strong.

There are a variety of ways to be involved in the 2016 joint meetings between the CAES and WAEA. See information on awards, organized symposia, selected papers, graduate research competition and graduate travel awards in the following pages.

Finally, thanks for all who participated in the elections. Each of the races was very close, but we have some great leadership chosen by the membership who will join our Executive committee next summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Thilmany McFadden".

Dawn Thilmany McFadden
WAEA President

WAEA Officer Election Results

Congratulations to.....

President (serving as Elect, Acting and Past, 2016-18)

T. Randall Fortenbery, Washington State University

Director (serving 2016-18)

Karina Gallardo, TFREC, Washington State University

Cory Walters, University of Nebraska

Membership Renewal

The season to renew your WAEA membership is upon us. You may renew through the AAEA website or you can return the membership application form on page 11 to the WAEA business office. If you have more than a year of membership paid to the AAEA, remember that WAEA membership is currently only offered on an annual basis and needs to be renewed. On-line membership renewal is available at <http://www.waeaonline.org/membership>.

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Important Dates

*2016 Organized Symposia and
Award Submissions
February 18, 2016*

*2016 WAEA/CAE Annual Meeting
Victoria, BC, June 21-23, 2016*

*2017 WAEA Annual Meeting
Lake Tahoe, CA, July 9-12, 2017*

2016 CAES & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting

June 21-23, 2016

Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria, BC

The WAEA is excited to partner with our friends and colleagues from the CAES again in 2016. Our last joint venture in 2011 in Banff was a resounding success, and as you can see from the schedule below, a joint meeting in Victoria should prove to be even better. The meetings will kick off on June 21st with a preconference workshop, keynote address, and welcome reception, followed by two full days of sessions, plenary, annual awards banquets and both educational and entertaining excursions.

Make Victoria your Vacation Destination

The Hotel Grand Pacific is a full 5-star hotel on Victoria's scenic Inner Harbour, next to the landmark BC Legislature and Parliament Buildings, and two blocks from Victoria's downtown restaurant and shopping district, five blocks from Fisherman's Wharf—a working harbor surrounded by an array of casual food counters, unique shops, and water adventures including kayaking and whale watching. It offers a stunning view from every room, full athletic and spa facilities and access to Victoria's many tourist destinations.

As Tourism Victoria points out (<http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>), Victoria is a unique blend of old world charm and new world experiences. As an island destination, Victoria offers visitors an escape from the hurried world and beams with ambience. In Victoria, heritage architecture, colourful gardens and traditions like afternoon tea mix with a plethora of outdoor adventure, authentic culinary experiences and an enviable cocktail and craft beer scene. Boasting the mildest climate in Canada Victoria is green and beautiful year-round. In fact, the 2014 Travel+Leisure World's Best Awards rates Victoria as the **TOP ISLAND** in the Continental US and Canada and one of the **TOP TEN ISLANDS IN THE WORLD**. The 2010 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards rated Victoria as the **#1 DESTINATION TO VISIT IN CANADA**.





Call for Submissions

Deadline: Midnight (EST) on February 3, 2016

Website: <http://www.waeasonline.org/>

Selected Paper Proposals

Proposals on any aspect of agricultural or resource economics, including teaching, research, and/or extension are encouraged.

Registration and Membership Requirements: At least one author must be a member of WAEA or CAES, and the author making the presentation at the Meeting must be a member of WAEA or CAES and be registered for the Annual Meeting. Each member may be the primary/presenting/contact author on only one submitted abstract, but there are no limits to co-authorship on other abstracts submitted by other individuals. Papers should be original and not submitted elsewhere for presentation.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be submitted electronically through a joint online submission form at: (<https://editorialexpress.com/caeswaea2016>). The two-page proposal must be submitted in PDF format. Title of Proposal, Topic code (see list below) and Author(s) Name(s), Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone numbers, and Email address will be requested at submission.

Topic Codes: Please indicate the 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
- 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 - Other

Proposal: Must be uploaded as a **PDF file**, two pages or less in length with double spacing, one-inch margins on all sides, and 12 pitch font. Do not list author names. A suggested format is:

- Title
- Problem Statement
- Objectives
- Data and Methods
- Results or expected results and their implications

Selection: Selection will be based on input from blind peer reviews. Authors will be advised on the status of their proposal(s) by the middle of April 2016.

Contact: The WAEA Program Chairs for the 2016 Annual Meeting are Scott Fausti and Kerri Litzenberg, Please direct all inquiries and correspondence to Scott at <mailto:scott.fausti@sdstate.edu>

Organized Symposia Proposals

Organized Symposia sessions consist of three or four papers and include panel discussions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Groups may submit WAEA-specific or CAES-WAEA joint proposals.

Registration and Membership Requirements: At least one author must be a member of WAEA or CAES, and the author making the presentation at the Meeting must be a member of WAEA or CAES and be registered for the Annual Meeting. Papers should be original and not submitted elsewhere for presentation.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals should be emailed in PDF format to WAEA President Dawn Thilmany, dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu. And include: Title of Proposal, Authors Names, Affiliations, Mailing Addresses, Telephone numbers, and Email address must be submitted with the proposals.

Proposal: Must not exceed 1000 words and be submitted as a PDF file, with double spacing, one-inch margins on all sides, and 12 pitch font. The format is open and may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats.

Selection: WAEA and CAES leadership will evaluate proposals based on:

- a clearly worded rationale for their proposed organized symposium, and
- a short description of each paper (i.e., title, authors contact information and a brief abstract)

Authors will be advised on the status of their proposal(s) by mid-April 2016.

Contact: WAEA President Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University, dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu.

Graduate Paper Competition:

As a part of the selected papers process, the WAEA and CAES want to particularly encourage the submission of quality papers by graduate students. To this end, the WAEA/CAES are 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 or CAES as of February 15, 2016, and
- d. Present the paper in person at the joint WAEA and CAES meetings in Victoria in June 2016.

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.

Tentative Schedule

	Meetings	Sessions	Events	Excursions
June 21st	Registration/Info Table		08:00 - 20:00	
	Pre-Conference Workshop		09:00 - 16:30	
	Educational Tour - TBA		09:00 - 16:00	
	Executive Meetings CAES		16:30 - 17:30	
	Executive Meeting WAEA		16:00 - 17:30	
	Joint Keynote Address		17:30 - 18:30	
	Welcome Reception		19:30 - 21:00	
June 22nd	Registration/Info Table		07:00 - 17:30	
	Concurrent Sessions		08:30 - 10:00	
	Refreshment Break		10:00 - 10:30	
	Concurrent Sessions		10:30 - 12:00	
	Department Heads Luncheon		12:00 - 13:30	
	Possible Joint Editors Meeting - TBA		12:00 - 13:30	
	Concurrent Sessions		13:30 - 15:00	
	Refreshment Break		15:00 - 15:30	
	CAES Plenary		15:30 - 17:30	
	WAEA Plenary		15:30 - 17:30	
	CAES Awards Dinner		19:00 - 21:00	
	WAEA Awards Dinner		19:00 - 21:00	
	June 23rd	Registration/Info Table		08:00 - 13:00
Concurrent Sessions		08:30 - 10:00		
Refreshment Break		10:00 - 10:30		
Concurrent Sessions		10:30 - 12:00		
Concurrent Sessions		13:30 - 15:00		
Refreshment Break		15:00 - 15:30		
Concurrent Sessions		15:30 - 17:00		
New CAES Board Meeting		17:00 - 18:00		
Excursions: Farm to Plate Dinner / Pickle		18:30 - 22:00		
Pub Crawl - TBA				
June 24th	Be a Tourist in Victoria - TBA		09:00 - 16:00	

Important Dates

Mid-December	Online Submission System opens
February 3	Last Day to Submit papers
March 15	Advanced Registration begins
Mid April	Notification of outcome of submissions
April 30	All Presenters/Moderators MUST be Registered and be a Member of the WAEA or CAES
May 20	Last day to reserve hotel room at the special conference rate
June 10	Advance Registration closes (No refunds given after this date)

WAEA Outstanding Senior Award

This award recognizes outstanding undergraduate seniors who have achieved academic excellence at their institution and are expected to make important contributions to western agricultural, resource, and/or environmental economics in their career. 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). Each department makes their own eligibility criteria, selection process, and outstanding senior award decision. Award winners will receive a certificate, a one-year WAEA membership (including only the WEF publication), and recognition in the WAEA awards program and on the WAEA website. Please send selected senior names and department contact information to Dawn Thilmany, Dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu by **March 31, 2016**.

Graduate Travel Fellowships

On page 11 is an application for WAEA graduate travel fellowships. Preference will be given to students presenting a paper or receiving an award at our annual meeting. Students should receive notification of accepted selected papers in time to meet the **April 6, 2016** application deadline.

2015 WAEA Call for General Award Nominations

The deadline for all submissions is Thursday, **February 18, 2016**. For questions, please contact Dustin Pendell (phone: 785.532.3525; email: dpendell@ksu.edu) or Lynn Hamilton (email: lhamilto@calpoly.edu).

Graduate Paper or Master's Thesis Award

Purpose of the 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 2015 calendar year. 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. A letter of nomination and an electronic copy (pdf format) of the thesis needs to be emailed to the chair of the selection committee. The letter of nomination should summarize the research of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above.

Send nominations to Jordan Suter at jordan.suter@colostate.edu. *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Outstanding Published Research Award

Purpose of the 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 2014 publication date will be considered. Articles published in the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* (JARE) are not eligible. Textbooks will not be considered published research for the purpose of this award.

Eligibility Criteria:

- (1) Importance and significance of the results,
- (2) Quality of the work, and
- (3) Effectiveness of reporting

Procedures:

- (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 Jonathan Yoder at yoder@wsu.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 the Awards: To recognize outstanding teaching of students and related activities by members of the Association.

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

Nature of the 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.
 - 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 time.
- (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 Eric DeVuyst at eric.devuyst@okstate.edu. *Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted.*

Call for WAEA Fellow Award Nominations

Deadline: February 18, 2016 (*Electronic submission only. Materials may be scanned and submitted*).

Send Applications to Tom Marsh, tl_marsh@wsu.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 WAEA fellow by submitting the name to James Richardson jwrichardson@tamu.edu no later than midnight, February 24, 2015. 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 WAEA Fellow Award 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.

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

Announcement of Election: The names of the newly elected fellows 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 fellow 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*.

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Western Agricultural Economics Association, Inc.
Graduate Travel Fellowship Application
Due: April 6, 2016

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Name: _____
 (last), (first), (middle initial)

Phone: _____
 (###) ###-####

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

WAEA member? Yes No

Presenting Paper? Yes No Receiving Award? Yes No

Other (describe):

Estimated Travel Costs: Airfare \$ _____ Hotel \$ _____

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Education: (Optional: Include a recent C.V. in place of this section)

College and Graduate Schools

(Most recent first)	Graduation	Degree	Major Field
GPA	Month/Year		

Briefly list leadership and service activities involved in during graduate studies:

Briefly describe current research and/or employment:

Briefly describe your professional development goals as they relate to attendance at the meetings:

Submit completed application by email (preferred) or mail to:

Dawn Thilmany
 Dawn.Thilmany@colostate.edu
 Department of Ag and Resource Economics
 Colorado State University
 Fort Collins CO 80523-1172

2016 WAEA Membership Application & Renewal Form

Member Information

Name: _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip, Country: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Membership

All memberships include a subscription to the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, Volume 40. Members are not guaranteed shipment of journals or newsletters published prior to their membership date.

	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>International</u>
Regular (JARE-printed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
Regular (JARE-electronic copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Student** (JARE-printed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Student** (JARE-electronic copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
Senior* (JARE-printed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Senior* (JARE-electronic copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Family (one JARE-printed copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110
<i>Other Family Member</i> _____		
*Retired full-time from their full-time job		
<i>**I certify that the person named above is eligible for student membership</i>		
<i>Department Head or Staff Member</i> _____		

Payment Information

Check (U.S. funds drawn on U.S. bank payable to WAEA)
 Credit Card # : _____
 Expiration date: _____
 Name on card: _____

Contact Information

Completed forms and payment may be submitted to:

Mail: WAEA
 555 East Well St. Suite 1100
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 Fax: (414) 276-3349
 Email: waea@aaea.org

On-Line registration is available at:

<http://www.waeaonline.org/membership>