

WAEA News Update



WAEA Officer Election Results

Many thanks to the members who were willing to stand for election and all those that voted. Congratulations to **Lynn Hamilton** (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo) our new president-elect, and elected directors **Aleksan Shanoyan** (Kansas State University) and **Jo Ann Warner** (Western Extension Risk Management Center – Washington State University). All elected officers have a three-year service commitment. We are thankful for their willingness to devote time to the WAEA.

Membership Renewal

The season to renew your WAEA membership is upon us. You may renew through the AAEA or you can return the membership application form below or online at <http://www.waeaonline.org/membership>. 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.

2017 WAEA Annual Meeting

Our 2017 annual meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lake Tahoe, NV, July 9-11. This is a beautiful place for a meeting with excellent facilities.

Reservations must be made at <https://aws.passkey.com/e/14236786>. Rates are \$249/night (single or double) plus 13% tax and a \$25 resort fee up until June 11, 2017. The meeting will run through Tuesday afternoon so please plan to stay Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights and leave Wednesday as a travel day. Meeting registration will be available by March 1, 2017 and is anticipated to be around \$350 and will include multiple meals. The tentative meeting schedule is:

Sunday, July 9

- 1:00 PM Western Extension Committee meeting
- 4:00 PM WAEA Executive Council meeting
- 6:00 PM Reception

Monday, July 10

- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM WAEA Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

- 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM WAEA Meeting

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Important Dates

- 2017 WAEA Annual Meeting
Lake Tahoe, NV, July 9-11, 2017*
- 2018 WAEA Annual Meeting
Anchorage, AK, June 24-26, 2018*

Deadlines for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia, and Awards

A link for submitting two-page selected paper abstracts is available at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/WAEA2017/>. Further instructions are attached below. The due date for selected paper abstracts is February 6, 2017.

The call for organized symposia and awards nominations was in the fall newsletter (<http://www.waeaonline.org/UserFiles/file/WAEAFall2016Newsletter.pdf>). Please submit organized Symposia proposals via email to Wade Brorsen in pdf format at wade.brorsen@okstate.edu by February 15, 2017. Awards nominations are due February 15, 2017. Please submit materials directly to the appropriate subcommittee chair:
Graduate Paper or Master's Thesis: matt.stockton@unl.edu
Outstanding Published Research Award: brian.whitacre@okstate.edu
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards: litz@tamu.edu
Outstanding Extension Program Awards: warnerj@wsu.edu
WAEA Fellow Award: dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu

Graduate Travel Fellowships

Applications for WAEA graduate travel fellowships are attached. Preference will be given to those presenting in the graduate student paper competition or receiving an award at the annual meeting. Fellowships will generally be limited to no more than two per university. Students should receive notification of acceptance of their paper for the competition by the April 7, 2017 application deadline.

WAEA Outstanding Senior Award

The WAEA Outstanding Senior 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, and recognition in the WAEA awards program and on the WAEA website. Certificates are mailed to each department rather than the student. Please send selected senior names and department contact information to Wade Brorsen (wade.brorsen@okstate.edu) by March 31, 2017.

Call for Western Economic Forum Editors

The deadline for proposals for editor of the Western Economic Forum (WEF) is January 15, 2017. More details are attached below. The committee is proposing continuing the WEF, but that can only happen if someone steps forward to do it.

JARE Editors

A call for JARE editors will be forthcoming this spring. The plan is to have editors selected by the summer meeting and for the new editors to begin handling new manuscripts in January 2018.

Call for Selected Papers

For the 2017 Meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association
(July 9-12, 2017, Lake Tahoe, California)

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, 2017, 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 2017. 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) or directly at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/WAEA2017/>. 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 6, 2017 midnight (EST). Proposals can be uploaded to the conference software via <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/WAEA2017/>.

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 6, 2017, and d) Present the paper in person at the WAEA meetings in Lake Tahoe, California. The authors of the top three papers will receive cash rewards of \$500, \$250, and \$100. Participants also receive priority for Graduate Travel Fellowships.

Western Extension Committee: A portion of the papers that select teaching and extension issues as the topic code will be included in the Western Extension Committee track sessions.

Any questions should be directed to the Selected Paper Committee Chairs, Eric Belasco at eric.belasco@montana.edu or Glynn Tonsor at gtonsor@ksu.edu.

Call for Western Economic Forum Editorial Team

The Western Agricultural Economics Association is soliciting proposals for an editorial team to assume leadership for the Western Economics Forum (WEF) commencing with the summer 2017 issue. Each editorial team should consist of 2-4 qualified individuals. The selected editorial team will be given free membership to the WAEA, a stipend to partially offset the cost of attending annual meetings, and participate in board meetings. The Western Economics Forum is an electronic peer-reviewed publication from the Western Agricultural Economics Association.

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 that is specific to issues in western North America. The target audience is professional agricultural economists with M.S., Ph.D. or equivalent understanding of the field that are working on agricultural and resource economics, business or policy issues in the West.

Historically, this publication is specifically targeted at informing professionals in west North America about issues, methods, data, or other content addressing the following objectives: (1) summarize knowledge about issues of interest to western professionals; (2) convey ideas and analysis techniques to non-academic, professional economists working on agricultural or resource issues; (3) demonstrate methods and applications that can be adapted across fields in economics; and (4) facilitate open debate on western issues. The committee is open to proposals that would suggest changes. Note that historically about 80% of articles have been solicited.

Applications should include:

- A brief statement expressing interest in WEF, which should include the applicant's areas of expertise, editorial philosophy, and vision for WEF.
- Curriculum vitae for all team members.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Eric Belasco at eric.belasco@montana.edu by January 15, 2017. Applications will be reviewed by the Western Economics Forum Committee that was developed as part of the 2016 WAEA Board of Directors Meeting with a final decision of awarding the position to the winning editorial team by March 1, 2017.

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Western Agricultural Economics Association, Inc. Graduate Travel Fellowship Application Due: April 7, 2017

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Name: _____
(Last), (First), (Middle Initial)

Phone: _____
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Mailing Address:

Email Address:

WAEA member? Yes No Grad Paper Competition?

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

Award winners must be registered for the meeting and must stay in the conference hotel. Submit completed application by email (preferred) or mail to:

Wade Brorsen

wade.brorsen@okstate.edu

Department of Agricultural Economics

Oklahoma State University

Stillwater, OK 74078-6026

2017 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>