

# WAEA News Update December 2019



## Change and Opportunities!

Many exciting things are happening for the association! A new association management company has been hired to help us conduct business. We have entered into a three year contract with Interactive Management Incorporated located in Westminster, Colorado. They have experience with agribusiness organizations as well academic societies similar in size to WAEA.

Communications have begun between EDI, IMI and WAEA as we work to make this a smooth transition. Our association will have a new look early next year! A new website is being developed for our association and our journals. MM Outreach Solutions is working to have these changes in place by the end of January.

You and your graduate students have great opportunities to submit papers to the 2020 annual meeting to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from June 28-30, at the historic LaFonda on the Plaza hotel (<https://www.lafondasantafe.com/>) As you wrap up this fall quarter/semester, remember to take advantage of the opportunities coming up with WAEA! Consider submitting a paper or symposium proposal, or nominating one of your colleagues for an award (see below for the specific calls). **Selected paper and symposium deadlines are February 3, and award deadlines are February 14.** Encourage your graduate students to submit papers; WAEA is a great outlet for graduate student research. We will have our graduate student paper competition again this year. Also, don't forget we have great opportunities for Extension professionals to submit papers or posters and network with other extension educators. Registration will be open by early March.

Looking for a way to have an impact on our discipline? Consider becoming an editor for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. Our current editorship is doing a great job, but their term will end with Volume 46, issue 3, ending in 2021. That means we need to have a new editor team in place in 2020 to start the transition in 2021, so they can start reviewing articles for the January 2022 issue (please see the call below).

## WAEA Officer Election Results

Many thanks to all the members who were willing to stand for election and to those that voted. **Glynn Tonsor** (Kansas State University) is our new President-Elect! **Kristi Hansen** (University of Wyoming) and **Lisa Elliott** (South Dakota State University) are our newest Directors! All elected officers have a three-year service commitment. We are thankful for their willingness to devote time to the WAEA. Please join me in congratulating our newest officers.

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## Important Dates:

**Selected Paper & Organized Symposium Deadline: February 3, 2020**

**Awards and Fellows Nomination Deadline: February 14, 2020**

## Future Meetings:

**2020 WAEA Annual Meeting**  
June 28 – 30, 2020  
Santa Fe, NM

**2021 Joint CAES/WAEA Meeting**  
3 days during July 18 – 22, 2021  
(TBD) at Whistler's Resort, BC

## Deadlines for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia, and Awards

**Selected Papers:** A link for submitting two-page selected paper abstracts is available at the conference software website, (<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/WAEA2020>):

Further instructions are below on how to use this website. The due date for selected paper abstracts (both WAEA and WEC submissions) is **February 3, 2020**. See below on pages 2-3.

**Organized Symposia:** The call for organized symposia is on page 4.

Please submit organized Symposia proposals via email to Christopher Bastian in pdf format at [bastian@uwyo.edu](mailto:bastian@uwyo.edu) by **February 3, 2020**.

**Awards:** Nominations are due **February 14, 2020**. Please submit materials directly to the appropriate subcommittee chair. Award descriptions are available on pages 3 - 6.

- Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards: James Sterns, [jasterns@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jasterns@oregonstate.edu)
- Graduate Paper or Master's Thesis Award: Kristi Hansen, [kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu](mailto:kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu)
- Outstanding Published Research Award: Stephen Devadoss, [stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu](mailto:stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu)
- Outstanding Extension Program Awards: John Hewlett, [hewlett@uwyo.edu](mailto:hewlett@uwyo.edu)
- WAEA Fellow Award: Lynn Hamilton, [lhamilto@calpoly.edu](mailto:lhamilto@calpoly.edu)

## Call for Selected Papers

**2020 Western Agricultural Economics Association Meeting, June 28 – 30, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**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, 2020, 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 2020. Authors and co-authors who 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)) or directly at the link below. 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 3, 2020, midnight (PST). Proposals can be uploaded to the conference software via <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/WAEA2020>

**Graduate Paper Competition:** 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 3, 2020, and d) Present the paper in person at the WAEA meetings in Santa Fe, NM. The authors of the top three papers will receive cash rewards of \$500, \$250, and \$100.

**Selected Extension Presentations and Western Extension Committee:** A portion of the papers that select teaching and extension issues as the topic code will be included in the joint Selected Extension Presentation / Poster Western Extension Committee sessions. Submissions related to teaching and extension issues should be submitted to this joint area.

**Western Extension Committee Sessions:** Proposals on any aspect of agricultural and resource economics that address agricultural Extension topics are encouraged. Extension abstracts will be identified a-priori as an Extension submission, and will be possible to submit as paper and poster presentation. All Extension abstract submissions will undergo a peer review process led by a committee from the WEC. There will be WEC track sessions of both (i) paper presentations and (ii) poster sessions. Submission guidelines for WEC abstracts are to follow the WAEA submission process, including same deadline and similar notification date. More details regarding submissions are available at WEC Website link (URL): [wec.farmmanagement.org/meetings.htm](http://wec.farmmanagement.org/meetings.htm)

**Submission Procedures:** After navigating to the conference software website, (<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/WAEA2020>):

1. If you have not submitted through this system in the past, you will need to create a user account by clicking the "Registration" tab in the online system.
2. After you log in to the system, click "+ Create new submission" in the Author Console.
3. Enter the title of your proposal.
4. The section "AUTHORS" should list your e-mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
5. To add more authors, please enter the e-mail address of your co-author and click "+ Add." Fill in the fields to provide the name, organization, and country of your co-author and click "+ Add." Repeat this process to add more co-authors.
6. Select the submission category. If you are submitting to the Selected Paper category, please choose the specific topic area that best characterizes your paper. If you are a graduate student who does **not** wish to participate in the graduate student paper competition, please use the Selected Paper category.
7. To upload your proposal in PDF format, click "Upload from Computer" and select the file.
8. Click "Submit." You will receive a notice of your submission.

Any questions should be directed to the Selected Paper Committee Chairs, Amanda Countryman at [amanda.countryman@colostate.edu](mailto:amanda.countryman@colostate.edu) or Anton Bekkerman at [anton.bekkerman@montana.edu](mailto:anton.bekkerman@montana.edu)

## **2020 WAEA Membership Renewal**

The season to renew your WAEA membership is upon us. You may renew through the AAEA or you can renew online or mail via this link. <http://www.waeaonline.org/membership>.

## Call for WAEA Organized Symposia Proposals

The WAEA is seeking organized symposia proposals for the 2020 annual meeting. Each symposium should consist of two or more speakers with ample time devoted to discussion, but we are open to a variety of formats (panels, speakers with discussants, audience participation). 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, 2020 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 Christopher Bastian in pdf format at [bastian@uwyo.edu](mailto:bastian@uwyo.edu) by February 3, 2020

## 2019 WAEA for General Award Nominations

The deadline for all submissions is **Friday, February 14, 2020**. For questions, please contact Award Committee Chairs: Aleksan Shanoyan, e-mail: [shanoyan@ksu.edu](mailto:shanoyan@ksu.edu) and/or JoAnn Warner, e-mail: [warnerj@wsu.edu](mailto:warnerj@wsu.edu).

Please submit your award nomination directly to the award chair listed for each award below

### 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 in pdf form to James Sterns, [jasterns@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jasterns@oregonstate.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 2019 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 in pdf form to Kristi Hansen, [kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu](mailto:kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu) .

## 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 publications that appeared in print copies in 2019 will be considered (i.e., bearing a 2019 publication date when printed in the journal). 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 within the WAEA's geographic scope
- (2) A pdf file 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 in pdf form to Stephen Devadoss, [stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu](mailto:stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu).

## 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 John Hewlett, [hewlett@uwyo.edu](mailto:hewlett@uwyo.edu) .

## Call for WAEA Fellow Award Nominations

**Deadline:** February 14, 2020

Send Applications to Lynn Hamilton, [lhamilto@calpoly.edu](mailto:lhamilto@calpoly.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 a nomination no later than midnight, February 14, 2020. 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.

## Call for JARE Editor Applications

Applications to be the next JARE editors are being accepted. The new editors will be responsible for the 2022-2024 issues of JARE. The next editors will begin handling new submissions in January 2021. Submit applications to [bastian@uwyo.edu](mailto:bastian@uwyo.edu) by March 31, 2020. Applications should include (i) Introductory statements regarding editorial team; (ii) Statement of Purpose or Philosophy regarding Journal Editorship; (iii) Responsibilities and roles of editorial team members including managing editor; (iv) Manuscript Review process and role of editorial council; (v) Proposed annual budget including costs for manuscript management, technical editor, copying, printing, and mailing; (vi) Abbreviated CV (four pages max) for each editorial team member.

Editors do receive a payment, but the real reward of editorial service is contributing to the advancement of the agricultural economics discipline.

I hope you all have a relaxing and fun filled holiday with family and friends! The committee chairs, Board of Directors and I look forward to receiving many selected paper, symposium, and award submissions!

If you have any questions or concerns about the WAEA or information contained in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail ( [bastian@uwyo.edu](mailto:bastian@uwyo.edu) ) or phone (307-766-4377). Our next newsletter will arrive in the spring. Until then, I hope you have a strong finish to your Fall quarter/semester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher T. Bastian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher T. Bastian  
2019-20 WAEA President