

# WAEA News Update March 2020



## Contingency Plan for Meetings amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Hello everyone,

At the time of this writing, like many of you, I am at home working on putting the remainder of my class online, trying to help my department when asked, and thinking about all of the uncertainty the world faces at this time. The academic in me is thinking about the economic issues, potential research questions, and teachable lessons that may come from all of this. However, as your President, foremost on my mind is our scheduled meeting.

As you all know our meeting is currently scheduled to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from June 28-30, at the historic LaFonda on the Plaza hotel (<https://www.lafondasantafe.com/>).

I have worked with the executive council and the LaFonda, and we have the following contingency plan in place.

1. We are currently moving forward as if the meeting will take place.
2. All committee chairs are moving forward with paper selections, award selections, and the graduate paper competition.
3. I am working with the venue, and we are moving forward with menu selection, room scheduling, and scheduling of audio and projector needs.
4. **On May 15, 2020 the executive council and I will make the decision as to whether we will move forward with or cancel the meeting.**
5. **If we decide to have the meeting, registration via our new website will be available immediately following the decision on May 18. We will extend our originally planned deadlines for room reservations and registration to accommodate shortened travel planning cycles.**
6. **If we decide to cancel the meeting, we will send all awardees their certificates, plaques, etc., and we will publish information about the awards including our fellows on our website and in JARE as we normally do. We may also decide to have some limited meeting content available digitally, but that will be decided after our May 15 decision deadline.**
7. **Regardless of whether we have the meeting all newly elected officers or directors will start their leadership roles for the association, and those directors or officers completing their terms will be done, as of July 1, 2020.**

You will be receiving communication from committee chairs in the near future as to selection of papers, posters, and awards. **We ask that you keep the appropriate travel dates open in your calendar to attend the meeting in Santa Fe. We encourage you to make any plans, reservations, etc. that you feel are appropriate given your**

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## Important Dates:

***Executive council decision regarding whether we will have our 2020 annual meeting: May 15, 2020***

## Future Meetings:

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

***2021 Joint CAES/WAEA Meeting  
July 18 – 22, 2021 at Whistler's  
Resort, BC***

***2022 Joint AAEE/WAEA Meeting  
July 31 – August 2, 2022 at  
Anaheim, CA – Anaheim Marriott***

**current travel restrictions at your respective institutions prior to May 15, and we ask that you keep your options open to allow for completing registration and travel plans immediately following our decision about the meeting on May 15.**

## **Transition to IMI and our new Website**

Our transition to Interactive Management Incorporated (IMI) is nearly complete. We are now conducting business with US Bank and our new account executive is Kelley Mazur. We are currently waiting on the final results of our audit, so we can have financials that accurately depict where we ended with EDI and started (as of February 1, 2020) with IMI. IMI has been great to work with, and I look forward to a long successful relationship with them.

At the time of this writing our new websites for both the association and JARE have been completed. I have gotten feedback from our editors (both JARE and WEF) and the executive council. That has been communicated to our website developer, Matthew McFadden, and those changes have been made. We have transitioned our old website from a GoDaddy domain account with EDI to a new domain account so that we can upload our new website in seamless fashion. Our new website will be up very soon after this newsletter goes out, as I have asked Matt to wait to put up the website until I knew what our meeting contingency plan was.

I hope you are all as pleased with the new website, as I, the editors, and our council members are. It looks great, is very user friendly, and highlights our meeting and publications much better than our old website. However, if you have concerns please don't hesitate to let me know.

## **Still Time for JARE Editor Applications**

We still have time for proposals/applications regarding our next JARE editors. 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.

## **Closing**

I hope this newsletter finds you all well, and adapting to the many changes being demanded of you. I fervently hope to see you all at our 2020 meeting! 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).

Sincerely,



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2019-20 WAEA President