

WAEA News Update May 28, 2020



Survey results, plans and links for virtual conference

Hello everyone,

Over 200 people responded to our quick survey last week. Thank you all for your quick response! After analyzing your responses, the following conclusions were drawn and decisions were made on May 22:

1. First and foremost there is sufficient interest that we are moving forward with a virtual conference.
2. We are moving to a 3 day format with four or so time slots per day (rather than day and a half in-person format).
3. Dates for meeting will be June 29, 30, and July 1.
4. We will not have content on the weekend.
5. The business council meeting will be moved to Friday, June 26 to avoid weekend zoom meeting.
6. Time slots for live sessions will generally be between the hours of 9am and 4pm MDT.
7. Plenary and award sessions will be 1 hour long, and selected paper, graduate paper competition, organized symposia sessions will be shortened from standard 90 minutes to 75 minutes, with 15 minute breaks in between, to reduce zoom fatigue. Thus, presenters will be given about 15 minutes to present with several minutes for Q&A to stay within time limits.
8. 1 hour break for lunch (obviously on your own)
9. We will not have poster sessions.
10. **Expecting that there will be some drop out of selected papers that we need to address in setting up sessions, we ask all presenters that want to be considered in the schedule to be registered by no later than June 12 (here is the registration link). Please register ASAP:**
<https://pheedloop.com/register/2020westernagecassocconference/attendee/>
11. **On June 15, all presenters that have registered will be organized into sessions. Any presenters who have not registered by June 15 will not be on the program.**
12. We plan to add some Covid19 topical sessions.
13. We will record plenary sessions, Covid 19 related topic sessions, organized symposia, and awards session and make available for longer period of time (i.e., they will be live, recorded and then available for later viewing or download by registrants).

Registration fee is set at \$45/person (same fee for everyone to cover platform, tech support, and honorarium costs), plus a transaction fee of \$0.85/person (**total = \$45.85/person**).

In This Issue

1. *Survey results and plans for virtual conference*
2. *Transition to IMI complete*
3. *New JARE Editorship for 2022-2024 Issues*
4. *Closing*

Important Dates:

All conference presenters need to register by close of business on June 12, 2020.

Future Meetings:

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

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

2023 WAEA Annual Meeting
Santa Fe, NM - REBOOT

We are using Pheedloop as the platform to coordinate the meeting. This platform allows us to have multiple concurrent sessions, keynote/plenary sessions, the ability to have presentations recorded, an electronic agenda that allows attendees a point and click environment to choose and move between sessions seamlessly, live on demand opportunities to network with your colleagues or friends via video or chat features, all with the click of a button.

Our event website for the conference can be found at the following:

(<https://pheedloop.com/2020westernagecassocconference/site/2020WesternAGECAssocConference/>)

Content will be added and organized into sessions after presenters register by close of business on June 12.

Attendees that are not presenting will be allowed to register after June 15.

Thank you for all of your responses and guidance! I look forward to interacting with you at our virtual conference.

Our Transition Away from EDI to IMI is Complete!

Our transition to Interactive Management Incorporated (IMI) is complete! All of our funds from our old accounts in Wisconsin have now been transferred to our new US Bank accounts. We have received the final results of our audit, and the results indicate all is well. We have filed our 2019 tax form with the IRS. We have financial statements that accurately depict where we ended with EDI and where we are now. Moreover, our new website is complete and we have made some minor changes to how WEF articles are presented as of this month. As an aside, under these new relationships (IMI and MM Outreach), we are able to get newsletters out to you and changes to our website within hours or a day rather than lag times usually lasting a week or longer. I couldn't be more pleased.

We have new JARE Editorship for the 2022-2024 issues

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that I announce the WAEA Executive Council has unanimously accepted a proposal by Dr. Jeffrey Reimer (Oregon State University), Dr. Christian Langpap (Oregon State University), Dr. Dayton Lambert (Oklahoma State University), and Dr. Timothy Park (USDA ERS) to become the new editorial team for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* for the issues appearing in the publication years of 2022 to 2024. I deeply appreciate their willingness to serve the association in this way.

Closing

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) or phone (307-766-4377).

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Bastian
2019-20 WAEA President