

WAEA News Update January 2021



Big Changes to Upcoming Conference Schedule!

The last year has placed major challenges to all facets of life, including our association. I am very pleased with the flexibility of our association to shuffle our past and future conference schedule to reduce our financial liability and maintain an appealing set of future conferences. Through all of these changes, our association has been spared any change fees or deposits from conference commitments. With our joint conference this summer with the AAEA, I believe this provides our association with the greatest likelihood of actually holding an in-person meeting. This planning would not have been possible without the dedication from our executive committee, as well as collaboration with our partner associations (Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Western Extension Committee, and Agricultural and Applied Economics Association).

More information about the 2021 Joint AAEA/WAEA conference this year can be found [here](#). As detailed in this newsletter, the WAEA will offer its normal slate of awards in Austin, TX this summer. Please consider a self-nomination or nominating one of your colleagues for these awards. All awards will be presented during the joint AAEA/WAEA meeting this summer. Also, consider submitting a paper, poster, or organized symposium for our upcoming meeting. **Selected paper and symposium deadlines are January 20, and award deadlines are February 15.** Please see the details contained in this newsletter for submission information. Finally, encourage your graduate students to submit papers and apply for the graduate student paper competition. This is a great opportunity for graduate students to gain experience in presenting their research and compete against other top students.

WAEA Officer Election Results

Many thanks to all the members that were willing to stand for election and those that voted. Congratulations to **Stephen Devadoss** our new president-elect, and elected directors **Kate Binzen Fuller** and **Mykel Taylor**. All elected officers have a three-year service commitment. We are thankful for their willingness to devote time to the WAEA.

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Important Dates:

Selected Paper & Organized Symposia Deadline: January 20, 2021

Awards and Fellows Nomination Deadline: February 15, 2021

Future Meetings:

2021 Joint AAEA/WAEA Meeting
July 31 – Aug. 2, 2021
Austin, TX

2022 WAEA Annual Meeting
June 26 – 28, 2022
Santa Fe, NM

2023 Joint CAES/WAEA Meeting
July 2023
Whistler, BC, Canada

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

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters: A link for submitting two-page selected paper abstract will be managed by the AAEA abstract submission site, using this [link](#). For additional information on submission requirements, process, and instructions, please see the link above. The due date for selected paper abstracts is **January 20, 2021**.

AAEA Organized Symposia: The call for AAEA organized symposia can be found using this [link](#). For additional information on submission requirements, process, and instructions, please see the link above. The due date for AAEA organized symposia is **January 20, 2021**.

WAEA Organized Symposia Proposals: In addition to the AAEA organized symposia, there will also be a couple of WAEA organized symposia sessions on August 1 of the joint AAEA/WAEA meeting in Austin, TX. 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, 2021, 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 Eric Belasco in pdf format at eric.belasco@montana.edu by **February 15, 2021**.

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 or poster; b) Be a member of WAEA as of May 1, 2021, and c) Present the paper in person at the joint AAEA/WAEA meeting in Austin, TX. Submissions must include a draft of their paper and are due to Lynn Hamilton (lhamilto@calpoly.edu) by May 28, 2021.

Awards: Nominations are due **February 15, 2021**. Please submit materials directly to the appropriate subcommittee chair. Award descriptions are available on pages 3 - 6.

- Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards (<10 Years): Tim Delbridge, tdelbrid@calpoly.edu
- Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards (>10 Years): Gary Brester, gbrester@montana.edu
- Graduate Paper or Master's Thesis Award: Jeff Luckstead, jluckstead@wsu.edu
- Outstanding Published Research Award: Dustin Pendell, dpendell@ksu.edu
- Outstanding Extension Project Awards: Becca Jablonski, Becca.jablonski@colostate.edu
- Outstanding Extension Career Awards: Russ Tronstad, tronstad@ag.arizona.edu
- WAEA Fellow Award: Chris Bastian, bastian@uwyo.edu

2021 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>.

2021 WAEA for General Award Nominations

The deadline for all submissions is **Monday, February 15, 2021**. For questions, please contact Award Committee Chairs: Anton Bekkerman (anton.bekkerman@unh.edu) and/or Amanda Countryman (Amanda.countryman@colostate.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).
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.
 - b. 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 Tim Delbridge (tdelbrid@calpoly.edu) for nominations with **less than 10** years of experience and Gary Brester (gbrester@montana.edu) for nominations with **more than 10** years of experience.

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.

Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must have completed the master's degree at a WAEA institution during the 2020 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 Jeff Luckstead, jluckstead@wsu.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 2020 will be considered (i.e., bearing a 2020 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 Dustin Pendell, dpendell@ksu.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 Becca Jablonski (Becca.jablonski@colostate.edu) for project nominations and Russ Tronstad (tronstad@ag.arizona.edu) for career nominations.

Call for WAEA Fellow Award Nominations

Deadline: February 15, 2021

Send Applications to Chris Bastian, bastian@uwyo.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 15, 2021. 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.

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 (eric.belasco@montana.edu). Our next newsletter will arrive in the spring with more details on our upcoming joint conference. Until then, I hope you have a great start to your quarter/semester!

Sincerely,



Eric J. Belasco
2020-21 WAEA President