

# Spring 2022 Edition



## 2022 Annual Meeting Information

Excitement is building around our upcoming annual meeting June 26-28<sup>th</sup> in Sante Fe, NM and here I want to highlight a few items. First, hotel reservation ([link](#); Group Code 1013161 or “WAEA 2022 Annual Meeting”) and conference registration ([link](#)) are open. As with many meetings, prices may increase the longer you wait. Coupled with anticipation of strong attendance, we encourage all to promptly reserve their rooms and register for the meeting.

During the registration process, you have the ability to add-on options for additional attendees to accompany you at key events and to participate in a local tour on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Here is a description of the available tour (thanks to Shannon Neibergs and JoAnn Warner!):

*The tour will include a visit to the Santa Ana Pueblo Vineyard which grows the Pinot Meunier grape at 5,200 feet, one of the highest grown such grapes in the world. The second stop will be the La Montanita Food Coop and distribution center – New Mexico’s largest Community-owned natural foods market with 4 different locations in NM. The third stop will be to NMSU’s Ag Science Center - showcasing some of New Mexico’s premiere and cash crops including chili production. The tour concludes with dinner in Albuquerque at one of the oldest family owned restaurants in the area featuring Northern New Mexican cuisine. The bus will depart at 1:30PM from La Fonda on the Plaza and return to the hotel at 8:30PM.*

More details will be provided once the meeting’s final program is set. In the meantime, please note we will have a general reception Sunday evening (June 26), a Keynote address by Dr. James MacDonald Monday over lunch (June 27), and Tuesday’s main program will conclude by 1:30pm with incoming president Stephen Devadoss providing his presidential address, the WAEA awards ceremony, and lunch (June 28). I also want to highlight Monday will include our graduate student competition. We also have four organized symposiums and a wealth of strong selected presentations that will occur throughout Monday and Tuesday morning.

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### Future Meetings:

**2022 WAEA Annual Meeting**  
June 26 – 28, 2022  
La Fonda on the Plaza  
Santa Fe, NM

**2023 Joint CAES/WAEA Meeting**  
July 17 – 20, 2023  
Hilton Whistler Resort  
Whistler, BC, Canada

As you can tell from this broad overview, the meeting is set to be both full and informative – a fitting combination as WAEA holds its first, stand-alone, in-person annual meeting since 2019.

### **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 19 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 and recognition in the WAEA awards program and on the WAEA website. Certificates are mailed to each department rather than the student. Prior to May 13<sup>th</sup>, please send selected senior names and department contact information to Glynn Tonsor ([gtonsor@ksu.edu](mailto:gtonsor@ksu.edu)).

If you have any questions or concerns about the WAEA or information contained in this newsletter, feel free to email me ([gtonsor@ksu.edu](mailto:gtonsor@ksu.edu)). As a final note, watch both you email in-box and WAEA's website over the next two months for more specific information about the annual meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Sante Fe!

Sincerely,



Glynn T. Tonsor  
WAEA President