



1. Start Planning for Whistler, Canada!

The 2023 Joint WAEA/CAES-SCAE annual meeting is from Monday, July 17 to Thursday, July 20, 2023 at Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.



The meeting starts in the afternoon of Monday, July 17, with the executive meetings, keynote address, and reception. However, a limited block of rooms are reserved on Sunday, July 16 for meeting participants (particularly from the Eastern Canadian Provinces and U.S. Eastern and Midwest states, and also for those attending the Pre-conference Workshops) who may not have early flights to reach Whistler the afternoon of Monday, July 17. Conference sessions will run for two days, Tuesday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 19. The last day, Thursday, July 20, is devoted for post-conference and extension tour.

As detailed in this newsletter, we will have a normal slate of sessions and awards in this summer's meeting. Please consider a self-nomination or nominating one of your colleagues for these available awards. All awards will be presented during the summer meeting. Also, consider submitting a paper or organized symposium for our upcoming meeting.

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Important Dates:

*Selected Paper & Organized Symposia
Deadline: February 1, 2023*

*Awards and Fellows Nomination
Deadline: February 8, 2023*

Future Meetings:

*2023 Joint CAES/WAEA Meeting
July 17-20, 2023
Whistler, BC, Canada*

*2024 WAEA Meeting
June 23-26, 2024
San Francisco, CA*

Submission deadlines for selected paper and symposium are February 1, and award nominations are February 8. Please see the additional details contained in this newsletter for submission information. 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, expand their networks, and compete against other top graduate students.

The WAEA/CAES-SCAE annual meeting will be held at [Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa](#), Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. For room block bookings and visa requirements, the WAEA/CAES-SCAE annual meeting organizers would like to know the following:

1. Are you a member of CAES-SCAE, WAEA, or both?
2. Are you planning to attend the 2023 Joint WAEA/CAES-SCAE annual meeting in Whistler?
3. If yes, do you plan to stay at the Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa?
4. Do you need a Canadian visa?

Please click the **Take Survey** button below to answer the above questions.

A black rectangular button with the text "Take Survey" in a purple, underlined font.

Thank you very much, and we will inform you about the hotel booking and registration details in the Spring WAEA Newsletter.

2. 2023 WAEA Membership Renewal

The time 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.waeonline.org/membership>.

3. WAEA Officer Election Results

Many thanks to all members who stood for election and those who voted. Congratulations to **Dustin Pendell**, new president-elect, and **Kate Brooks** and **Amy Hagerman**, two new directors. All elected officers have a three-year service commitments. We very much appreciate their willingness to devote time to the WAEA.

4. Call for Selected Papers

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 31, 2023, 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 from review rubric. The

final decision to accept or reject a paper will be made by the Selected Paper Review Committee Chairs. Notification of paper acceptance will take place mid-March 2023. 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) 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, Methods, Results or Expected Results, and Implications.

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2023, midnight (PST). Proposals can be uploaded to the conference software via <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/CAESWAEA2023>.

Graduate Paper Competition: The WAEA would like to encourage the submission of quality papers by graduate students. To this end, the WAEA plans to hold 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 1, 2023**; and d) present the paper in person at the WAEA meetings in Whistler, Canada. Submissions must include a draft of their paper and are due to Eric Belasco (eric.belasco@montana.edu) by May 31, 2023. The authors of the top three papers will receive cash rewards of \$500, \$250, and \$100.

Selected Extension Presentation/Western Extension Committee Sessions: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural and resource economics that address agricultural Extension topics are encouraged. Extension abstracts may be submitted as paper presentations. All abstracts submitted to this topic will undergo a peer review process led by a committee from the WEC. A portion of the accepted proposals will be included in WEC track sessions. It is not necessary to be a member of WEC to submit a proposal. All submissions related to extension should be submitted to “Selected Extension Presentation or Teaching Presentation / Western Extension Committee.” Submission guidelines for WEC abstracts are to follow the WAEA Selected Paper submission process, including same deadline and similar notification date. More details regarding submissions are available at WEC Website link (URL): <https://wec.farmmanagement.org/Meetings.htm>.

Selected Teaching Presentation: Proposals on any aspect of agricultural and resource economics that address teaching topics are encouraged. Teaching abstracts may be submitted as paper presentations. All abstracts submitted to this topic will undergo a peer review process led by a teaching committee. All submissions related to teaching issues should be submitted to “Selected Extension Presentation or Teaching Presentation / Western Extension Committee.” Submission guidelines for teaching abstracts are to follow the WAEA Selected Paper submission process, including same deadline and similar notification date.

Submission Procedures: After navigating to the conference software website, (<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/CAESWAEA2023>):

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, Yu Na Lee at ylee13@uoguelph.ca, Kate Fuller at kate.fuller@montana.edu or Mykel Taylor at mrt0055@auburn.edu.

5. Call for WAEA Organized Symposia Proposals

We plan to have a couple WAEA organized symposia sessions in the meetings. 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 31, 2023 to have the symposium included in the program. The proposal should not exceed 1000 words and be submitted as a pdf file with double-spacing. 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 WAEA President Stephen Devadoss in pdf format at stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu and CAES President Getu Hailu at ghailu@uoguelph.ca by **February 1, 2023**. Include “WAEA 2023 Organized Session Proposal” in the subject line.

A committee headed by the WAEA and CAES Presidents will evaluate the proposals. Final selection of proposals will be based on a clearly worded rationale for their proposed organized symposium. Authors will be notified of the status of their proposal(s) by mid-March, 2023.

6. 2023 WAEA for General Award Nominations

Awards: Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**. Please submit your award nomination directly to the award chair listed for each award below. For questions, please contact both Award Committee Chairs: Kristi Hansen (kristi.hansen@uwyo.edu) and Lisa Elliot (lisa@agrivar.ag).

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 of each award will receive a plaque. This award will be presented 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) Enthusiasm for teaching,
- (2) Availability and helpfulness to students,
- (3) Mastery of subject matter,
- (4) Effective explanation of class materials,
- (5) Class preparation, planning, and organization,
- (6) Opportunities for class participation and discussion,
- (7) Creativity in designing and using innovative teaching methods,
- (8) Impact on student learning, based on teaching and peer evaluations, and
- (9) 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 should include:

- a. A letter of nomination (limited to no more than three pages, single spaced) summarizing the teaching accomplishments of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above.
- b. A maximum of three letters of recommendation (each letter should be no more than two pages, single spaced).
- c. Supplementary materials (e.g., teaching evaluations), no more than three pages, single spaced.
- d. Publications, videos, etc. may be included.

(3) Electronic files of all materials as a single pdf file 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 Eric Houk (ehouk@csuchico.edu) for nominations with **less than 10** years of experience and Bridget Guerrero (bguerrero@wtamu.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. This award will be made annually at the WAEA meeting.

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 2022 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 of the thesis needs to be emailed to the chair of the selection committee as a single pdf file. The letter of nomination should summarize the research of the nominee with respect to the criteria outlined above.

Send nominations in pdf form to Vardges Hovhannisyan, vhovhann@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 2022 will be considered (i.e., bearing a 2022 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 single pdf file of the nomination materials should 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 Sherzod Akhundjanov, sherzod.akhundjanov@usu.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 at the WAEA meeting and winner(s) will receive a plaque.

(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 eight 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 eight years duration.

Eligibility Requirements: Nominee(s) must be actively involved in programs of outreach/Extension 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 program to the target audience (audience demand, identified problem, etc.),
- (2) Effectiveness of the program in terms of achievement of results/outcomes for the target audience,
- (3) Appropriateness and effectiveness of program outputs (materials, videos, etc.),
- (4) Effectiveness of program communication and promotional methods, and
- (5) Evidence of accomplishment of program objectives and short, medium, and long-term target audience impact(s) (as appropriate).

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 as a single pdf file 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 Patrick Hatzenbuehler (phatzenbuehler@uidaho.edu) for project nominations and Dave Ripplinger (david.ripplinger@ndsu.edu) for career nominations.

7. Call for WAEA Fellow Award Nominations

Deadline: February 8, 2023

Send Applications to Glynn Tonsor, gtonsor@ksu.edu

Purpose of the Award: Grant the highest recognition to members making an enduring contribution over their career to agricultural or other type of applied, resource, and/or environmental economics in the Western states and the WAEA.

Nominees must be a current member of the association, and have demonstrated active involvement over their career as a member of the association (no specific number of years is required, but this is considered a career-spanning award representing work and involvement across decades).

Nominees must demonstrate 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 8, 2023.

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.

A nominee must be a current member of the association, and the nomination packet must also include a description of the nominee's years of membership and activities in the WAEA (serving on the executive committee/council, award committees, editorial council, and regular attendance of WAEA).

The total nomination package will be limited to a maximum of eight typed, double-spaced pages and should be submitted as a single pdf file.

8. Call for Editor Applications

Call for JARE Editors

Applications to be the next Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (JARE) editors are being accepted. The new editors will be responsible for the 2025-2027 issues of JARE. The next editors will begin handling new submissions in January 2024. Submit applications to stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu by March 31, 2023. 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. The real reward of editorial service is contributing to the advancement of the agricultural economics discipline.

Call for WEF Editors

Applications to be the next Western Economics Forum (WEF) editors are being accepted. The new editors will be responsible for the 2025-2027 issues of WEF. The next editors will begin handling new submissions in January 2024. Submit applications to stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu by March 31, 2023. 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. The real reward of editorial service is contributing to the advancement of the agricultural economics discipline.

9. WAEA Outstanding Seniors

Please send the names of the students nominated by your department for WAEA Outstanding Senior and where to send the certificate to me Stephen Devadoss at (stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu) by no later than March 31st, 2023.

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 (stephen.devadoss@ttu.edu). Our next newsletter will arrive in the spring with more details on our upcoming joint conference.

Sincerely,



Stephen Devadoss
2022-23 WAEA President