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*2025 AAEA-WAEA Meeting
Joint with AAEA
July 27-29, 2025
Denver, Colorado*

Start Planning for San Francisco, California!

We are looking forward to the 2024 WAEA annual meeting from Sunday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 25 at the San Francisco Marriott Union Square. This newsletter highlights a few items.

Registration for the Conference:

Online registration for the 2024 WAEA Conference is now open. To get early-bird rates, please register by May 15, 2024. Online registration will be closing on June 10, 2024. The table below summarizes fee details and the deadline for registration:

Membership Type	Early Bird <i>on or before May 15</i>		Advanced <i>May 16 – June 10</i>		Onsite <i>June 11 or after</i>	
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Non-member</i>
Regular	\$700	\$900	\$900	\$1100	\$1000	\$1200
Student	\$350	\$450	\$450	\$500	\$450	\$500
Guest Ticket for the Meeting	\$100		\$100		\$100	
Western Extension Committee (WEC) Tour	\$100		\$100		\$100	

The registration fees will include a reception, two breakfasts and two lunches. The registration fees are higher this year due to a) inflation, and b) the high cost of operations in San Francisco.

Guest tickets for the meeting cover the welcome reception and all concurrent sessions. Guest banquet tickets may be purchased during registration for \$100 and on-site, subject to availability.

To register and make payments, click the [link](#).

Payment and Cancellation Policies:

Cancellations of meeting registrations before June 10, 2024, are subject to a \$50 processing fee.

WAEA will not refund the registration fees or special event fees after June 10, 2024, because meeting expenses are based on the number of projected attendees, and WAEA is liable for these expenses.

To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact Kelley Apodaca at: kelley@imigroup.org.

Accommodations:

We have a special block rate for hotel rooms for the 2024 Annual Meeting at the **Marriott San Francisco Union Square**. Hotel rooms (either King or Two Doubles) are available at \$249 + taxes per night. A few things to note about the rooms are:

1. Reservation rates online say that they will include a \$30/night Destination Fee that is typically charged in San Francisco for a total rate of \$279. WAEA rooms will NOT be charged the destination fee at check in so the actual rate will be \$249.
2. Free Wi-Fi in hotel rooms is only available for Marriott Bonvoy members so it is suggested to join Marriott Bonvoy before booking a hotel room.
3. Parking at the hotel is about \$70/day. However, there are a lot of things within walking distance so please plan accordingly.

To Book: To book online, please click the link: [WAEA Room Rental](#)

Since the meeting starts in the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, with the executive meetings and reception, a limited block of rooms are reserved on Saturday, June 22 for meeting participants. There are also a limited number of rooms for Tuesday, June 25 for meeting participants who are attending the WEC Tour or want to stay and explore San Francisco. Individual guests/members will be required to guarantee their reservations using a major credit card.

San Francisco 2024 Preliminary Schedule:

The meeting starts in the afternoon of Sunday, June 23 with the executive meetings and reception. Conference sessions will run for one and a half days on Monday, June 24 and the morning of Tuesday, June 25. Tuesday afternoon is devoted to the extension tour.

Sunday, June 23

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Western Extension Committee Meeting
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	WAEA Executive Meeting
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception

Monday, June 24

8:30 AM - 10:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #1 and Organized Symposia
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #2 and Organized Symposia
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	WAEA Lunch and Keynote Speaker
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #3 and Organized Symposia
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions #4 and Organized Symposia

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 AM - 10:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions #5 and Organized Symposia
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Business Meeting and WAEA Presidential Address
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	WAEA Lunch and Awards Ceremony
1:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Western Extension Committee Tour

Western Extension Committee (WEC) Tour (Tuesday, June 25, 2024):

During the registration process, there will be add-on options for you and additional attendees accompanying you to participate in the Extension tour on Tuesday, June 25. The tour fee is \$100. Here is a description of the tour (thanks to Shannon Neibergs and JoAnn Warner!):

Join us for an exciting tour showcasing the local and regional food systems in Marin County and the San Francisco Bay Region. The area's rich agricultural history evolved into Agri-tourism and value-added enterprises. This includes our stops at the Heidrun Meadery and Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company, followed by dinner at a Point Reyes restaurant known for its artisanal and locally based cuisine. Our scenic route will skirt the Marin Headlands, then proceed north and west on the Lucas Valley Rd, past Point Reyes Station, and along Tomales Bay. If this is your first time visiting this area, we highly encourage you to sign up for the tour with its unique and historical agricultural aspects and with an opportunity to sample some of the best cheeses and sparkling mead in the state!

As a final note, watch both your email in-box and WAEA's website over the next two months for more specific information about the annual meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns about the WAEA or information contained in this newsletter, feel free to email me (kschoengold2@unl.edu).

I look forward to seeing many of you in San Francisco, California!

Sincerely,



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WAEA President