President Note

Our Association's annual meetings in Vancouver, British Columbia were a smashing success, thanks to Past-President Paul Wilson's vision, planning, and hard work. Our first joint meeting with the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) was truly impressive: great sessions, great interaction with other WAEA members, and great opportunities to interact with and learn from economists in other fields and specializations.

The Executive Committee is planning the 2001 annual meetings to be held July 8-11 in beautiful Logan, Utah. Be sure to check out the calls for selected papers and organized paper sessions in this issue to see how you can participate in the Logan meetings.

Given the success of the Vancouver meetings, our Association is considering a more permanent relationship with the Western Economics Association International (WEAI). Some participants at the meetings in Vancouver believe that we should hold joint meetings with WEAI every year while others prefer to periodically meet with AAEA and/or meet independently. Joint meetings with either WEAI or AAEA have the potential to reduce organizational costs, but they also have the potential to reduce the independence of WAEA. Please send your thoughts to me (barkley@ksu.edu), any member of the executive committee, or your council representative so we can move forward in the direction that the WAEA membership desires.

I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. Please be sure to let me know what I can do to make your association with WAEA a good one in the next year.

— Andy Barkley

New Officers and Executive Committee

The following individuals were elected to serve the association as new members of the Executive Committee:

President
Andy Barkley, Kansas State University

President-Elect
Steve Blank, UC Davis

Vice President
Larry Makus, University of Idaho

Directors
DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University
Dana Hoag, Colorado State University

Directors
Rus Tronstad, University of Arizona
Gary Brester, Montana State University

Secretary/Treasurer
E. Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University

Editor
Gary Thompson, University of Arizona
Award Winners

Congratulations to the following award winners who received well-deserved recognition at the WAEA meeting in Vancouver.

Outstanding Master's Thesis

CAMERON TAYLOR, University of Alberta
"Individual Time Preferences in Forest Management."

Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher
Less than 10 years experience

PENNY DIEBEL, Eastern Oregon University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher
More than 10 years experience

JOSEPH GUENTHNER, University of Idaho

Outstanding Published Research

JAMES CHALFANT, JENNIFER JAMES, NATHALIE LAVOIE, and RICHARD SEXTON, University of California-Davis

and

ROBERT INNES, University of Arizona

JARE Published Research Award

JEAN-PAUL CHAVAS, University of Wisconsin

Outstanding Extension Program Career Award

STEVE AMOSSON, Texas A&M University

Program Award

PACIFIC NORTHWEST RISK MANAGEMENT EDUCATION PROJECT, Jeff Connor and Bart Eleved—Oregon State University, Bill Looney—Big Bend Community College, Larry Makus and Paul Patterson—University of Idaho, Jon Newkirk, Gayle Willett, Tom Worley and Traci Schoessler—Washington State University, JoLynne Jeffer—USDA, RMA

and

FORMULA PRICING AND GRID PRICING FED CATTLE PROJECT, Dillon Feuz—University of Nebraska, Ted Schroeder—Kansas State University, and Clement Ward—Oklahoma State University.
Future Meetings
2001 - Logan, Utah, July 8-11
   (Hosted by the Department of Economics,
   Utah State University.)
2002 - A joint meeting with either AAEA, July 28-31
   in Long Beach, California or July 11-15 with
   WEAI in Denver Colorado.

WAEA Web Page to Move
Dawn Thilmay has maintained the WAEA website. The new address will be:

http://www.waeaonline.org

You will want to change your bookmark to the new address.

Membership and Dues
The financial status of the association is solid. As a result, no change in dues or page charges was proposed for 2001. Dues for 2001 will remain as follows:

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The number of members of WAEA increased in 2000 from 1999—the first increase in membership since 1994. Several factors probably contributed to this change (e.g., reduced dues for students, membership recruitment, family membership option). If you have any questions concerning the status of your membership, please contact Bruce Godfrey (bruceg@ext.usu.edu).

We would also encourage you to recruit a new member in either 2000 or 2001. The enclosed recruitment form may be duplicated and used to recruit a new member.

Seeking New Secretary/Treasurer
Bruce Godfrey will complete his second term as secretary/treasurer in 2001. A new secretary/treasurer needs to be selected before the meetings next summer.

Those interested in serving should contact President Andy Barkley (barkley@ksu.edu). Those wanting information on the responsibilities of the secretary/treasurer should consult the WAEA constitution on the WAEA web page or talk to Bruce Godfrey (bruceg@ext.usu.edu).

Make Plans Now to Attend the WAEA Meetings in Logan, Utah
July 8-11, 2001

See the meeting web page (under development) at

http://www.econ.usu.edu/events/WAEA.asp

WAEA Awards
Materials for WAEA awards will not be due until the spring of 2001. But, this fall is a good time to decide to apply and to begin to prepare materials. See the WAEA website (http://www.waeaonline.org) for criteria and an outline of material that was needed last year.
Notice

Young Professionals Conference

The Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEE), together with the AAEA, Farm Foundation, Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), and the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA) is hosting a conference for agricultural economists in the early stages of their careers (assistant professors) to interact with established faculty members who have had success in teaching, research, and extension in the agricultural economics profession. The goal of the conference is “to provide early academic professionals a productive and innovative forum for planning and discussing career and professional development” by bringing them together with successful, experienced agricultural economists “to engage in a discussion on strategies to achieve success in our profession, our institutions, and in our personal lives.”

Grants from the Farm Foundation and the AAEA Foundation will be used to fund travel grants to offset the cost of participation. The conference is set for June 12-14, 2001 in Keystone, Colorado.

For more information about the 1998 Young Professionals Conference, see the WAEA website.

For more information on the 2001 conference please contact Andrew Barkley at barkley@ksu.edu.

Call for Selected Paper Proposals

The Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEE) seeks Selected Paper proposals for the WAEA meetings in Logan, Utah, July 8-11, 2001. Proposals for Selected papers are limited to two pages in length and should include title, objectives, background, data and methods, results/expected results, and discussion.

Detailed information regarding submission guidelines can be found at:

http://dare.agsci.colostate.edu/thilmaly/waea.htm.

Proposals must be submitted via e-mail no later than Friday, November 17, 2000. E-mail should be addressed to Dawn Thilmaly, Colorado State University, thilmaly@lamar.colostate.edu.

Graduate students are encouraged to submit Selected Paper proposals.

Call for Organized Paper Sessions

The Western Agricultural Economics Association is soliciting proposals for organized paper sessions at the WAEA meetings in Logan, Utah, July 8-11, 2001. An organizer will design a session around a common topic or theme. Organizers are encouraged to develop sessions with a mix of young scholars with new ideas and older, more seasoned professionals to foster a mutually beneficial exchange. A session usually includes a chairperson, three papers, and two discussants with at least one discussant assigned to comment on each paper. Other formats might also be used. Session proposals are limited to two pages in length and should include session title, paper titles, names and addresses of all participants, and a brief justification of the importance of the session theme. Detailed guidelines for organized paper sessions can be found at:

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Vancouver Papers on the Web

Most of the papers that were presented at the meetings at Vancouver either have or will be posted on the Ag Econ website at the University of Minnesota (http://agecon.lib.umn.edu). This is done in lieu of publishing a proceedings. You will also find papers that were given at Reno in 1997 and Fargo in 1999.

We appreciate the cooperation of the people at Minnesota in posting these papers.