Presidential Note

A busy association is a healthy one! By that standard, the WAEA is very healthy. Much is happening and it is all positive.

The WAEA annual meeting in Logan, Utah was a great success. Bruce Godfrey and his colleagues at Utah State University worked hard to spoil attendees by providing a smooth-running conference in comfortable accommodations surrounded by beautiful scenery. Past-President Andy Barkley put together an interesting and diverse program that succeeded in offering much to each participant. Thank you!

The Executive Committee and the Council had a very full agenda at the Logan meeting. Varied actions were taken during their joint meeting. Some actions were made possible by the association's budget surplus, which is due primarily to efficient operations in the JARE editorial office and the Secretary-Treasurer office. A one-year trial program to pay JARE reviewers for quick responses was passed. Graduate Student Travel Grants, cash for WAEA award winners, and a potential expansion of the WAEA newsletter were all approved for further discussion. Those three items will be finalized during a special meeting of the Executive Committee during November. Other items to be discussed in November include creation of a WAEA Information Officer/webmaster position, online JARE publication, creation of a web-based WAEA member directory, creation of a WAEA Fellow Award, and various issues regarding our publication policies. If any member has questions or has a comment concerning any of these items, please contact a member of the executive committee or a member of the WAEA Council.

The Executive Committee and I are working on the 2002 annual meeting to be held jointly with the AAEA July 28-31 in Long Beach, California. It will be a big meeting, in terms of the number of sessions sponsored by the WAEA, so plan to participate! Look for the calls for selected papers and organized paper sessions in this newsletter.

The Executive Committee approved a plan for the 2003 annual meeting to be held jointly with the Western Economics Association International July 11-15 in Denver, Colorado. Our first joint meeting with the WEAI, held in Vancouver during 2000, was such a success that we are considering making joint WAEA/WEAI meetings fairly regular, if our members approve. However, this raises a question on which the Executive Committee would like your input. What is your preferred mix of joint meetings (with the AAEA and WEAI) and independent meetings (WAEA only)? Do frequent joint meetings threaten the WAEA's identity? Joint meetings (with the AAEA or the WEAI) will always be large, offering more interaction with colleagues. Independent WAEA meetings can be more western-focused, they are smaller and, thus, can be held in some of the west's best locations for combining business and vacations. Please express your opinion on these and any other issues to any Executive Committee member before the end of October. Contacts for all members of the Executive Committee are on the WAEA web-page.

I look forward to this busy year. If you have any ideas on how the WAEA can be of more value to you, please let me know. To borrow from Abe Lincoln, the WAEA is an associate of the members, by the members and for the members. So, let's have a great year!

- Steve Blank
Congratulations to the following winners. Their hard work, like many others that aren't recognized here, received well-deserved recognition at the WAEA meeting in Logan. We look forward to next year's entries!

**JARE Published Research Award**

S. ANDREW STARBIRD, Santa Clara University
"Designing Food Safety Regulations: The Effect of Inspection Policy and Penalties for Compliance on Food Processor," Vol. 25, No. 2:616-635.

**Outstanding Master's Thesis**

DONGMEI ZHOU, Montana State University
"Import Demand for U.S. Beef By-Products and Effects on Domestic By-Product and Live Cattle Prices"

**Outstanding Senior's Thesis**

HILARY DERRY, Agricultural Business Management, Oregon State University

JENNIFER JOHNSTON, Agricultural Business Management, Eastern Oregon University

TONI L. KEMP, Agricultural Economics, University of Idaho

CASEY POTTER, Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska

JOHN A. RIEHLE, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming

SARA WILSON, Agricultural Business Management, Oregon State University

RACHAEL MARIE REDMAN, Agricultural Business Management, Utah State University

DEBORAH JACOBS, Agricultural Economics, Montana State University

**WAEA Awards for 2002**

Materials for WAEA awards will not be due until the spring of 2002. But, this fall is a good time to decide to apply and to begin preparing materials. See the WAEA website (http://www.waeaonline.org) for criteria and an outline of material needed.
New Officers and Executive Committee

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

President-Elect
Ray Huffaker, Washington State University

Vice President
Dillon Peuz, University of Nebraska

Directors
James Minter, Kansas State University
Jill McClusky, Washington State University

Incoming Secretary/Treasurer
Dawn Thilman, Colorado State University

We express our appreciation to all those who stood for election and look forward to working with the new members of the Executive Committee. Continuing members of the Executive Committee include:

President
Steve Blank, UC Davis

Past President
Andy Barkley, Kansas State University

Directors
Dee Von Bailey, Utah State University
Dana Hoag, Colorado State University

Secretary/Treasurer
E. Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University

Editor
Gary Thompson, University of Arizona

Membership and Dues

The financial status of the association is solid. Unlike AAEA and SAEA, no change in dues or page charges was proposed for 2002. Dues for 2002 will remain as follows:

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The number of members of WAEA for 2001 is essentially equal to 2000. If you have any questions concerning the status of your membership, please contact Bruce Godfrey (bruceg@extusu.edu).

We would encourage you to recruit a new member in either 2001 or 2002. See the last page of this newsletter for a membership application.

Call for Organized Paper Sessions

The Western Agricultural Economics Association is soliciting proposals for organized paper sessions at the WAEA meetings in Long Beach, California. 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 one or two discussants. 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 will be posted on the WAEA web page and must be submitted by January 15, 2002.

Call for Selected Paper Proposals

The Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) seeks Selected Paper proposals for the WAEA meetings in Long Beach, July 28-31, 2002. 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 will be posted on the WAEA web page and must be submitted by January 15, 2002.

Graduate students are encouraged to submit Selected Paper proposals.
Membership Application

Includes a subscription to the
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Name:________________________________________
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I certify that the above individual is eligible for student membership.

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Make a check (payable on a U.S. Bank) or money order payable to:
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