WAEA Officer Election Results
Many thanks to all the members that were willing to stand for election and those that voted. Congratulations to Tom Marsh (Washington State University), our new president-elect, and elected directors Dustin Pendell (Colorado State University) and Lynn Hamilton (Cal Poly-SLO). All elected officers have a three-year service commitment, so we are very thankful for their willingness to give of their time to the WAEA.

2013 WAEA Annual Meeting
Our 2013 WAEA annual meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Monterey, CA, June 26-28. Hotel reservations can be made at [https://resweb.passkey.com/go/waea2013](https://resweb.passkey.com/go/waea2013) or by phone at (877) 901-6632. The keynote address will be given by Dr. John Loomis (Colorado State University) on “Strategies for Overcoming Hypothetical Bias in Stated Preference Surveys.” Meeting registration will be available after March 1, 2013 and a registration fee of around $250 is anticipated. Also note that Lynn Hamilton at Cal Poly-SLO has been good enough to put together a preconference tour of agriculture in the Salinas area for June 26th. The tour will last most of the day, with participants returning in time to attend the evening reception. More details on cost and registration will be provided in the next newsletter.

Deadlines for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia, and Awards
A link for submitting selected paper abstracts and instructions can be found at [https://editorialexpress.com/waea2013](https://editorialexpress.com/waea2013). The date for selected paper abstracts has been pushed back to January 30, 2013, at midnight (EST). Please note this change. Don’t forget that graduate students who submit and present their papers are eligible for a cash prize of up to $500.
Organized symposia proposals are due **January 23, 2013**. I have already received a couple proposals, but more are welcome. Each 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). Proposals should be submitted via email to Greg Perry in **pdf format** at greg.perry@colostate.edu.

All award nominations are due **February 11, 2013** and need to be submitted electronically in **pdf format**. Materials may be scanned and emailed. Nominations for Outstanding Published Research Award should be sent to Rachael Goodhue (goodhue@primal.ucdavis.edu). Dr. Stephen Devadoss (devadoss@uidaho.edu) is handling MS Thesis Award nominations. Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (both less than and more than 10 years’ experience) nominations should be sent to Dr. Marshall Frasier (Marshall.Frasier@colostate.edu). Outstanding Extension Program Award nominations (for both Project and Career) go to Jeff Johnson (jeff.johnson@ttu.edu). Nominations for WAEA Distinguished Scholar Awards should be sent to past president Russ Tronstad (tronstad@ag.arizona.edu). Please refer to the Fall 2012 WAEA News Notes (http://waeaonline.uwagec.org/Newsltrs/2012FallNews.pdf) for more details on eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures associated with each award.

**New WAEA Website**

Work is nearly complete on the new WAEA website. We expect to have the website up and running in the next month or so. Registration for this summer’s meetings will be handled through the new website, as will payment for page charges and other expenses. This ability to handle financial transactions was a deciding factor in our decision to invest in creating a new website.

**2014 WAEA Meetings**

We have reached agreement with the Antlers Hilton in Colorado Springs, CO to host the 2014 WAEA meetings. The meetings will be held Sunday, June 22nd to Tuesday, June 24th. The room rates will be $139/night, a substantial reduction from what we will be paying in Monterrey this summer. I anticipate conference registration fees will be about the same as the $275 charged in Park City. This will be a nice venue for our conference and we expect good attendance.

**Graduate Travel Fellowships**

On page 4 is an application for WAEA graduate travel fellowships. Preference will be given to students presenting a paper or receiving an award at our annual meeting. Students should receive notification of accepted selected papers in time to meet the **March 31, 2013** application deadline.

**Membership Renewal**

The season to renew your WAEA membership is upon us. You may renew through the AAEA or you can return the membership application form on page 6 to the WAEA business office. If you have more than a year of membership paid to the AAEA, remember that WAEA membership is currently only offered on an annual basis and needs to be renewed.

**WAEA Outstanding Senior Award**

This 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 nineteen 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, a one-year WAEA membership (including only the WEF publication), and recognition in the WAEA awards program and on the WAEA website. Certificates and the WEF are mailed to each department rather than the student. Please send selected senior names and department contact information to Greg Perry (greg.perry@colostate.edu) by March 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

Greg M. Perry
WAEA President
Western Agricultural Economics Association, Inc.
Graduate Travel Fellowship Application
Due: March 31, 2013

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________
(last), (first), (middle initial) (###) ###-#### (###) ###-####

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

WAEA member? □ Yes □ No

Presenting Paper? □ Yes □ No  Receiving Award? □ Yes □ No

Other (describe):

Estimated Travel Costs:  Airfare $ ___________ Hotel $ ___________

Education: (Optional: Include a recent C.V. in place of this section)

College and Graduate Schools
(Most recent first) Graduation
GPA Month/Year Degree Major Field

Briefly list leadership and service activities involved in during graduate studies:

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Briefly describe current research and/or employment:

Briefly describe your professional development goals as they relate to attendance at the meetings:

Submit completed application by email (preferred) or mail to:
Greg Perry (greg.perry@colostate.edu)
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Colorado State University
Campus Delivery 1172
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1172
2013 WAEA Membership Application & Renewal Form

Member Information
Name: ____________________________
Affiliation: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City, State, Zip, Country: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Type of Membership
All memberships include a subscription to the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Volume 38. Members are not guaranteed shipment of journals or newsletters published prior to their membership date.

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*Retired full-time from their full-time job
**I certify that the person named above is eligible for student membership
Department Head or Staff Member ____________________________

Payment Information
Check (U.S. funds drawn on U.S. bank payable to WAEA)
Credit Card # : ____________________________
Expiry date: ____________________________
Name on card: ____________________________

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Email: waea@aaea.org