**WAEA Officer Election Results**

Thanks to all the members who were willing to stand for election and those who voted. Congratulations to Dawn Thilmany McFadden (Colorado State University), our new president-elect, and elected directors Scott Fausti (South Dakota State University) and Kerry Litzenberg (Texas A&M University). 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.

**2014 WAEA Annual Meeting**

Our next meeting is June 22-24, 2014 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Antlers Hilton. The hotel is located in a new part of the city with many nearby restaurants and shopping opportunities. The meeting rooms are very nice and the venue will be just the right size for the WAEA. Room rates are $139 per day. Reservations can be made by calling 719-955-5600 or FAX 719-955-5650, toll free at 866-299-4602, or online at http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/antlers-hilton-colorado-springs-COSCSHF/about/index.html

Meeting registration will be available after March 1, 2014 and a registration fee of around $250 is anticipated. More details on cost and registration will be provided in the next newsletter.

**WAEA Trust Fund Donations Online**

A website has been established to make online donations to the WAEA Trust at http://www.waeaonline.org/waea-trust

**Deadlines for Selected Papers, Organized Symposia, and Awards**

A link for submitting selected paper abstracts and instructions can be found at https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db_name=WAEA2014

The date for selected paper abstracts is **February 10, 2014**, at midnight (EST). Don’t forget that graduate students who submit and present their papers are eligible for a cash prize of up to $500.
ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA NOMINATIONS
Organized symposia proposals are due February 10, 2014. 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 James Richardson at jwrichardson@tamu.edu.

AWARD NOMINATIONS
All award nominations are due February 14, 2014 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 Wade Brorsen at wade.brorsen@okstate.edu.
- Gary Brester at gbrester@montana.edu is handling Graduate Paper or Master’s Thesis Award nominations.
- Lynn Hamilton (lhamilto@calpoly.edu) is handling Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (both less than and more than 10 years experience).
- Outstanding Extension Program Award nominations (for both Project and Career) are handled by David Anderson (danderson@tamu.edu).
- Nominations for WAEA Distinguished Scholar Awards should be sent to past president Greg Perry (perry@ccmail.orst.edu)

Please refer to pages 12-14 of the Fall 2013 WAEA News (http://www.waeaonline.org/UserFiles/file/WAEAFall2013newsletterformattev2.pdf) for more details on eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures associated with each award.

2015 WAEA Meetings
We have reached an agreement with the AAEA and WAEA will hold a joint meeting with the AAEA in San Francisco July 26-28, 2015.

Graduate Travel Fellowships
On page 3 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, 2014 application deadline.

Membership Renewal
The season to renew your WAEA membership is upon us. You may renew through the AAEA website or you can return the membership application form on page 5 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. On-line membership renewal is available at https://waea.execinc.com/edibo/Signup

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 James Richardson jwrichardson@tamu.edu by March 31, 2014.

Sincerely,

James W. Richardson
WAEA President
Western Agricultural Economics Association, Inc.
Graduate Travel Fellowship Application
Due: March 31, 2014

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) GPA Graduation Month/Year Degree Major Field

Briefly list leadership and service activities involved in during graduate studies:
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:
James W. Richardson jwrichardson@tamu.edu
Department of Agricultural Economics
Room 351 AGLS
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 77843
2014 WAEA Membership Application & Renewal Form

Member Information

Name: ____________________________
Affiliation: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City, State, Zip, Country: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

Type of Membership

All memberships include a subscription to the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Volume 39. Members are not guaranteed shipment of journals or newsletters published prior to their membership date.

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**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 #: ____________________________
Expiration date: ____________________________
Name on card: ____________________________

Contact Information

Completed forms and payment may be submitted to:
Mail: WAEA
555 East Well St. Suite 1100
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Fax: (414) 276-3349
Email: waea@aaea.org

On-Line registration is available at:
https://waea.execinc.com/edibo/Signup