



WAEA, Inc. Winter Newsletter Update

Good News! Past President Mike Boland informs us that we have received an expedited ruling from the IRS that we are indeed a non-profit. This means we do not enter a “temporary” standing where we have to prove ourselves like a lot of groups that request a non-profit status. Thanks again Mike for guiding us through these waters. Our membership currently stands at 364, with an additional 91 organizations who have subscribed for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* for 2011.

You should have received notification regarding the acceptance of your WAEA/CAES meeting selected papers by now. We expanded the number of presentation rooms to accommodate as many sessions as possible. One Hundred and Seventy-eight out of 245 submissions were accepted for selected paper presentation. We appreciate the leadership of Chris Bastian and Brady Deaton in accomplishing this heroic task in such an efficient manner.

In the Winter WAEA, Inc. Newsletter, a number of Calls were put forth that we would again like to draw your attention to:

First, a *Call for JARE Editors* was announced. Since the inception of the Western Journal of Agricultural Economics in 1977, several universities have shouldered the burden of editorship, including, Montana State, Texas A&M, Oklahoma State, Washington State, Oregon State, Nevada Reno, Arizona, Utah State, and North Dakota State. We appreciate those who have provided this service—many more than once. As university budgets get tighter, and faculty numbers decrease, it becomes an increasing burden for faculty and their departments to serve in this capacity. Over the past several years, the WAEA has moved to a paid editorship to partially compensate the editors for the overload they carry.

It is doubtful any in our profession are underemployed, but our comparative advantage as a profession hinges upon the creation of knowledge. The publication of a high-quality, research-based journal is the fundamental vehicle for delivering research output to our peers and policy-makers. Such efforts in creating and disseminating new knowledge require passionate and dedicated editorial teams. Although the costs of such activities are obvious (and, by the way, often underestimated), the benefits are less obvious and frequently underestimated as well.

Gary Brester and his outstanding editorial team will relinquish the JARE editorial responsibilities in 2012. We are in need of another editorial team to willingly serve in this capacity. Please discuss this possibility with faculty in your department and consider submitting a proposal to serve as the next *JARE* editorial team. Gary Brester would be happy to visit with anyone who may be considering accepting a leadership role in this important scholarly activity. He also is willing to share his editorial proposal to use as a template. Screening of editorial proposals will begin June 20, 2011 and will continue until a proposal is selected. Please submit proposals to:

Larry Van Tassell
WAEA President
Dept. of Agricultural Economics
102 Filley Hall
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68583-0922

Second, a Call for Department Outstanding Senior Award Nominations was announced. Please send your nominations (along with their mailing address) to Larry Van Tassell at lvantassell2@unl.edu. Although the nomination deadline was April 1, we will accept them at your convenience.

Third, information regarding the Banff meeting was presented in the WAEA, Inc. Winter Newsletter. Remember a passport is required to enter Canada, and make sure to check the visa rules for non-resident graduate students.

Motel reservations can be made at:
http://www.banffcentre.ca/conference_registration/2011/CAE1106/. **The deadline for WAEA room rates is April 23, 2011.**

You can register for the WAEA/CAES meeting at:
http://caes.usask.ca/conferences/annual_meetings/2011_banff/registration.php.
Advanced registration ends June 15.

Need transportation from the Calgary Airport to Banff? Check out these sites.

Directions to Banff:

<http://www.banff.ca/visiting-banff/maps-directions/banff-directions.htm>

Brewster Banff Airport Express & Resort Shuttles:

http://www.explorerochies.com/airport-shuttles/?utm_source=BLL&utm_medium=PkgListings&utm_campaign=BLL_Web11

Banff Aiporter:

<http://banffairporter.com/scheduled-airporter/schedule-and-rates/>

Calgary Airport Authority:

<http://www.banfflakelouise.com/visitor-information/transportation-tours/airports-shuttles/calgary-airport-authority>

Hope to see you in Banff,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Suzanne WEA".

President, WAEA