

JARE Editor's Report December 2004

Between April 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004, 182 manuscripts were submitted to the editors at Utah State University. There were an additional 13 manuscripts forwarded to USU from the previous editor, Gary Thompson, giving a total of 195 manuscripts being processed by the USU editors since April 1, 2003. The disposition of the manuscripts as of October 31, 2004, was as follows. Thirty-six had been accepted for publication, while 92 had been rejected. One manuscript was withdrawn from consideration by the author; 43 manuscripts were currently in review, including nine that were either in second- or third-round review. Authors of an additional 21 manuscripts had received invitations to revise and resubmit following their first review; however, as of October 31, 2004, these revised submissions had not yet been received. We are awaiting a second revision for two other manuscripts. For the 195 manuscripts received by our editorship, the geographic locations of the corresponding authors were: western U.S. and western Canada, 93 manuscripts (47.7%); rest of the U.S. and Canada, 77 manuscripts (39.5%); and 25 manuscripts submitted from other (besides Canada) international locations (12.8%).

Our editorial team will be responsible for *JARE* volumes 29–31. Our first issue, April 2004 (vol. 29/no. 1), included 10 articles. Eight of these articles were accepted for publication by the USU editorial team, and two were holdovers from the previous editors at the University of Arizona. The August 2004 issue (vol. 29/no. 2) included 12 articles, five of which were holdovers from the University of Arizona editorship. As of October 31, 2004, 11 articles had been accepted for the December 2004 issue (vol. 29/no. 3), one of which was originally submitted for review to the University of Arizona.

We have continued the policy started by Gary Thompson and his editorial team of paying \$50 for first reviews completed within six weeks. As of October 31, 2004, 305 first reviews had been returned to us. Of this number, 214 were returned within the six-week period, yielding an “on-time” percentage of 70%. The average time between when a manuscript has been received and a letter from the editor has been sent to the author(s) indicating rejection, acceptance, or inviting the author(s) to submit a revision was 98 days, with a standard deviation of approximately 50 days. We consider this an excellent average turnaround time given that many other economics journals routinely take more than six months to receive a response on a first review.

Our technical editor, Judith Harrison, continues to do an outstanding job of editing our accepted manuscripts, communicating with authors, dealing with our publisher, Sheridan Press, and generally keeping our entire publishing process on track. We have also been pleased with the quality of work completed by Sheridan and their responsiveness to the editors and technical editor.

Amanda Cram, our staff assistant, has been responsible for adapting the Arizona tracking system to the Utah State computer/editorial communication environment. Ms. Cram deserves much of the credit for the smooth transition from Arizona to USU and for the continued smooth operation of the review process. We extend thanks to the WAEA secretary-treasurer, Dawn Thilmany, for her support in handling the business affairs related to the *Journal*, and to Ms. Dora Brunson, the financial officer in the Department of Economics at USU, for very competent and helpful support in handling financial matters for the editors. We also thank past WAEA presidents, Ray Huffaker and Bruce Godfrey, together with current WAEA president, Ted Schroeder, for their support and help.

As always, we owe the manuscript reviewers a huge debt of gratitude. The reviewers play a crucial role in most publication decisions. The time and effort spent by reviewers is evidence of their dedication to maintaining high standards for the *Journal*. Their comments and suggestions

also offer the basis for most of the communication that the editors provide to manuscript authors. We also extend our thanks to the Editorial Council. We have asked members of the Editorial Council to review manuscripts when the publication decision was unusually difficult. We have found the Editorial Council members willing to complete reviews in short periods of time. This has contributed in a very significant manner to keeping the editorial process on track and to maintaining the quality of the *Journal*.

Future considerations include moving the *JARE* to an online electronic submission and tracking system similar to the one recently adopted by the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. The editors of the *AJAE* report that electronic submission has been a large improvement for them with regard to how manuscripts are submitted, handled, and tracked. We believe an identical or similar system would also enhance the operation of the *JARE*, because manuscripts and their disposition could be accessed electronically by the editors and reviewers worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,

DeeVon Bailey, Editor

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WAEA 2003 Award Winners

Outstanding Master's Thesis

JOSÉ ENRIQUE LÓPEZ, "An Econometric and Simulation Model of the Mexican Cotton Industry,"
Texas Tech University.

JAIME MALAGA, Advisor

Accounting for about 20% of the U.S. total cotton exports in recent years, the Mexican market has become a top destination for U.S. cotton production. Simultaneously, the U.S. market is critical for the Mexican textile/clothing sector, absorbing almost 50% of its total output. This strong North American integration process, in part a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement, is being challenged by growing imports of Asian textile products and the approaching final implementation of the Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) on January 2005. The thesis develops a partial equilibrium econometric and simulation model that allows for the assessment of potential implications of the ATC's quota elimination on Mexico's cotton consumption and U.S. cotton exports to Mexico. On the supply side, separate behavioral equations for Mexican cotton harvested area and cotton yields are estimated. On the demand side, a two-stage procedure is utilized where the first stage consists of total fiber consumption, and the second stage was delineated by the cotton share of total fibers. Finally, an ending stock behavioral equation allows for an accurate closing of the model and the computation of net trade. Price transmission relations are additionally built for farm cotton prices, mill cotton prices, and competing crop prices in Mexico. These transmission relations are used to forecast domestic prices and to incorporate the international market effect into the model. The impacts of the ATC textile quota elimination are incorporated through the total fiber consumption behavioral equation and the textile and apparel price index in the United States. Using FAPRI projections for international prices, the estimated model is utilized to generate a baseline forecast for cotton production, total fiber consumption, cotton consumption, and net imports of cotton in Mexico, and to simulate the results of alternative reductions on U.S. textile/apparel prices as a consequence of the ATC quota elimination. Simulation results indicate that the United States exports of cotton to Mexico are forecasted to decline by 9% to 12% with respect to the baseline as a consequence of the elimination of the existing textile and apparel quotas to other U.S. suppliers.

Outstanding Extension Program

Management Analysis and Strategic Thinking (MAST)

VINCENT AMANOR-BOADU, ART BARNABY, DANIEL BERNARDO, MIKE BOLAND, KEVIN DHUYVETTER, SARAH FOGELMAN, RODNEY JONES, TERRY KASTENS, MICHAEL LANGEMEIER, JAMES MINTERT, and CLAY SIMONS (Kansas State University).

Management Analysis and Strategic Thinking (MAST) is an innovative outreach program aimed at progressive farm managers. MAST provides a curriculum and delivery system that enables the serious and progressive manager to learn complex farm management concepts and tools and apply them to his or her unique management situation. The program utilizes a combination of face-to-face workshops and distance learning activities, to provide producers the opportunity to study and learn risk management and decision analysis tools and concepts.

Two critical elements of the program's design are: (1) the integration of face-to-face sessions with distance education delivery, and (2) emphasis on student-instructor and student-student interaction. Distance education has received some criticism because of the perceived isolation of students and lack of interaction between students and the instructor. The MAST program has demonstrated that these maladies can be overcome by combining state-of-the-art technology with proper curriculum design.

Farm managers participating in MAST move through the curriculum as cohorts of approximately 25 individuals. The program begins with a two-day workshop where program participants are introduced to key management tools and concepts to be emphasized in the program. For the next four months, participants learn through distance education methods, and progress through seven modules focusing on various farm management tools and their application. After completing the distance education portion of the program, participants return for a final two-day program that emphasizes applying tools and concepts to their individual farm situations.

During the four-month distance education phase of the program, material is delivered to participants through multimedia learning modules. These modules may be generally described as a combination of a PowerPoint slide presentation with accompanying audio and video streaming, as well as nested spreadsheets and analysis tools. Participants can view the modules on their computers either over the Internet or from a CD-ROM.

The distance learning portion of the program consists of seven modules: (1) land ownership and leasing, (2) machinery ownership and leasing, (3) financial management, (4) human resource management, (5) analytical tools for the farm manager, (6) risk management, and (7) marketing. During each module, participants are able to communicate with instructors and their peers through Internet chat sessions, threaded message boards, e-mail, and the telephone. Chat sessions are scheduled times when the instructor and students are on-line and can discuss concepts and their application. These distance-learning tools have proven effective in providing students personal contact with instructors, thus facilitating a personal learning experience conveniently located in the participant's home or office.

Outstanding Extension Career

JAMES B. JOHNSON (Montana State University)

James B. Johnson has been a quintessential extension professor for three decades. His career contributions have focused on farm management and production analysis, conservation and the environment, and domestic and international agricultural trade policy. He combines an excellent grasp of economic concepts, hands-on knowledge of farm production practices, a commitment to research as a means to quantify and analyze important policy issues, an understanding of economic sustainability and environmental issues, and a rapport with the agricultural community. These attributes have enabled him to develop outstanding farm management outreach education programs that have had incalculable positive impacts on agricultural producers in the region he serves. Jim's work has also created opportunities for primary data collection and research that would otherwise have been impossible.

Jim Johnson has consistently been at the forefront of our profession in terms of providing economic expertise to agricultural producers as they struggle to respond to changing economic and policy environments. He has had a wide variety of domestic and international experience. For the past 20 years, Jim has been the primary contact for Montana's agricultural community regarding farm management, production practices, conservation, and agricultural policies. Since 1982, he has published more than 200 outreach manuscripts and journal articles on farm management and agricultural policy issues that have formed the core of dozens of outreach programs. Jim has coordinated the development of over 100 briefing and research papers on critical agricultural trade and domestic policy issues. These materials have been widely distributed to educators, Congressional delegations, USDA analysts, policy makers, commodity groups, state-level decision makers, extension specialists, and county extension agents. He has presented literally hundreds of extension programs and organized numerous outreach conferences. Jim's career has addressed the education needs of agricultural producers and stakeholders throughout the Northern Great Plains.

Jim has served both formally and informally as a mentor to many undergraduate and graduate students. He believes every faculty member has a responsibility to prepare students for making good career and life decisions. His unique sense of humor, respect for colleagues, and dedication to economic outreach education make him an outstanding extension economist and truly deserving of this Career Award.

Outstanding Published Research

JUNJIE WU and ANDREW J. PLANTINGA (Oregon State University). "The Influence of Public Open Space on Urban Spatial Structure." *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 46 (2003): 288–309.

There is widespread public support for open space provision and for efforts to limit sprawl. We demonstrate that open space policies should not be viewed as independent of—or necessarily compatible with—growth management goals. We examine the impacts of open space designation on the urban landscape in a spatial city model with two important and empirically relevant features: (1) residents prefer to live close to open space, and (2) open space amenities attract migrants to the city. Our main findings are that open space designation can produce leapfrog development; the effect of open space on the total area of developed land in the city is ambiguous; more dispersed forms of open space may be preferred when congestion externalities are present; and, depending on location, the provision of new open space may benefit some income groups more than others and may increase the income diversity of a city.

JARE Published Research Award

BARRY K. GOODWIN (North Carolina State University) and VINCENT H. SMITH (Montana State University). "An Ex Post Evaluation of the Conservation Reserve, Federal Crop Insurance, and Other Government Programs: Program Participation and Soil Erosion." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 28,2 (August 2003): 201–216.

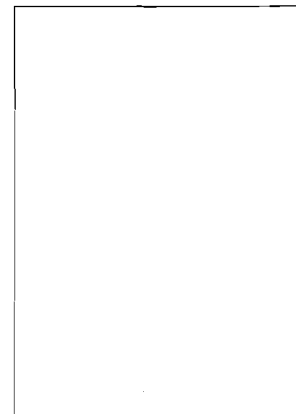
Recent research has questioned the extent to which government policies, including conservation and risk management programs, have influenced environmental indicators. The impacts of income-supporting and risk management programs on soil erosion are considered. An econometric model of the determinants of soil erosion, program participation, conservation effort, and input usage is estimated. While the Conservation Reserve Program has reduced erosion an average of 1.02 tons per acre from 1982 to 1992, approximately half of this reduction has been offset by increased erosion resulting from government programs other than federally subsidized crop insurance.

Distinguished Scholar of the WAEA

This award is the highest recognition for individuals making an enduring contribution in their career to agricultural, resource, and / or environmental economics in the Western states and provinces and the WAEA.

JOHN B. LOOMIS, Distinguished Scholar

John Loomis has spent his career working in, and researching natural resource issues in the western United States. He started his career with the Bureau of Land Management in Utah, obtained his Ph.D. at Colorado State University (CSU), and spent eight years at UC-Davis as an assistant/associate professor before returning to CSU. Beginning in 1980, his published research on valuation of non-marketed resources and benefit-cost analysis of public land resource allocations laid the foundation for his book on *Integrated Public Lands Management* in 1993. His research has frequently addressed policy-relevant western issues such as valuation of wilderness, in-stream flows, river recreation, mountain biking, endangered species such as the spotted owl and salmon, as well as tradeoffs between livestock grazing and big game wildlife. In the process, he has also made important contributions to advancing the travel cost and contingent valuation methods. His most recent research has focused on the benefits of dam removal and reducing forest fire risk. Loomis served as a member of the WAEA's Editorial Council for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* from 1995–2000. He considers himself very lucky to be able to live and work in the West.



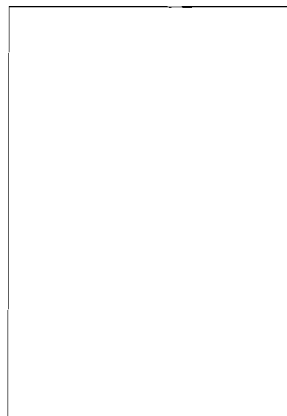
WARREN E. JOHNSTON, Distinguished Scholar

Warren Johnston has a distinguished record of teaching, research, administration, and service to the University of California and the agricultural economics profession. Raised on a northern California ranch, Johnston completed his undergraduate studies at the U.C. Davis. He returned to join the Davis faculty in 1963 after completing a Ph.D. at North Carolina State University. Although officially retired in 1994, Johnston continues to pursue research, teaching, and public service interests as time permits.

Johnston's ongoing concerns have focused on California's unique agricultural sector, natural resource use, and related policy issues. His research anticipated the importance of such issues as the economics of outdoor recreation, structural change in California and U.S. agriculture, economic policy reform, land and energy use, and aquaculture. The finale of his popular graduate seminar on California agriculture is a week-long, thousand-mile-plus tour of the "real world" of rural California and the agricultural industry.

Johnston received research fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany, 1968–69), the Fulbright Program (New Zealand, 1976–77), and the National Science Foundation and U.C. Pacific Rim programs (New Zealand, 1988–89).

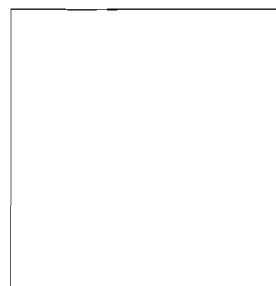
Johnston served as chair of the U.C. Davis Department of Agricultural Economics (1981–87) and twice chaired the executive committee of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. His professional service included service on AAEA and IAMA executive boards, and AAEA President (1990–91). He was made a Fellow of the AAEA in 1995.

**ALEX F. MCCALLA, Distinguished Scholar**

Alex McCalla has made contributions across all dimensions of his record—from refereed research publications, graduate student mentoring, to high-level administrative service as well as international leadership.

McCalla received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alberta. After completing a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, he accepted a faculty appointment in 1966 at the University of California, Davis, serving until early retirement in 1994. At Davis, he was Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (1970–75), as well as founding Dean of the new Graduate School of Administration (1979–81).

A leading authority on international agricultural trade, rural development, and world food policy, McCalla was executive director in the 1980s of a U.S. Congressionally mandated IATRC study on export embargoes. In 1994, he joined the World Bank as Director of Agricultural and Natural Resources. At his arrival, the bank's agricultural lending was declining and was one of its worst performing portfolios. McCalla's charge was to reverse the trend and revitalize rural development as a means to reduce world poverty. Annual lending was stabilized under his leadership. After reaching mandatory retirement age in 1999, he left the World Bank and returned to U.C. Davis, bringing his extensive international experience and expertise to the classroom. He is a regular contributor to the professional literature and outreach activities; he serves on the Boards of Directors for two research centers—CIMMYT and the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, Missouri.



DALE J. MENKHAUS, Distinguished Scholar

Dale Menkhaus joined the University of Wyoming faculty in 1973, after completing a Ph.D. degree from Purdue University. The focus of his research interests include markets, price analysis, and experimental economics. Dale's research has been published in the *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Review of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Land Economics*, *Agribusiness: An International Journal*, *Marketing Science*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Experimental Economics*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *NACTA Journal*, *Journal of Extension*, *Journal of Production Economics*, *Journal of Food Distribution Research*, as well as numerous experiment station and popular press publications. He teaches courses in introductory microeconomics, market analysis, and consumer behavior and price analysis.

Dr. Menkhaus has served as WAEA President and Vice-President, as well as being a member of the WAEA Council and the Editorial Council for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He was a Fulbright Scholar and Visiting Professor at Saratov State Socio-Economic University in Saratov, Russia, during the fall 2002 semester. Professor Menkhaus was among the recipients of the WAEA and AAEE Outstanding Project-Oriented (Group) Extension Awards in 1997. He has received numerous teaching and research awards at the University of Wyoming, including the 2004 Outstanding Faculty Commitment to Internationalization Award. Dale has mentored M.S. students whose theses have been recognized by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the WAEA.

RON C. MITTELHAMMER, Distinguished Scholar

Ron Mittelhammer is Regents Professor in the School of Economic Sciences and the Department of Statistics at Washington State University. He has excelled in all facets of his work. His resumé lists 250 publications and presentations, including journal articles, two major textbooks in Statistics and Econometrics, and numerous book chapters. He is a celebrated teacher at the graduate level, having received national and university-wide awards including the AAEE Award for Graduate Teaching (2001), the Washington State University Sahlin Faculty Excellence Award (2002), and the College of Agriculture Teaching Excellence Award (1991). He has accomplished all of this while serving on numerous department, university, and association committees, including recent election to the AAEE Executive Board, and serving as associate editor or as a member of the editorial council of several professional journals, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. Ron has also contributed substantially to institution building through his work on association and university committees.

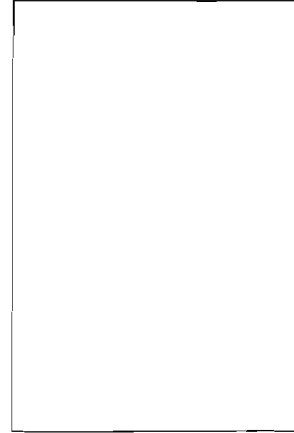
Ron was a founding father of the Statistics Program, developed the joint Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics and Masters Degree in Statistics, chaired the committees leading to the creation of the School of Economics Sciences at Washington State University, and contributed to the creation of the Center for Undergraduate Education. He has served as chair of 34 graduate committees in Agricultural and Resource Economics, Economics, and Statistics, as well as served as a member of over 100 graduate committees. His students have received national awards for their dissertation work, and have found employment in major university, industry, and government positions throughout the world.

A. GENE NELSON, Distinguished Scholar

Gene Nelson's extension and research program at Oregon State University contributed significantly to the profession's understanding of financial and risk management. He was project leader for a multi-state program that developed state, regional, and national training materials for teaching farmers to deal with risk in making decisions. The project received the USDA Superior Service Award for its development of innovative risk management teaching materials.

Dr. Nelson has made major contributions to the WAEA, serving as Oregon's Council Representative from 1972-74 and 1977-78, member of the Awards Committee 1975-76 and Chair in 1982, member of the Board of Directors in 1979-81, Vice-President in 1983-84, and President in 1991-92. As President, he delivered the first Presidential Address and led the effort to rewrite the WAEA By-Laws.

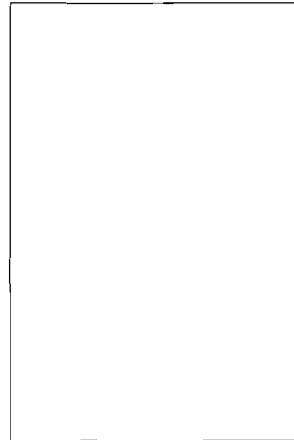
Gene currently serves as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University, where he has contributed significantly to the profession at the regional and national levels. He chaired the Texas Agricultural Summit in 1993, and has served on each successive Summit. He was a major orchestrator and author of the Agriculture Program 21 report, a blueprint for the future of the Texas A&M Agriculture Program. To increase the public image of agricultural economics at the national level, Gene has been active in the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (CFARE), serving as Chair the past three years.

**C. RICHARD SHUMWAY, Distinguished Scholar**

Richard Shumway is a Professor in the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University, where he served as Chair of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department. He has made significant contributions to the profession in several fields, including research, education, leadership, and institution building. The scope of Dr. Shumway's research covers important contributions to production economics, farm management, and research management.

He is probably best known among agricultural economists for his work on dual modeling of multiple-output production. His research contributions have been consistent and prolonged. The quality of his research contributions has been recognized by national, regional, and university-level awards. Shumway's formal teaching activities have emphasized graduate education. He also has been the recipient of awards for excellence in graduate teaching. He has been unselfish in service and has provided leadership to several organizations. He served three elected terms on the Texas A&M University Faculty Senate, and was elected to positions of Secretary and Speaker (President) of the Senate.

Richard Shumway's commitment and service to the profession, and WAEA in particular, have been steadfast and extensive. He has served as co-editor of the *Western Journal of Agricultural Economics*, associate editor of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, member of the WAEA Council, member and chair of the AAEE Awards Committee, as well as a member of several other professional organization committees. Shumway served as President of both the WAEA and the AAEE.



NORMAN K. WHITTLESEY, Distinguished Scholar

Norm Whittlesey is an Emeritus Professor at Washington State University. Throughout his career, Norm has established a tradition of bringing rigorous economic analysis to important public and private decisions in the West. He has placed an unerring focus on issues that have ranked high on the agendas of the several public agencies he has served. His research has influenced state and federal policies with respect to irrigation development, water quality, and water marketing. He has contributed to the profession through professional publications, participation in meetings and on committees, cooperative team research, and through teaching and mentoring graduate students. His research has consistently managed to be at the forefront of policy relevance with a focus on agricultural policy, energy use in agriculture, economics of irrigation development, environmental impacts of agriculture, feasibility of water markets, and economics of endangered species protection. His approach to research has always been open to new methodologies, creative applications, questioning of conventional wisdom, and innovative thinking.

Whittlesey has continued in retirement to be a very active researcher. He has been involved in real-world water policy issues—as evidenced by his work in establishing and directing the Washington State Water Trust, and by his consultation work in recent United States Supreme Court cases involving disputes between adjacent states over allocation of river flows from one state to another. His work on economic evaluation of historic river contract violations is helping to establish legal precedence in such cases. Whittlesey has served the WAEA as President, Vice President, and as a member of several committees.

ROBERT A. YOUNG, Distinguished Scholar

Over a four-decade career, Robert A. Young has contributed to economic analysis and policy evaluation relating to water. Initially, at the University of Arizona, and since 1970 at Colorado State University, his research has focused on developing improved methods for assessing water policy proposals (such as water supply investments, intersectoral water allocation, ground water, and water quality) in both domestic and international contexts. He has also advanced the methods for non-market valuation of water uses, both in the area of private goods (crop irrigation, industries, and households) and public goods (instream flows, recreation, and water quality). In debates on controversial water issues in the western United States, Young has represented the economic point of view, often taking unpopular positions. To improve the empirical reliability of water policy models, he has promoted the importance of sound basic data and interdisciplinary collaboration in research on water policy issues. He has been the recipient of awards for contributions to interdisciplinary research and understanding from both the American Water Resources Association and from the Universities Council on Water Resources.

Young has served WAEA in a number of capacities, and his work has often been recognized by the profession. He was a member of the WAEA Council from 1964–66, and was President of WAEA from 1979–80. He received twice (once as co-author) the WAEA Award for Outstanding Published Research, was once a co-recipient of the WAEA Extension Award, and in 1979 was co-author of the article designated “Best Article” in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor

Less than 10 years:

JOSEPH O. ARATA, Kansas State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor

More than 10 years:

DANA L. HOAG, Colorado State University

Outstanding Seniors

- JERRI JO BURGER, University of Idaho
- BRANDY JO COCHRAN, University of Wyoming
- ANDREA ELIASON, Oregon State University
- JEFFREY R. GITTINS, Utah State University
- MIRANDA JAMES, Eastern Oregon University
- BEN KAUFMANN, South Dakota State University
- CARMEN ELIZABETH KELLING, Texas A&M University
- CLAY MITCHELL, Colorado State University
- JONATHAN ROVEY, University of Arizona

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Western Journal of Agricultural Economics, 1977–91

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Peter J. Barry	1977–79	Jeffrey T. LaFrance	1992–94
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Minutes of 2004 WAEA Joint Executive Committee and Council Meeting

**Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
June 30, 2004**

Call to Order and Introductions

President E. Bruce Godfrey called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. He began by asking the Council and Executive Committee members to introduce themselves. The participants in attendance were as follows:

Name	Title	University/Affiliation
Ray Huffaker	Past President, 2002–03*	Washington State University
E. Bruce Godfrey	President, 2003–04*	Utah State University
Ted Schroeder	President, 2004–05*	Kansas State University
Dana Hoag	President-Elect, 2005–06* and Vice President, 2003–04*	Colorado State University
Penelope Diebel	Director, 2003–05*	Oregon State University, LaGrande
Dawn Thilmany	Secretary-Treasurer*	Colorado State University
Gary Thompson	Outgoing <i>JARE</i> Editor*	University of Arizona
Eric Schuck	Director, 2004–06*	Colorado State University
DeeVon Bailey	Incoming <i>JARE</i> Editor*	Utah State University
Larry Van Tassell	Director, 2002–04*	University of Idaho
Cheryl DeVuyst	Director, 2004–06*	North Dakota State University
Chris Bastian	Council	University of Wyoming
Jim Casey	Council	CSU-Fresno
Roger Cox	Visitor	AAEA
Jeffrey LaFrance	Council	UC-Berkeley
Bashir Qasmi	Council	South Dakota State University
Vincent Smith	Council	Montana State University
L. Allen Torell	Council	New Mexico State University
R. Garth Taylor	Council	University of Idaho
Wendy Umberger	Teller/Council	Colorado State University
Phil Wandschneider	Council	Washington State University
Lynn Williams	Incoming Secretary-Treasurer	CSU-Fresno

**Executive Committee Member*

Reports

Bruce Godfrey requested that all the reports be presented together, with one motion for acceptance for the full set.

Secretary-Treasurer Dawn Thilmany had prepared the minutes of the 2003 Council/Executive Meeting in a packet sent out prior to the meeting. There were no recommended changes from the membership.

Dawn Thilmany presented the Membership Report, with membership by time and type. By the time all memberships are received for the year, Dawn expects 650 members in 2004, a steady number from 2003, but lower than some recent peak years when meetings or departmental

subsidies of graduate student members occurred. *JARE* subscription numbers for 2004 are 130 domestic and 28 foreign subscriptions, a steady number from the 130 and 29 in 2003, respectively. The 2003 and 2004 subscription numbers are down from the 148 and 28 received in 2002. Bruce Godfrey inquired about subscription numbers, noting that our institutional subscriptions are below those of other regional associations.

Dawn Thilmany presented the Finance Report. She noted that WAEA's net worth has stabilized after increasing for several years, due to new expenditures authorized by recent Executive Council initiatives. DeeVon Bailey asked about the marked increase in subscription revenue in 2003, and Dawn Thilmany reminded the group that we raised our rates significantly for the 2003 volume, which also explains the decreased numbers of subscriptions between 2002 and 2003.

DeeVon Bailey presented the *JARE* Editor's Report. He handed out a list of forthcoming articles, noting it was too early to report an "acceptance" rate from the new editorial team, but would estimate the percentage will be approximately 30–35%, similar to past rates. DeeVon reported that his relationship with *JARE* technical editor, Judith Harrison, continues to be strong. Amanda Cram, the administrative assistant, has also been a good addition to the team. Bruce Godfrey asked about on-time reviews, and DeeVon reported that their share of on-time reviews is about the same as the Arizona office's experience. For 2nd- and 3rd-round reviews, the response time is somewhat slower, but not terribly different. The editorial team is pleased to have the \$50 to offer as an incentive to reviewers. The editors will be considering an electronic submission format, following AAEE's lead, and with guidance from the report prepared by Chris Barrett, a current *AJAE* editor.

Wendy Umberger presented the Teller's Report. She received about 150 votes. Ballots were accepted via e-mail again this year, but few members (only 2) used that option. The results of the voting were: President-Elect, Dana Hoag; Vice President, Jill McCluskey; and Directors (2004–2006), Cheryl DeVuyst and Eric Schuck.

Cheryl DeVuyst presented the Awards report. She gave thanks to her Awards Chairs and noted the high quality of award winners.

Dana Hoag presented the Selected Papers Report. There was an 87.6% acceptance rate. The symposia were a new addition to the program this year. Cheryl DeVuyst suggested we should evaluate the symposia addition, and Dawn Thilmany thought a post-meeting evaluation in the fall newsletter might be possible. Dana Hoag also noted that two days was a new program format, and welcomed feedback on the new changes. DeeVon Bailey encouraged Dana to help collect Selected Papers abstracts to assure they are provided to technical editor Judith Harrison for publication in the December *JARE* issue. Dawn Thilmany volunteered to post a reminder on the WAEA webpage.

Bruce Godfrey presented the Distinguished Scholars Report. There were 12 nominations of high quality, with three clear choices, and six more potential scholars. Because of the one-time allowance for up to 10 awards in 2004, all nine were selected. Discussion on the focus of selection criteria followed. Dana Hoag and Bruce Godfrey suggested that we let the current Scholars Committee members develop these formal criteria for promotion of the Scholar identity, and provide this information to the broader membership.

Larry Van Tassell moved to accept all the reports. Gary Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Bruce Godfrey brought up the need to decide on the 2006 meeting location (and if possible, 2007, to be within requirements of the Constitution). He began by presenting a history of past meeting locations, including the choice to meet with the WEAI in San Francisco in 2005. He brought several locations to the table for discussion, including Newport Beach, Oregon; Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska; Lake Tahoe, Nevada; Big Sky, Montana; and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Dana

Hoag suggested we choose our 2007 location first, to be sure they complement one another. Larry Van Tassell moved to meet with the AAEA in Portland in 2007. Jeff LaFrance seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Larry Van Tassell asked when in the summer Juneau, Alaska, had the best rates, and Bruce Godfrey said he believed it would be June. Vince Smith noted that Lake Tahoe would be attractive for expense reasons, but DeeVon Bailey thought Lake Tahoe was too far from the airport and would not draw anyone from the AAEA meetings in Long Beach. There were discussions on all choices. The majority of the group showed interest in Alaska (through a hands vote), so Bruce Godfrey will pursue the two Alaska options. Cheryl DeVuyst noted that room rates needed to be under \$175/night to be feasible. Bruce Godfrey asked for a second choice in case Alaska is not feasible. Dana Hoag moved to try for an Alaska location first, conditional on the meetings budget, with Big Sky, Montana, and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as second choices. Phil Wandschneider seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dana Hoag brought the *Western Economics Forum* up for discussion. Two issues which must be decided are (a) editorship, and (b) format. To continue, the *Forum* needs new editors, but no one responded to the call in the Winter 2003 newsletter. As originally proposed, the *Forum* could end in 2004. Dana Hoag asked how people felt about continuance, but Bruce Godfrey noted that we did vote to continue indefinitely in 2003. Eric Schuck moved to continue the *Forum* under the editorship of Dana Hoag and Dawn Thilmany for one more year, but with the power to transition to a new editor team at any time during the year. Phil Wandschneider seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were no ideas on new editors from the Council, but the Council members were asked to return to their institutions and talk with colleagues about potential interest. Jim Casey said that CSU-Fresno would be willing to consider, since they will house the WAEA Secretary-Treasurer from 2004–2007.

Dawn Thilmany passed out a potential budget for the rest of 2004 and 2005 tax years. The group was asked if there was any discussion about the budget. Larry Van Tassell moved to cover travel expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer, up to \$1,000 per year, to attend the annual meetings (one of the proposed budget changes). Vince Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dana Hoag moved to pass the budget as proposed. Cheryl DeVuyst seconded. For now, the webpage budgetary changes are put on hold.

Bruce Godfrey has developed the first 27 volumes of *JARE* on CD, and believes it has potential for revenue generation. He thinks it could be offered to new subscribers as a recruitment tool. Vince Smith asked about costs and revenue. Bruce proposed that Ted Schroeder put together a committee to explore this possibility.

Bruce Godfrey raised concerns about the use of the Council as a decision-making body. There are many noncurrent members (see webpage for listing) and it shows a lack of interest in this body. The Council members showed support for maintaining this Council. Bruce Godfrey proposed identifying specific states on which the Board of Directors should focus its membership recruitment efforts.

Bruce Godfrey raised the idea of forming a Scholars Selection Committee from a set of 12 current Scholars. DeeVon Bailey raised concerns about “clubs” of Scholars, similar to those concerns voiced by some of AAEA’s Fellows selection process. Larry Van Tassell moved to augment the four Scholars on the Selection Committee with the current Board of Directors and Past President. DeeVon Bailey seconded. Dana Hoag voiced concern about the number of retirement age Scholars relative to pre-Fellow status, as was originally envisioned—something the Selection Committee might want to take into consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

No further items of business were raised. Bruce Godfrey adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn D. Thilmany
Secretary-Treasurer