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JARE Editor's Report October 2002

From October 2001 through October 2002, the University of Arizona editor and co-editors received 108 manuscripts. Just over half of the submissions (51%) came from corresponding authors residing in the West. Other domestic submissions were distributed as follows: North-east (13%), South (14%), and Midwest (14%). Another 3% of the submissions originated in Canada, while Europe, Asia, Australia, and Israel jointly accounted for the remaining 4%.

Since beginning our tenure as editors in April 2000, a total of 253 manuscripts have been received. The acceptance rate over the same period is 27.7%. Half of the 253 manuscripts have been rejected, leaving just over one-fifth of the submissions still at some stage under review.

During the period October 2001 through October 2002, elapsed time for handling manuscripts was about 10 weeks from submission until the date of first correspondence leaving the editorial office (see table below). For first review of most manuscripts, reviews from two referees were requested. Referees were offered U.S.\$50 for on-time reviews, which in most cases meant within six weeks of request. Average time for completion of first reviews was just over six weeks. The discrepancy between average time to review and average time to first correspondence results from two phenomena. First, one out of two first-round reviews arriving late is sufficient to delay time to first correspondence. Second, the editor and co-editors spend some days locating referees, making editorial decisions, and writing letters.

Statistics on Response Times for JARE Manuscript Submissions and Reviews

	Days from Submission to 1st Correspondence	Days from Request to Receipt, 1st Reviews	Days from Request to Receipt, 2nd Reviews
Mean	71	39	56
Median	68	37	44
Standard Deviation	30	22	38

Our technical editor, Judy Harrison, has done a superlative job in all aspects of preparing manuscripts for publication. Without her outstanding editing, the quality of the manuscripts appearing in print would surely suffer. She has performed admirably under some rather adverse conditions, and we sincerely appreciate her efforts on behalf of the *Journal*.

We would also like to thank all those who contribute to the *Journal* in various ways. Our first editorial assistant, Ricardo Cavazos Cepeda, finished his term in August 2002, after serving quite ably. Our new editorial assistant, Haimanti Bhattacharya, deserves thanks for tracking all correspondence. WAEA Secretary/Treasurer, Dawn Thilmany, has handled our finances with skill and poise, making our job much easier. We owe the members of the editorial council sincere gratitude for their help in handling manuscripts. Of course, the referees of the manuscripts also deserve our sincere thanks. Without their careful reviews, the quality of published manuscripts could not be assured.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary D. Thompson, Editor
Satheesh Aradhyula, George Frisvold, and Russell Tronstad, Co-editors

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October 2001 – October 2002

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Gary W. Williams
Paul N. Wilson
Brian D. Wright
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Jonathan K. Yoder
Trevor Young
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WAEA

2001 Award Winners

Outstanding Master's Thesis

DOMINIC PAUL PARKER, "The Effects of Contracting Costs, Bureaucratic Costs, and Constituencies on State Wildlife Agency Budgets," Montana State University.

DEAN LUECK, Advisor

In the U.S., management of wildlife is primarily conducted by state wildlife agencies and private landowners. Landowners must establish and enforce contracts in order to capture the value of wildlife that inhabit tracts of land beyond their property boundaries. Bureaucratic agencies are limited by political constraints and conflict among competing professionals. This thesis examines the role of these contracting and bureaucratic costs in affecting agency budgets. Controlling for factors such as game and nongame demand, econometric analysis of cross-section data yields the following results. First, increases in contracting costs, as gauged by decreases in the size of landholdings, decrease budgets but increase allocations to nongame. Second, increases in bureaucratic costs, as gauged by the broadening of an agency's jurisdiction and subordinating it beneath a larger natural resource agency, decrease budgets but increase allocations to nongame. These and other findings suggest that agency budgets respond to changes in the relative costs of private and public wildlife management in ways consistent with (second-best) wealth maximization.

Honorable Mention:

LI CHEN, "An Econometric Analysis of Changes in Exclusive Farm Use Regulations for Homesteads in Oregon: A Case Study in Yamhill County," Oregon State University.

GREGORY PERRY, Advisor

PATIENCE SIBONGILE MOYO, "Discrete Choice Analysis of the Feed Technology Decisions of Small-holder Dairy Farmers in Zimbabwe," University of Alberta.

MICHELE M. VEEMAN AND VICTOR L. ADAMOWICZ, Advisors

Outstanding Extension Program

Career Award:

BARRY L. FLINCHBAUGH, Kansas State University

Throughout his career, Barry has excelled on many levels. He has been the recipient of two AAEEA Quality of Communication through Publication awards. He has been highly influential in farm policy education at the national level, with his input sought by both houses of Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture. He has also maintained an active in-state program, averaging over 60 workshops and presentations per year in his home state of Kansas. Barry shows little sign of slowing down, recently chairing the congressionally appointed 21st Century Commission on Production Agriculture.

Program Award:

DAVID BARTON, MICHAEL BOLAND, and DAVID COLTRAIN, Kansas State University, "The Value-Added Team."

The team developed a research and education program focusing on vertical coordination issues, such as vertical integration and contracting. The team provided numerous case studies, in-depth analyses of unique or niche commodity markets, and detailed educational materials on business development issues. Also notable was the team's work with diverse organizations ranging from traditional producer groups to small growers (such as the Black Farmers Association of Kansas) and organic growers.

Outstanding Published Research

GIANCARLO MOSCHINI (Iowa State University). "Production Risk and the Estimation of Ex Ante Cost Functions." *Journal of Econometrics* 100 (2001): 357–380.

JULIAN M. ALSTON (University of California-Davis), JOHN W. FREEBAIRN (University of Melbourne), and JENNIFER S. JAMES (Penn State University). "Beggar-Thy-Neighbor Advertising: Theory and Application to Generic Commodity Promotion Programs." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 83 (2001): 888–902.

JARE Published Research Award

TERRANCE M. HURLEY, BRUCE A. BABCOCK, AND RICHARD L. HELLMICH (Iowa State University). "Bt Corn and Insect Resistance: An Economic Assessment of Refuges." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 26,1 (July 2001): 176–194.

Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor

Less than 10 years:

LYNN HAMILTON, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

More than 10 years:

RONALD J. HANSON, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Outstanding Seniors

- KAREN BETH ALLEN, University of Arizona
- AMY C. AUTON, University of Nevada-Reno
- CASEY BECK, Utah State University
- JUSTIN C. CAMBRA, University of California-Davis
- JUSTINA A. CAVIGLIA, University of Nevada-Reno
- SHANE ELLIS, Utah State University
- SARA GRANT, Kansas State University
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Past Editors

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Minutes of 2002 WAEA Joint Executive Committee and Executive Council Meeting

Renaissance Hotel, Long Beach, California

July 28, 2002

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair, Steve Blank, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., and opened the meeting by passing out the agenda to all in attendance. The participants were asked to introduce themselves. Those in attendance included:

Name	Title	University/Affiliation
Steve Blank	President*	Univ. of California-Davis
Ray Huffaker	President-Elect*	Washington State Univ.
E. Bruce Godfrey	President-Elect, 2003*	Utah State Univ.
Dillon Feuz	Vice President*	Univ. of Idaho
Dawn Thilmany	Secretary-Treasurer*	Colorado State Univ.
Gary Thompson	<i>JARE</i> Editor*	Univ. of Arizona
Jill McCluskey	Director*	Washington State Univ.
DeeVon Bailey	Director*	Utah State Univ.
Dana Hoag	Director*	Colorado State Univ.
Larry Van Tassell	Director-Elect*	Univ. of Idaho
Tom Marsh	Director-Elect*	Kansas State Univ.
Vince Smith	Awards Chair	Montana State Univ.
Brian Hurd	Council (for R. Skaggs)	New Mexico State Univ.
Jim Vercammen	Council	Univ. of British Columbia
Chris Bastian	Council (for D. McLeod)	Univ. of Wyoming
Eric Schuck	Council (for M. Frasier)	Colorado State Univ.
Cheryl DeVuyst	Council	North Dakota State Univ.
Rachael Goodhue	Council (for J. LaFrance, Berkeley)	Univ. of California-Davis
George Frisvold	<i>JARE</i> Co-editor	Univ. of Arizona
Dan Osgood	Council	Univ. of Arizona
Wendy Umberger	Teller	Colorado State Univ.
Rodney Holcomb	Council	Oklahoma State Univ.
Greg Perry	Council	Oregon State Univ.
Richard Howitt	Council	Univ. of California-Davis
Phil Wandschneider	Council	Washington State Univ.
R. Garth Taylor	Council	Univ. of Idaho
Donna Dunn	Visitor	AAEA

**Executive Committee Member*

Reports

Dawn Thilmany referred to the minutes of the 2001 Council/Executive Meeting and the November meeting of the Executive Council in Davis, California, since many agenda items relate to those minutes. Dana Hoag noted a need for more specific budgetary information from the November meeting, and Dawn and Steve Blank will revise those minutes. Dillon

Feuz moved to accept both sets of minutes with the noted changes, and Phil Wandschneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The additional budget details will include (values represent maximum allowable):

▶ M.S. thesis cash award	\$500
▶ Graduate student travel awards	\$3,500
▶ <i>Western Economics Forum</i> (trial period)	\$3,500
▶ AAEA subcontract	\$1,200
▶ Web and information costs	\$4,000
▶ Davis, CA travel	\$5,000
▶ Technical editor bonus	\$1,000

Total Potential Additional Expenditures: \$18,700

Dawn Thilmany handed out a membership report with *JARE* subscription numbers on the back side of the report. Steve Blank noted the need to promote \$5 graduate student memberships. Membership has stabilized and rebounded back from the low numbers in 1998 and 1999. Dawn noted that about 75% of the members join through the AAEA.

Dawn Thilmany presented the Finance Report. WAEA's net worth has stabilized after increasing for several years, due to new expenditures initiated by the 2001–02 Executive Council. The other major change is an accounting change to accrual-based income statements and balance sheets, at the request of last year's Council.

Wendy Umberger presented the Teller's Report. She received 149 votes, representing about 20% of the membership. Ballots were accepted via e-mail again this year, but few members use that option. The results of the voting were: President-Elect, E. Bruce Godfrey (Utah State University); Vice President, Gary W. Brester (Montana State University); Directors (2002–04), Thomas L. Marsh (Kansas State University) and Larry W. Van Tassell (University of Idaho). Wendy noted that some of the elections were very close and hopes we continue to get strong candidates.

The WAEA Awards Report was given by Vince Smith [awards published in this journal issue, p. 590]. He thanked each of the committee chairs for their exceptional work and noted the quality of the committees and their work. The chairs this year included: Cynda Clary, New Mexico State University, for Undergraduate Teaching; George Frisvold, University of Arizona, for Extension awards; David Buschena, Montana State University, for Master's Thesis; and Barry Goodwin, Ohio State University, for Outstanding Research Award. *JARE* editor Gary Thompson led the *JARE* Editorial Council in selecting the best journal article for 2001 (chosen from a total of 33 articles published in the combined July and December 2001 journal issues).

The WAEA award nominations were low in number for several categories:

- ▶ Outstanding Research (7)
- ▶ Extension Program (2)
- ▶ Extension Career (2)
- ▶ Undergraduate Teaching (4 for less than 10 years; 4 for more than 10 years)
- ▶ M.S. Thesis (7)

Vince Smith believes there needs to be aggressive solicitation of nominees from among the departments, even though the submissions received are of high quality. Steve Blank noted this has been a problem throughout recent history, and Dana Hoag suggested the Council members should be charged with soliciting nominations from their departments. Ray Huffaker suggested cash incentives to nominators. All agreed department heads have too much to track, but institutional representatives to the Council may be persuasive. Chris Bastian felt

submission data may be a good promotional tool to get more nominees. After a lengthy discussion, further debate was tabled to later in the meeting.

Gary Thompson gave the *JARE* Editor's Report [see p. 587, this journal issue]. The current acceptance rate is about 24%, and is expected to be no higher than 30% given the current pool of submissions. The reviewer incentives initiated last year were discussed at length, and evidence suggests it is an effective way to get more reviews returned, and more quickly. So far this year, \$7,900 has been spent on timely reviews. Dillon Feuz motioned to continue giving \$50 to timely reviewers until the decision is reversed, and DeeVon Bailey seconded the motion. There was lengthy discussion on how to perfect or evaluate the system. The motion passed unanimously. Gary also noted the switch in technology from camera-ready pages to electronic publishing now required by our publisher Allen Press, but Judith Harrison (our Technical Editor) is skeptical about the quality that will result. This change will begin with the December 2002 journal issue, and so we will assess the publishing issue again at the 2003 meeting. Bruce Godfrey and DeeVon Bailey noted the subsidization that cannot be expected from future journal teams and their institutions.

Dillon Feuz presented the Selected Papers Report. He reported that there were 88 submissions, with 76 acceptances for the program. With two papers withdrawn, 74 papers are scheduled to be presented in WAEA sessions at Long Beach, in addition to the Invited Papers organized by Steve Blank. Dillon thanked his review team for their efforts. He is concerned about reviewing abstracts based on their brevity, but he did use two reviewers before rejecting any paper submissions. Dillon noted the need to still place papers on the Web, but the drought in the West led to a delay in the process at University of Nevada-Panhandle. Although not all papers were submitted on time, the pre-meeting deadline did seem to assure most papers were written before presentation in Long Beach. The Selected Papers process will be revisited later in the meeting.

Ray Huffaker provided a *JARE* Editor search update. There has been little interest thus far, which led the group to a discussion of what might encourage editor applications. WAEA wants to continue its reputation of fairness and high quality. This, together with Ray's interest in developing an Appellate Review process, heightens the concern about recruiting enough editorial applicants. Ray welcomes any suggestions. Proposals can include costs that are justifiable. Stipends, editorial assistant, and variable costs all are acceptable to the group. Ray Huffaker noted a stipend that was predetermined might be a more workable solution. Vince Smith proposed a \$10,000 annual stipend to the journal editor (team). Ray Huffaker suggested \$12,000. Dana Hoag suggested an honoraria instead. Chris Bastian noted the move to three journal issues per year, which might increase workload. However, Gary Thompson stated he does not think it will increase the Editor's workload considerably. The discussion was tabled until later in the meeting.

Business Items

Dawn Thilmany presented a proposal from the AAEA to host the Young Professionals Conference (YPC) at a level of \$4,000. Phil Wandschneider noted the need to see all potential budget requests before making a decision. Steve Blank asked for a general vote on willingness to fund the YPC. Dillon Feuz emphasized a need to be involved. Vince Smith noted the reasoning as to why AAEA does not fully fund the conference. Gary Thompson proposed travel grants as an alternative. There was a unanimous vote of support for the YPC. Next raised was the question of whether WAEA wants to generally support YPC activities, or give directed support. Dana Hoag moved, without specifying the amount of assistance, that we allocate one-half of the support to AAEA and the other one-half as individual travel support for those

from the West. Phil Wandschneider seconded. The vote was 19 in favor, none opposed, with several abstentions.

Dawn Thilmany reported on the AAEA administrative contract to handle *JARE* subscriptions. For \$1,100 a year, the AAEA office will manage page charge invoices, payments, and *JARE* subscriptions, in a manner similar to the memberships it currently administers.

Dawn Thilmany presented two meeting proposals she developed for Hawaii and Lake Tahoe, in addition to a proposal forwarded by Gary Brester for Big Sky in Montana. Steve Blank provided some background on why independent meeting choices were being presented, and there was some discussion on the optimal rotation for meeting locations and partnering. There was discussion on the pros and cons of independent versus joint meetings, and Dana Hoag noted a need for independent meetings in 2004. Bruce Godfrey moved to hold independent meetings in 2004. Fourteen voted in favor, with 4 opposed and several abstaining.

Larry Van Tassell presented a proposal for Coeur D'Alene in addition to the location proposals presented by Dawn Thilmany. Phil Wandschneider recommended Big Sky to complement the joint meetings with WEAI in San Francisco in 2005 (assuming we stay with the current rotation). However, Dana Hoag found July 4th was restrictive, and it is the only date available at those rates at Big Sky. A two-stage vote was taken to narrow the field, and then decide on a final location. After the first vote, the locations were narrowed to Lake Tahoe and Hawaii. In the second vote, the group decided on Hawaii for the 2004 meetings.

Steve Blank announced the new activities and expenses that the Executive Committee agreed upon at its November meeting, including an increased cash award to the M.S. Thesis winner, graduate student travel awards, an AAEA administrative contract, one-year trial to expand the newsletter to the *Western Economics Forum*, increased Web activities, and any additional costs of moving to three issues of *JARE* from the current two issues per year.

Dana Hoag discussed the *Western Economics Forum*, and noted there was little feedback from the first issue. Therefore, he plans two more issues (before the 2003 meetings) in the trial period. Dana has decided to solicit abstracts, rather than full papers, for subsequent issues to assure good geographic and field-of-interest distribution. He expects there to be an increase of \$2,000 in marginal costs.

Gary Thompson discussed the various reports he provided on *JARE*. He noted that the reviewer payments for timely reviews seem to be effective in reducing the turnaround time of many reviews and the total share of reviews returned to the Editor's office. This practice will be continued based on its success.

Gary Thompson proposes putting the first 25 years of *JARE* into AgEconSearch at the University of Minnesota. To get the first 25 years indexed, we need \$8,000, but the searchability might be fairly limited. Ray Huffaker and Gary Thompson will propose this expense to the AAEA Foundation, but with the understanding that the WAEA will fund that activity otherwise. Future publisher selection will consider the availability of the journal on the Web as a primary criteria. Dillon Feuz moved to authorize the finance committee to archive *JARE* if no other funding sources are available. Phil Wandschneider seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Thompson approached Oxford Press about taking over *JARE* as one of its journals (to add to its collection of 25 other economics titles). Oxford decided they were not interested, but Blackwell had some initial interest that Gary had not pursued aggressively as of yet. He noted that the limited number of institutional subscriptions makes the journal less attractive than others. Yet, if we could secure Blackwell as a publisher, they would handle putting the journal on-line. It is Gary's impression that Allen Press is not up to speed in this respect. Gary proposed to remain with Allen Press through this editorial cycle, but will work with the future editorial team on pursuing other publishers.

Steve Blank brought a proposal forward to establish Distinguished Scholars of the WAEA. Steve moved to accept the proposal and Bruce Godfrey seconded. Steve circulated a proposed by-law change to incorporate this new award. Eric Schuck moved to accept this language and Phil Wandschneider seconded.

Steve Blank also brought forward a by-law change, written by Bruce Godfrey, to change the language associated with the Selected Papers selection process to reflect the current process and discussion from last year's meeting. The proposal allows for abstracts to be the focus of reviews. Dawn Thilmany moved to accept the proposal and Eric Schuck seconded. After some discussion, the changes passed unanimously.

Noting a need to wrap up the meeting so that members could proceed to other events, several tabled items were deferred to committees. Phil Wandschneider moved to permit the finance committee to authorize a budget that could be used for *JARE* Editor recruitment. Eric Schuck seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Dana Hoag moved to charge the finance committee with also writing a budget to accommodate all the proposed expenses from items discussed earlier in the meeting and at last year's Executive Committee meeting. Phil Wandschneider seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Steve Blank asked for any other items of business. Phil Wandschneider did note the need to meet jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association in the future.

No further items of business were raised. Steve Blank adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn D. Thilmany
Secretary-Treasurer

AUTHOR GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS TO *JARE*

Contributors are requested to use the following guidelines in preparing manuscripts for submission:

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