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CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

As Amended

September 30, 1944	July 21, 1967
June 24, 1948	July 22, 1969
June 29, 1950	July 22, 1970
August 27, 1956	July 27, 1971
July 17, 1957	July 26, 1974
July 17, 1959	July 22, 1975 and
July 17, 1964	July 20, 1976

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Western Agricultural Economics Association, as of July 21, 1967 (the name was formerly the Western Farm Economics Association).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of the Western Agricultural Economics Association shall be to foster the study and understanding of agricultural economics and its application to problems in the Western United States *and Western Canada*; to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with those problems; to promote improvement in the professional competence and standards of all members; to cooperate with other organizations and institutions engaged in similar or related activities; and to increase the contribution of agricultural economics to human welfare.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of persons and organizations having a professional interest in agricultural economics.

The Executive Committee may enter into arrangements for joint memberships with

other regional and national associations interested primarily in promoting agricultural economics.

The Executive Committee may prescribe conditions for student, regular, joint, or other memberships.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

There shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice President, an Editor, a Past President, a Secretary-Treasurer *and four Directors*. These shall constitute an Executive Committee *with the Editor and the Secretary-Treasurer serving in a non-voting capacity*. *The Executive Committee* shall have full power to make necessary expenditures from available funds and conduct such necessary business of the Association as may need attention in the interval between annual conferences. It may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Association or with rules adopted at annual meetings. The President-Elect shall become President for the term of office beginning one year after this election. The President shall be responsible for the program of the annual conference *and shall act as presiding officer* of the Council and the Executive Committee.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of President if the President is unable to serve.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council and shall hold office for a term of five years. *The Secretary-Treasurer* and one other member appointed to concurrent terms by the Council, shall serve as Trustees of the assets of the Association. Either shall be authorized to deposit funds in accounts of the Association, and to withdraw these funds for expenditures approved by the Executive Committee.

The Editor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall hold office for a term of three years or other term as may be decided by the Executive Committee.

There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the Past President, the President, and the President-Elect, with the Secretary-Treasurer serving in an *ex officio* capacity. The Past President shall *preside over* this committee. This committee shall nominate two persons for President-Elect and two persons for Vice President. Due consideration shall be given to recommendations received from the membership of the Association, and to the willingness of the nominees to serve if elected. A mail ballot *for the purpose of electing a President-Elect, a Vice President, and two Directors* shall be conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the President shall appoint three tellers who shall count the ballots and report the election results to the President. The new officers shall be installed at the annual meeting and shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE V. COUNCIL

The Council shall consist of *the elected officers, and, in addition, one member from each of the nineteen Western United States and four Western Canadian Provinces*. Such

members as represent the States *and Provinces* shall be selected by the members of each of the several States *and Provinces*. The Council member (for the past year) in the last year of his term of office shall appoint a Nominating Committee to select candidates, and he shall be responsible for polling the Association members within his State *or Province* for the selection of the new Council member and report to the Secretary-Treasurer the result of such poll not later than thirty (30) days before the annual conference. A Council member shall be elected for a two-year term to begin at the conclusion of the annual conference with the possibility of succeeding himself for only one additional two-year term.

At the annual meeting, the Council shall nominate four Directors from the current membership of the Council. Two Directors shall be elected to serve a two-year term by the general membership as outlined in ARTICLE IV.

The duties of the individual members of the Council shall include representing their respective States *and Provinces* in maintaining membership, and in obtaining new members and in encouraging attendance at the annual conference. In addition, each Council member shall be responsible for selecting the winner(s) of the WAEA Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Economics Award in *the member's State or Province* each year. The duties of the Council shall include functioning as an interim policy review group regarding affairs of the Association. At each regular annual conference the Council shall decide upon the place for the next annual conference or delegate to the Executive Committee the power to make such decisions.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The Association shall hold an annual conference at such time and place as shall be

decided upon by the Council, or by the Executive Committee if the Council delegates such decisions to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. PUBLICATIONS

The Association shall publish a journal which shall be called the WESTERN JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS. An Editorial Council shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, the composition and terms of office of said Editorial Council to be determined by the Executive Committee. The Editorial Council shall operate within the general policies and financial limits established by the Executive Committee and shall establish and implement journal procedures concerning content, review of manuscripts and publication. Copies of the JOURNAL shall be distributed to all paid-up members of the Association. Complimentary copies shall be provided to the Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library, and Library, Bureau of the Census, as authorized by the Executive Committee. Other copies may be sold to libraries and individuals at such price as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS

The Association collects dues from its members to effect the purposes and objectives of the Association. Other income from sales of publications or other services to non-members is minor, and is devoted to the same purposes and objectives as are membership dues.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall ever inure to the benefit of any

private individual. No officer, member, trustee, agent or employee of the Association shall ever receive any compensation or any pecuniary profit whatsoever from the operations of the Association except as reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to the Association or shall ever receive any part of its property or assets, upon its dissolution or termination of its existence or otherwise.

This Association is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and it is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to some other nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation — such as the American Agricultural Economics Association — which is organized and operated exclusively for educational and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this Association holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the court of general jurisdiction of the county in which this Association's principal office is located, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the paid-up members present at any regular business meeting or two-thirds of ballots returned by mail. Amendments to be voted upon by mail ballot must first be approved by the Executive Committee after which they shall be mailed by the *Secretary-Treasurer* to all members.

