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PROCEEDINGS 1967

**WESTERN FARM ECONOMICS
ASSOCIATION**

**Fortieth Annual Meeting
July 19-21, 1967
Las Cruces, New Mexico**

PART I. WFEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
December 27, 1966

President Hillman convened an open meeting of the WFEA Executive Committee at 4:50 p.m. at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, California, during the Allied Social Science meetings. Those present at this informal meeting were: Hillman; J. B. Wyckoff, Editor and Vice-President; L. R. Gray, Secretary-Treasurer; and also M. V. Waananen, Past Editor and Vice-President, G. R. Dawson, and a few other WFEA members who were available. The group discussed preliminary plans for the WFEA Annual meeting at Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1967.

The meeting adjourned around 6 p.m.

PART II. MEETING OF THE WFEA COUNCIL, July 18, 1967

Those in attendance were:

J. S. Hillman, President; S. C. Smith, President-Elect; J. B. Wyckoff, Editor-Vice President; L. R. Gray, Secretary-Treasurer; and Councilmen:

Arizona	R. A. Young
California	J. H. Snyder (Alt.)
Colorado	D. D. Rohdy (Alt.)
Hawaii	C. W. Peters (Alt.)
Idaho	R. V. Withers
Montana	R. J. McConnen
New Mexico	G. R. Burke
Nevada	J. W. Malone, Jr.
Oregon	R. C. Youmans (Alt.)
Utah	R. A. Christensen
Washington	M. V. Waananen
Wyoming	--

Guests:

C. Harston, Montana
G. R. Dawson, New Mexico

President Hillman convened the meeting at 5:20 p.m. He mentioned that 152 people had pre-registered for this conference.

L. Gray, the Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the Minutes of the 1966 meetings, and on the financial status and membership of WFEA for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1967 - (See Secretary-Treasurer's Report).

A motion passed that the Minutes of the 1966 WFEA Meetings - Executive Committee, Council, Awards and Past Presidents' Luncheon, and Annual Business meeting - be approved as published in the PROCEEDINGS.

A motion passed that the respective WFEA Awards Committees have the discretion to recommend honorable mentions; that one or more honorable mentions may be given in each category of awards program; and that appropriate letters will be written by the President of WFEA for recipients of honorable mentions, as well as for award winners.

There was some discussion of the circumstances associated with the criteria for the evaluation of Extension Award papers. (It was argued that some criteria

for recognition should include reference to effective program leadership, wide use of educational media, and that the time period should not be restricted to a single calendar year program.)

A motion passed that no change be made in current procedures relative to the WFEA Graduate Thesis Award.

A motion passed to encourage and also allow senior undergraduate students to become Junior Members of WFEA.

A motion passed to recommend that according to the WFEA Constitution membership dues be amended and designated as follows:

<u>Category of Membership</u>	<u>Amount of Dues</u>
WFEA Individual Contributing Members ^{1/}	\$ 25.00
WFEA Lifetime Members	50.00
WFEA Sustaining Members ^{2/}	100.00
WFEA Junior Members (Students - graduate & senior undergraduate)	1.00
WFEA Individual Members	3.50
WFEA-AFEA Junior Joint Members	6.00
WFEA-CAES Joint Members	10.00
WFEA-AFEA Joint Members	12.50
WFEA-AFEA-CAES Joint Members	19.50

WFEA will seek to compile a list of agricultural economics majors that graduate from institutions in the 13 Western States each year with baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees. This list would be sent to sustaining members and to cooperating institutions.

A motion passed that the President of WFEA be granted the authority to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the structure and duties of all WFEA Officers and report its recommendations to the WFEA Council at its 1968 meeting in Bozeman.

President Hillman appointed this Ad Hoc Committee to be comprised of: Marty Waananen, Chairman; Robert Firch, Arizona; John O. Gerald, USDA; James St. Clair, Wyoming; and Leo R. Gray.

A motion passed that if AFEA changed its name, then WFEA would change its name to appropriately coincide with it.

President Hillman recommended that WFEA prepare and make available an information brochure on the Association. This brochure would become available for distribution to new and prospective members.

A motion passed that WFEA accept the invitation extended by the Arizona Council Representative to have the annual conference meet at Arizona in 1970. The date and place were not determined.

^{1/} Individual contributing members shall have the right to obtain two guest cards for the annual conference and two extra copies of the annual conference PROCEEDINGS.

^{2/} Sustaining members shall be entitled to have one representative with vote participation in all activities and right of individual members, and shall be entitled to four guest cards for the annual conference and up to five extra copies of the annual conference PROCEEDINGS.

The Utah Council Representative extended an invitation to have the WFEA annual meeting at Utah in 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p. m.

PART III. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, July 21, 1967

President Hillman convened the Annual Business Meeting at 8:05 a. m.

A motion passed that the Minutes of the 1966 Annual meetings be adopted as published.

Minutes of the WFEA Council meeting were read by the Secretary-Treasurer and with the exception of the motion concerning the change in name of WFEA, ap- proved by consensus of the group. Action on the name change took the following path:

1. The WFEA Council's motion was amended to read: If AFEA changed its name, then WFEA would change its name to appropriately coincide with it, providing the AFEA change is to American Agricultural Economic Association. A motion passed to table this motion.
2. A motion did not pass, that the WFEA Executive Committee be authorized to take the pending AFEA name change under consideration and make an appropriate change in the WFEA name.
3. A motion passed that the name WESTERN FARM ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION be changed to WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION.

Presentation of Awards:

R. J. McConnen as General Chairman of the WFEA Awards Program presented the report of the Awards Committees and made presentations of checks (and promises of certificates to follow) to the winners or their proxies, and announced those who received honorable mentions. Members of the various Awards Committees were:

Published Research: Rex D. Rehnberg, Chairman; L. M. Hartman; Paul W. Barkley; J. S. Williams; and P. W. Mielke.

Extension Program: Leon C. Michaelsen, Chairman; Morris H. Taylor; and Lloyd A. Clement.

Graduate Thesis: Gerald E. Marousek, Chairman; Ralph A. Loomis; and C. Dirck Ditwiler.

The Award Winners, and those who received honorable mention were:

RESEARCH - Winner:

Lee E. Preston and Norman R. Collins, Studies in a Simulated Market, Institute of Business and Economic Research Special Publications, 1966, Graduate School of Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley.

Honorable Mention:

1. A. N. Halter and S. F. Miller, River Basin Planning -- A Simulation Approach, Special Report 224, November 1966, Agricultural Experiment Station, Oregon State University,

Corvallis, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.

2. D. Lee Bawden, H. O. Carter, and G. W. Dean, Interregional Competition in the United States Turkey Industry, *Hilgardia*, Vol. 37, No. 13, June 1966.
3. Norman R. Collins, and Lee E. Preston, Concentration and Price-Cost Margins in Food Manufacturing Industries, School of Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley, *The Journal of Industrial Economics*, Vol. XIV, No. 3, (July 1966), pp. 226-242.

EXTENSION - Winner:

John C. Bower, Montana State University

Professor Bower prepared a bulletin entitled "A Job in Your Future," a filmstrip, and movie covering the same information. He also wrote numerous articles for statewide and local papers and several articles for periodicals. His work was outlined in the Extension Service Review of April 1964, and in the Montana State "NOW" in the Spring of 1965. He participated in several seminars, meetings, and discussions on the subject of the need for vocational-technical training facilities in Montana.

Professor Bower demonstrated effective program leadership on the basis of analyzing information about the number of students graduating from high schools and entering various vocations in the State. He concluded that there was a vast unmet need for vocational-technical training if Montana youth were to be prepared for competing with youth from other localities, and that training in these areas was necessary to support industry and services in Montana.

GRADUATE
THESIS - Winner:

James L. Morris, The Response of Retail Grocery Price Specials and Advertising in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Arizona, Robert S. Firch, Advisor.

Honorable Mention:

1. Reuven Andorn, The Irreversible Demand Function for Beef, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, John W. Goodwin, Advisor.
2. Jack Barton Duff, The Economic Effects of Technological Innovation on Green Pea Harvesting Methods in Southeastern Washington and Northwestern Oregon, Department of Agricultural Economics, Washington State University, Norman D. Whittlesey, Advisor.

Malone reported for the Tellers Committee - (A. Vanvig, Chairman; J. W. Malone, and L. R. Gray) - the results of the election of WAEA Officers for 1967-68 as follows: President-Elect - James M. Nielson; and Editor and Vice President - James R. Gray.

Past President E. N. Castle installed Dr. S. C. Smith, President; J. M. Nielson, President-Elect; Dr. J. S. Hillman, Past-President; Dr. J. R. Gray, Editor and Vice-President; and Mr. L. R. Gray, Secretary-Treasurer. Castle also congratulated the outgoing slate of officers, including Dr. J. B. Wyckoff, Editor and Vice-President, for their role in planning the 1967 Annual Conference.

Marion Clawson suggested the Association stimulate one of its members to prepare a history of the Association as it relates to the economic growth of the Nation.

The total number of registered attenders for this Conference was 177.

President Hillman called for the report of the Resolutions Committee - (T. M. Stubblefield, Chairman; J. H. Snyder; and L. R. Gray).

Chairman Stubblefield read the following report:

WHEREAS, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business, the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, and the New Mexico State University have given most finely of their time and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business, the members of the Agricultural Economic Club, and the wives of the faculty and staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business were most generous with their time and material; and

WHEREAS, the First National Bank of Dona Ana County, the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and the Federal Land Bank Association of Las Cruces were also most generous in furnishing refreshments for the meeting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Western Agricultural Economic Association, otherwise known as the Western Farm Economics Association, instruct its President to convey its gratitude to these individuals and organizations for their help in making this annual meeting, July 19-21, 1967, an outstanding success.

President Hillman adjourned the meeting at 9 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo R. Gray
Secretary-Treasurer

P. S. Please note the Amendment through Article I to the Constitution of our Association, namely:

"CONSTITUTION OF THE WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

As Amended September 30, 1944

June 24, 1948

June 29, 1950

August 27, 1956

July 17, 1957

July 17, 1959

July 17, 1964 and

July 21, 1967

"ARTICLE I. NAME

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

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1966 - May 31, 1967

FINANCES:

Cash on hand, June 1, 1966		\$4,351.88
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Membership dues	\$1,771.50	
Interest on Savings	148.61	
Proceedings Sales	118.43	
Share of returns from 1966 annual meeting held jointly with ASA and related organizations	406.09	
		<u>\$2,444.63</u>
		\$6,796.51
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
Certificates for Past Presidents. . \$	35.57	
Tickets for Past Presidents'		
Luncheon	27.00	
Plaque for John O. Gerald	23.61	
Postage, Supplies, Stationery	185.28	
1966 Awards	<u>250.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 521.46</u>
		\$6,275.05

MEMBERSHIP: 1965 - 608 1966 - 618 5/31/67 - 542*

States	Junior Members	Regular Members		Grand Total
		WFEA Only	Joint	
<u>13 Western States:</u>				
Alaska			3	3
Arizona	1	2	22	25
California	12	5	95	112
Colorado			18	18
Hawaii	5		11	16
Idaho		4	8	12
Montana	8	2	17	27
Nevada		1	8	9
New Mexico	14	2	13	29
Oregon	3	3	22	28
Utah		2	12	14
Washington	1	1	24	26
Wyoming	2	1	9	12
TOTAL	46	23	262	331
<u>6 Plains States:</u>				
Kansas			3	3
Nebraska	1	2	10	13
North Dakota			9	9
Oklahoma	1		5	6
South Dakota			12	12
Texas			17	17
TOTAL	2	2	56	60
D. C., Maryland &				
Virginia		3	52	55
29 Other States	2	1	63	66
Canada		1	12	13
Other Countries		1	16	17
TOTAL	2	6	143	151
 GRAND TOTAL	50	31	461	542

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* Annual membership is on a calendar year basis. Many additional memberships are received after May 31, the end of each fiscal year.

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ARTICLE I. NAME

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ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of the Western Farm Economics Association shall be to foster the study and understanding of agricultural economics and its applications to problems in the Western United States; to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with those problems; to promote improvement in the professional competence and standards of 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, an Editor-and-Vice-President, a Past President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These shall constitute an Executive Committee which 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 his election. The President shall be responsible for the program of the annual conference. He shall act as Chairman of the Council and the Executive Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council and shall hold office for a term of five years. He, 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.

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 serve as Chairman of this committee. This committee shall nominate two persons for President-Elect and two persons for Editor-and-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 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.

In the event the Vice-President should have to assume the office of President, the Executive Committee shall designate an Editor to serve until the next regular 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 thirteen Western States. Such members as represent the States shall be selected by the members of each of the several states. The Council member for the past year shall be responsible for polling the Association members within his state for the selection of new Council member and report to the Secretary-Treasurer the result of such poll not later than 30 days before the annual conference. If in any case no representative is selected, the President shall appoint a member from such a state.

The duties of the individual members of the Council shall include representing their respective states in maintaining membership, and in obtaining new members and in encouraging attendance at the annual conference. 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 Editor-and-Vice-President of the Association shall be responsible for preparing and editing a report of the PROCEEDINGS of the annual conference which shall be published and distributed by the Secretary-Treasurer to all paid-up members of the Association. Complimentary copies are provided to 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.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the paid-up members present at any regular annual 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 to all members.

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