WERA-72 Annual Meeting 2015
Las Vegas, Nevada
Business Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Lia Nogueira, Chair; Marshall Frasier, Vice Chair; Aaron Johnson, Secretary; Scott Downey, Treasurer; Elizabeth Yeager; Aleksan Shanoyan; Jason Bergtold; Greg Baker; Forrest Stegelin; Tim Woods; Ira Altman; Desmond Ng; Ruby Ward; Kynda Curtis; David Ripplinger

A. Chair Nogueira called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm. Secretary Johnson took minutes
A. Approval of past minutes
   a. Minutes from the 2014 meeting were reviewed.
   b. Moved by Downey, seconded by Bergtold to approve the 2014 business meeting minutes.
   c. Approved unanimously.
B. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Treasurer Downey summarized the treasurer’s report:
      i. Current cash balance of $10,856 (exclusive of all registration revenue and expenses for 2015 meeting).
      ii. 2015 meeting expenses and revenue
         1. 22 registrants for the 2015 meeting
            a. four registrants are students who are presenting
            b. Keeping with past practice, registration fee was waived for all student participants presenting papers
            2. 16 participants took advantage of early bird registration ($250 if registered before May 1)
            3. 2 participants paid late registration fee ($300 after May 1)
            4. Total revenue of $4,600
            5. Expenses for 2015 program are incomplete
      iii. Curtis moved to approve the treasurer’s report, Frasier seconded the motion.
      iv. Motion passed and the treasurer’s report was accepted as submitted.
C. Old business
   a. Annual Report
      i. Update of activities and outcomes
         1. Nogueira reminded the need for participants to officially sign up
            a. She will email those not participating this year but who usually do
   b. Graduate student registration fee waiver
      i. Policy discussed:
         1. provide $0 registration fee for presenting students with cap of 6
         2. if more students the executive committee has discretion
      ii. Moved to accept by Downey; seconded by Bergtold
iii. Passed unanimously

C. Communication/Outreach
   i. Website
      1. Nogueira updated group on changes done and planned for website. She encouraged members to visit website and offer suggestions
      2. Curtis suggested adding language about benefits for graduate students
      3. Bergtold suggested AgManager.info hosted by KSU may be a good alternative hosting location if needed in the future
      4. Curtis suggested we develop a Facebook page
      5. Ward suggested we move the listserv to a system that anyone can send announcements to the list
         a. Nogueira will check with Al Wysocki (University of Florida) if we can open the access
   ii. Posting presentations/papers
      1. Plan is to post papers and presentations in AgEcon Search (not doubled on the website)

D. New business
   a. Election of WERA-72 Secretary for 2016
      i. Johnson nominated Bergtold to serve as secretary in the coming year.
      ii. Moved to close nominations and declare Bertold secretary-elect by acclamation
      iii. Fraiser moved and seconded by Ira
      iv. Motion passed unanimously
   b. Selection of location/date for future meetings
      i. 2016: Denver / Fort Collins, Colorado
         1. Dates to avoid
            a. IFAMA meetings (no date yet - usually 3rd week in June - ? 13-16th)
            b. WAEA meetings (June 21-23)
            c. AAEA meetings (July 31 - Aug 2)
            d. Need to pay attention to Father's Day as well (June 19)
         2. Partners and theme ideas
            a. Ward - other regional group would be good but not WAEA
            b. Curtis - Wine Economics Association meets in June every other year in the U.S.
         3. Decision: June 6 & 7, 2016 in Ft. Collins
            a. Baker moved, Bergtold seconded
            b. passed unanimously
         4. Possible themes/ideas: Marijuana facility/production tour
      ii. 2017: Return to Las Vegas? Other suggestions?
         1. Ward - tour post program may be interesting
         2. Curtis - offered to help arrange Vegas option off-stripe facilities
         3. Left it to executive committee to explore options
            a. Fun, interesting, easy to get to
      iii. Nogueira acknowledged the retirements of Dennis Conley and Forrest Stegelin
iv. Commended Danielle Quirk from Purdue University's Center for Food and Agricultural Business for all her effort in coordinating with the hotel

E. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; Woods seconded the motion
   a. Chair Nogueira adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.