

Western Region AAAE Report  
May 2006  
Greg Thompson – Western Region AAAE Vice President

The Western Region Agricultural Education Conference held April 19-22 in Boise, Idaho. Approximately 110 members of AAAE, NAAAE, and NASAE were in attendance. Congratulations and thank you to Lori Moore and the Idaho Conference Planning Committee for an excellent conference.

**Western Region AAAE Leadership:**

Vice-President – Greg Thompson, Oregon State University  
Alternate Vice-President – Jack Elliot, University of Arizona  
Secretary – Billye Foster, University of Arizona

*Communications/Member Services Committee:*

Cindy Akers (2007)	Sandy Johnson (2008)	Rudy Tarpley (2009)
Art Parnham (2007)	Reynold Gardner (2008)	Kimberly Bellah (2009)

*Program Improvement Committee:*

Kyle McGregor (2007)	Carl Igo (2008)	Bill Kellogg (2009)
Quint Molina (2007)	Dan Jansen (2008)	Greg Thompson (2009)

*Professional Development Committee:*

Dwayne Pavelock (2007)	Roscoe Vaughn (2008)	Vern Luft (2009)
Mike Swan (2007)	Billye Foster (2008)	Brian Warnick (2009)

*Research Committee:*

Ed Franklin (2007)	Dave Doerfert (2008)	Steve Frazee (2009)
Steve Rocca (2007)	Lori Moore (2008)	Cary Trexler (2009)

*Journal of Agricultural Education Editing-Managing Board:*

David Doerfert (2007)  
Cary Trexler (2008)  
Ed Franklin (2009)  
Kim Dooley (2009)

*Consultant to FFA Board of Directors:*

Carl Igo (2009)

**2006 Western Region Awards:**

Western Region Outstanding Young Member: Cindy Akers, Texas Tech University  
Western Region Distinguished Teaching Award: Tim Murphy, Texas A & M University  
Western Region Distinguished Service Award: Steve Frazee, Texas Tech University

**Western Region Research Conference Awards:**

Lori Moore, Chair

1st Place-- Edward Franklin, Arin C. Haverland, & Jack Elliot--University of Arizona. Running the "No Child Left Behind"

Gauntlet: Impacts of the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act on Career and Technical Education.

2nd Place--Leslie Frazier, Theresa Pesi Murphy, Kim E. Dooley--Texas A & M. A Qualitative Study of Technology Based Training in Organizations that Hire Agricultural & Life Sciences Students.

3rd Place--Brian K. Warnick, Utah State University, Gregory W. Thompson, Oregon State University & Rudy Tarpley, Utah State University. Am I in this Alone? Support Received during the First Year of Teaching Secondary Agricultural Education

**Western Region Poster Session Awards:**

Mike Spiess, Chair

*Innovative Poster Awards:*

1st Place--Monica Youngker, Kattlyn Wolf, Quinton Molina, Billye Foster & Jack Elliot--University of Arizona. Teaching Through Case Studies--The Discipline Derby.

2nd Place--Kimberly Bellah & Kyle McGregor--Tarleton State University. Preservice Agricultural Educator Experiences in Leadership Development: Practicing What We Teach!

3rd Place--Dan Jansen, Greg Thompson & Wes Crawford--Oregon State University. A Model for Systemic and Systematic Statewide Agriculture/Natural Resources Literacy.

*Research-Based Poster Awards:*

1st Place--Heather Jepsen, Monica Pastor & Jack Elliot--University of Arizona.

Agricultural Perceptions of the Participants of the Summer Agricultural Institute.

2nd Place--Megan Coutts, Sarah Chudalla, Melinda Findley, & David Doerfert--Texas Tech University. Conservation Outreach Communications: A Study of the Theories and Models Prevalent in Conservation Outreach Campaigns.

3rd Place--John Rayfield, Kevin Williams, Steve Frazee & Scott Burris--Texas Tech University. Recruitment & Training Practices of National FFA Livestock CDE Participants: The Coaches Perspective.

**Distinguished Lecture:**

Dr. Dave Cox, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona and Dr. Vern Luft, Dean, College of Education at University of Reno-Nevada provided the first Western Region Distinguished Lecture. Dr. Cox and Dr. Luft provided insights on agricultural education at the university level from a Dean's point of view.

**A Focus on Agriculture Education Teacher Shortages:**

AAAE, NAAE, and NASAE members participated in panel discussion and small group goal setting activity to address teacher and teacher education shortages in the Western Region. Following the panel discussion, western region agricultural education members were divided into small groups to discuss that challenge and possible solutions to the teacher and teacher education shortages.

**2008 AAAE Conference:**

The Western Region Association for Agricultural Educator membership voted to recommend the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nevada for the 2008 AAAAE Conference.

**2007 Western Region Conference:**

The 2007 Western Region Conference will be held in Cody, Wyoming.