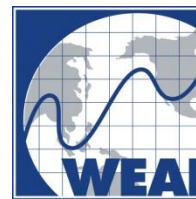


Session Organizer Guidelines

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To Be a Session Organizer

You are encouraged to be a current or newly joining member of Western Economic Association International or of another allied society participating in the conference. Paper submission fees are waived for all papers presented in organized sessions.

Suggested Session Format

The session time allocation is one hour and 45 minutes. A typical session includes a chairperson, three or four papers, and two to four discussants, with at least one discussant assigned to comment on each paper. Other formats, such as panels or roundtables, may also be used. Must include at least three registered participants.

Overall Responsibility

As the organizer, you have the following responsibilities:

- Monitor preparations of your session participants.
- Maintain liaison between your participants and WEAI.
- Ensure that your session participants are well prepared.
- Make sure your session participants meet all deadlines.
- Ensure that your participants register to attend by May 1.
- Keep the Executive Office informed of changes to your session.

Session Scheduling Requests

If extenuating circumstances allow a participant to attend only part of the conference, please include a scheduling request with your preliminary session information.

Information Needed by February 1

After receiving commitments from session participants, send the following information to WEAI (see sample on back):

- Session title.
- One *JEL* topic area code.
- Professional affiliations, phone, and e-mail addresses for all participants (including coauthors). Please indicate paper presenter with an asterisk (*).
- Paper titles (if applicable).

Program space is limited; please submit materials early. Sessions are subject to review by a screening committee.

Conference Format

The format is intended to promote active involvement by all attendees—nearly all 1,000 to 1,200 economists attending will be on the program. In addition to the General Sessions, the program consists of 250 to 300 small discussion groups with 16 to 18 meeting concurrently during each time period. Including program participants, session attendance may range from six to sixty, depending on the time of day and the topic's popularity, etc. However, the most fruitful discussions often occur among small groups of interested individuals. Your session can benefit by inviting experts besides those on the program to attend.

Registration Fees

All attendees, including WEAI Officers and Board Members, are asked to pay the conference registration fee to help defray the sizable cost of organizing the conference. Please inform prospective participants that they are responsible for their own expenses. Organized session participants may register at the member rate even if they are nonmembers, but are cordially invited to join the Association.

Checklist

- January 1 — Notify WEAI's Executive Office if you plan to organize a session.
- January 15 — Contact prospective participants, informing them of the registration fee requirements.
- February 1 — Submit session information to WEAI (sample format is found on the back).
- May 1 — Ensure that all participants in your session are registered for the conference. Late registrants pay more!
- June 1 — Verify that all session participants have received copies of all papers.

WEAI members receive complimentary conference registration if (i) they are employed by an Institutional Member, (ii) they organize a session in which at least three participants pay the usual registration fee, and (iii) everyone in the session registers by the deadline.

Format for Session and Participant Information

Verify information and send final version to WEAI by February 1. Please submit **revised** information with additions underlined and deletions ~~struck out~~. On papers with more than one author, please indicate paper presenter with an asterisk (*).

Session Organizer: Steven M. Danna
Session Title: Issue in Oil and Gas Transportation
Topic Area Code: Q32
Scheduling Request: Please schedule June 26-28
Participating Allied Society: Association of Economists for
Economics

Chair: Russell W. Barie, University of California, Santa Barbara
(rwb@ucsb.edu)

Paper 1: *Production Technology and Ecology*
Kevin Gellerman, Mount St. Vincent University (kg@msvu.ca)

Paper 2: *On the Speed of Inventory Adjustments*
Abigail Rosendahl, San Francisco State University
(ar@sfsu.edu)

Paper 3: *Equilibrium Asset Pricing in the Presence of Risk*
Andrew Barie, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
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Discussant 3: Emelia Rosendahl, University of California,
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