

**Western Region AAAE Report**  
**American Association for Agricultural Education Conference May 2010**  
**Steve Fraze – Western AAAE President**

The Western Region meeting was held April 21-24, 2010 in Great Falls, Montana at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Over 40 faculty members and 20 graduate students registered for the conference, which is held in conjunction with the NAAE Region I conference. Carl Igo, Shannon Arnold, and Marty Frick, Montana State University, provided leadership in organizing and hosting the conference. They also coordinated the research conference. Mike Spiess, California State University, Chico, coordinated the poster sessions. Cindy Akers, Texas Tech University, was elected secretary with Steve Fraze, Texas Tech University, moving to president, and Brian Warnick, Utah State University, moving to vice-president. The 2011 Western Region meeting will be held April 20-22 in Fresno, California

**Awards and Recognition**

Outstanding Young Member: Scott Burris, Texas Tech University  
Distinguished Research: Gary Wingenbach, Texas A&M University  
Outstanding International: Theresa Murphrey, Texas A&M University  
Distinguished Teaching: Carl Igo, Montana State University  
Outstanding Service: Jack Elliot, Texas A&M University

Outstanding Research Paper

***Laboratory Management Inservice Needs of Wyoming Secondary Agriculture Teachers*** by Billy McKim, Texas A&M University, Ryan Saucier, University of Missouri, and Carl Reynolds, University of Wyoming

Distinguished Research Papers

***Entry Level Technical Skills that Agricultural Industry Experts Expect Students to Learn Through Participation in the SAE Component of Secondary Agricultural Education: A Delphi Study*** by Jon W. Ramsey and M. Craig Edwards of Oklahoma State University

***The Effect of Educational Materials on Perceptual Attitudes of Ground Beef Consumers*** by Lacy Quebe, Todd Brashears, Cindy Akers, Scott Burris, and Gaea Wimmer of Texas Tech University

Outstanding Research Poster

First Place: ***Northwest's Supply & Demand for 2009-2010: Who is filling the Ag Teaching Positions?*** Ben Swan, University of Idaho

Second Place: ***Students' new media use as a basis for advancing agricultural communications curricula.*** Bryan K. Ray, Texas A&M University, Traci L. Naile, Texas A&M University, and K. Jill Rucker, Oklahoma State University

Third Place: ***Improving Undergraduate Curriculum: What do our Alumni Think?*** Kori Barr, Erica Irlbeck, Cindy Akers, Courtney Meyers, David Doerfert, and Alyx Shultz, Texas Tech University

Outstanding Innovative Idea Poster

First Place: ***Enhancing Pre-service Teaching Advising by Adopting a Skills Inventory.*** Michael Spiess and Mollie Aschenbrener California State University, Chico

Second Place: ***Produce Your Own: A Community Gardening Program.*** Jolynn Miller and Shannon Arnold, Montana State University

Third Place: ***Enhancing Career Development Event Preparation Utilizing Jing™ Audio/Video Recordings.*** Kimberley Miller and Theresa Pesl Murphrey, Texas A&M/Texas Tech