



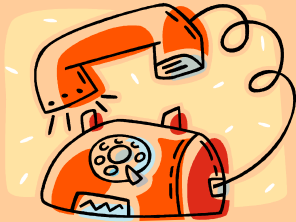
AEFA

Summer 2006



American Education Finance Association Newsletter

CALL FOR PROPOSALS, CHAIRS, AND DISCUSSANTS



American Education Finance
Association 32nd Annual Conference
March 22-24, 2007
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Baltimore

**“Financing Equitable, Effective,
and Accountable Education
Systems: Insights from
Research, Policy and Practice”**

[Instructions for submitting proposals](#)

Awards Committee Ups Dissertation Award Honorarium

-- Pre-doctoral New Scholars Grant Also Increased --

The [Outstanding Dissertation Award](#) and the [New Scholars Program](#) provide recognition for promising new scholars, but they also often provide entire to leadership positions in AEFA. Several current and past board members earned one of these awards, as well as many AEFA presidents.

With the approval of the entire board, the Awards Committee chaired by Jennifer Imazeki, has increased the honorarium for the Dissertation Award to \$500 from \$200 and AEFA will continue to pay the ... [\(continued on next page\)](#)

Volunteers Wanted for Chairs and Discussants

-- Hope to Expand Participation at AEFA Conference --

The program committee is seeking individuals to serve as session chairs and discussants. One reason for this new procedure is that many members have considerable experience or expertise with a subject, but do not regularly present academic-style papers at AEFA ... [\(continued on next page\)](#)

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Service Award

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President's Message

Chris Roellke is Chair and Associate Professor of Education at Vassar College and assumed the presidency of AEFA in March, 2006.

The AEFA Board of Directors had a very productive summer meeting in Denver (the site of our 2008 conference). Highlights of our meeting are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

The most important issue the Board confronts this year is to identify a worthy successor to Ed Steinbrecher, who has announced that he would like to step down as AEFA's Executive Director. As you all know, Ed ...

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Please submit your contribution to the *AEFA Newsletter* by OCTOBER 15, 2006 to hnelson@aft.org. The newsletter is sent to members of AEFA and helps the Board of Directors conduct the business of the organization. The newsletter also provides opportunities to share information on a wide range of school finance organizations, publications and activities. Most recent info at <http://www.aefa.cc/>.

(President's Message continued)

has been a superb shepherd for the organization and we are all indebted to him for his dedicated and expert service. This year (thankfully!) Ed will continue to serve as Executive Director and he has generously agreed to assist us in our search and during the transition period.

The Board's Executive Committee (Chris Roellke, Jim Guthrie, Jennifer King Rice and Ed Steinbrecher) will be leading the search for Ed's successor and we welcome your suggestions and nominations. Of course, I know you will join me in thanking Ed for all of his efforts on behalf of our organization.

You may recall that a proposal was placed before the AEFA Board for altering the organization's name to perhaps be more consistent with its aspirations to be global in nature and to capture the general education policy interests of a growing number of AEFA members. After much discussion with our membership and internal deliberation, the Board has concluded that we should not move forward with a name change at this time.

As always, we will continue to solicit feedback from our membership on these and other important issues facing the organization. Should you, as a member, have additional matters you believe worthy of Board consideration, you are invited to inform me or other Board members. For your reference, a list of Board committees and chairs is provided below.

Program Planning Jennifer King Rice, Chair

Nominations: Patrick McEwan and Anthony Rolle, Co-Chairs

Membership/Recruiting: Jewell Gould and Ed Hurley, Co-Chairs

Awards Committee (Dissertation/ New Scholars): Jennifer Imazeki, Chair

Outstanding Service Award: Jim Guthrie, Chair

Executive Committee/Long-Range Planning: Chris Roellke, Chair

Publications Committee: Sunny Ladd, Chair

I know that these committee chairs would be happy to hear from our members as they seek to move our organization forward.

In the meantime, President-elect Jennifer King Rice and members of her planning committee are working hard on developing a first-rate conference to be held in Baltimore,

March 22-24. The call for conference proposals is contained within this newsletter and we certainly encourage you to pass on this conference information to colleagues and students who might be interested in joining AEFA.

See you in Baltimore!

Chris Roellke
AEFA President

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Increased Dissertation Award and New Scholars Grant

. . . . conference registration fee and one year of membership. The Awards Committee also established specific criteria on which to judge the dissertation competition.

The pre-doctoral scholars grant was raised to \$1,000 from \$500, making it equivalent to the \$1,000 doctoral scholars grant. Both grants will now require a letter from someone familiar with the applicant's ability to complete the proposed research project. ([application details](#))

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Send all submissions by email to:
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AEFA President-Elect
Jane Hall, AEFA Program
Coordinator
aefa.cc@gmail.com

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2007 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Submit nominations to Jim Guthrie
jwgxiii@bellsouth.net


Dear Colleagues:

Each year, at the annual meeting, AEFA designates an individual for the Distinguished Service Award. This honor is accorded to an AEFA member who has earned unusual prominence in the field of education finance by virtue of influential scholarship, service to the profession, service to AEFA, or some combination of the three.

It falls to the past President to chair a committee made up of the AEFA Executive Committee to make the award. I am eager to have advice from members to discuss with the Committee before we make our decision. If you have nominees, I would be pleased to receive your views.

In order to assist you, [see the list](#) of past recipients.

- Jim



As the new fiscal year rolls in, contact your library about EFP subscriptions

The new AEFA Journal, *Education Finance and Policy*, has quickly become an outstanding addition to the professional literature dealing with education finance policy. If your library or organization has not already subscribed, please encourage them to do so? With the start of the new fiscal year this is good time for libraries and organizations to update their subscription lists. Attached is a form for the [library recommendation](#) for your use.

Highlights

AEFA Summer Board Meeting

The AEFA Board of Directors met in Denver at the Westin Tabor Center Hotel, site of the 2008 Conference, for two days of productive meetings. Highlights include the following.

- Year-to-date membership for 2006 is at 484 which is comparable to last year.
- Discussed 2006 conference in Denver. While the 2006 annual conference in Denver (311 in attendance) was smaller than the Louisville conference (337 in attendance), that still makes the Denver conference the second-most attended conference in 25 years.
- The on-line evaluation of the conference revealed that 93 percent indicated they were likely or very likely to attend the 2007 conference in Baltimore.
- Several sites for the 2009 conference were discussed. While no final decision was made, Nashville is a leading candidate due to location and cost factors. For 2010, the cities receiving the greatest support were Austin, Seattle, Las Vegas, and possibly Chicago.
- *Education Finance and Policy Journal* is off to an excellent inaugural year. Chapter authors are busy working on the *Handbook of Research Education Finance & Policy*. The need to get the journal into university libraries was emphasized.

- As part of the adopted budget, conference fees will be set at \$75 for students and \$125 for all others. Membership fees will remain the same for 2007.
- The awards committee made several recommendations regarding the dissertation award and the new scholars grant.
- The nominations committee presented a slate of prospective candidates for the board and president-elect.
- After discussion by the full board, the committee is now contacting individuals and putting the slate together.

The American Education Finance Association Seeks Candidates for the 32nd Annual Conference

JEAN FLANIGAN OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

PURPOSE To recognize exemplary dissertation research by doctoral students in the area of education finance.

AWARDS

- A \$500 honorarium
- One-year complimentary membership in AEFA.
- Presentation of a plaque at the opening session of the AEFA Annual Conference
- Opportunity to present in a Concurrent Paper Session.
- Complimentary AEFA Annual Conference registration.

The committee also reserves the option to award one or more Honorable Mentions, who would receive a one-year complimentary membership in AEFA and Annual Conference registration.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must have defended their dissertation or been awarded a degree by accredited U.S. or Canadian institution between June 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006.

CRITERIA

The AEFA Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee will evaluate the submissions using a blind review process. The committee will judge the dissertations based on the following criteria:

- Theoretical base, e.g., education finance theory.
- Conceptually clear and important problem or hypothesis.
- Comprehensive review of applicable literature.
- Utilization of appropriate and methodologically sound approach.
- Cogent analysis of data.
- Clear discussion of the importance and relevance of the results to education finance and policy.
- Scholarly writing style and appropriate documentation



Call for Proposals 2006 AEFA New Scholars Program

The AEFA New Scholars Program is intended to interest masters and doctoral students and recent graduates in conducting research in elementary, secondary, and higher education finance. Each year the American Education Finance Association (AEFA) sponsors research to support promising new scholars who wish to investigate significant issues in education finance.

This year we are supporting two competitions:

Doctoral scholars. Grants for \$1,000 will be awarded to up to two individuals who received, or will receive a doctoral degree between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2006.

Pre-doctoral scholars. Grants for \$1000 will be awarded to up to two individuals who:

- Are currently enrolled in a doctoral program, or
- Received or will receive a master's degree between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2006. The pre-doctoral awards also include a one-year membership to AEFA.

Any individual can receive only one award in each category. Further, if there are multiple investigators on a project, all must be eligible for one or the other award and the award category must be that for the most senior investigator. In these cases, a single award will be made in the name of all investigators.

Applications must include a cover page with the applicant's name and contact information, title of proposal, source of data, date and institution masters or doctoral degree received/expected. The project proposal should outline:

- Issue to be investigated
- Research methodology
- Data sources to be used
- Importance and relevance of the issue to education finance

Project descriptions should be concise (not to exceed 1,800 words including any appendices) yet provide sufficient detail to enable reviewers to judge the merits of the proposed project.

Applicants for pre-doctoral awards must also submit a letter from someone familiar with the applicant's ability to complete the proposed research project (e.g., dissertation chair, faculty member, or supervisor). The letter should indicate that he/she has reviewed the proposal and supports the applicant as capable of completing the proposed work.

All applications should be submitted to the address below, in electronic format (Microsoft Word or

PROCEDURE

1. Submit one electronic copy of the complete dissertation.
2. Submit an overview of the dissertation in electronic format. The overview must be fewer than 1,500 words (including graphics and appendices) and include the following elements:
 - The question investigated
 - A description of the conceptual or theoretical base
 - A brief review of the relevant literature
 - A description of the data and methodology used
 - A review of the findings, and
 - A discussion of the relevance of the findings
3. The chair or member of the dissertation committee must submit a separate letter or email of endorsement directly to the contact below. The letter should:
 - Attest to the nominee's eligibility,
 - Specify the meritorious nature of the dissertation as it relates to the evaluation criteria, and
 - Indicate the nominee's current position, address, and telephone number.
4. Send the overview, the dissertation and letter of endorsement to:

Jennifer Imazeki
San Diego State University
Department of Economics
Tel: 619-594-5012
Email: jimazeki@mail.sdsu.edu

**Deadline for Receipt of the Application Materials is
October 15, 2006**



WordPerfect formats). Applications for the 2006 New Scholars Program must be received by October 15, 2006. The results of the competition will be announced at the 2007 AEFA Annual Conference. Successful applicants will be required to present a paper at the 2008 AEFA conference.

For additional information, contact:

Professor Andrew Reschovsky
 Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs
 University of Wisconsin – Madison
 Phone: 608-263-0447
 Email: Reschovsky@Lafollette.wisc.edu

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AERA SIG: Fiscal Issues, Policy & Education Finance (FIPEF)

The AERA meeting in Chicago in 2007 will feature:

- The "State of the State and Provinces" portion of the SIG's business meeting,
- An innovative concept called the "Finance and Policy Review Symposium" seeking to give more members the opportunity to present a scholarly paper at the national level. The symposium will consist of brief 3-5 page papers reviewing pertinent financial or policy research pertaining to a particular state, province, or region.

Bruce Baker who has compiled an archive of the reports dating back to the 1990s -

<http://www.ku.edu/~bdbaker/fipefsos/default.htm>

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 Gary Ritter, Secretary

For more information, including how to join, visit the SIG website at:

<http://filebox.vt.edu/chre/aera-fiscalsig/index.htm>.

(From FIPEF newsletter editors Alison Hoffman & Gary Ritter, University of Arkansas)

In 2007, AEFA will be in Baltimore, Maryland

**March 22-24
 Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel**



The Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel is one block from the Inner Harbor (shopping, restaurants, food court, and historic attractions) and minutes from The National Aquarium and Maryland Science Center.



How many soldiers lost their lives defending Baltimore from British navel attack at Fort McHenry, birthplace of the *Star Spangled Banner* (a 10-minute water taxi ride from the Sheraton Inner Harbor)?

- A. 4 soldiers
- B. 40 soldiers
- C. 400 soldiers
- D. 40,000 soldiers

Future AEFA Conference

2008 in Denver
 April 10-12
 Westin Tabor Center Hotel



Roe L. Johns Travel Grants and Will Myers Memorial Scholarships

Each year AEFA makes available a limited number of awards to individuals presenting papers at AEFA's annual conference. The criteria and amounts for the 2006 Johns and Myers awards are listed below.

Roe L. Johns Travel Grants are awarded to graduate students in the area of education finance who present papers at AEFA's 2006 Conference in New Orleans, LA (March 23-25, 2006). A total amount of \$1,500 is available and will be distributed equally to those applying and eligible for the travel grants. The maximum award for an individual is \$300.

Will Myers Memorial Scholarships are awarded to presenters at the 2006 Conference in New Orleans, LA who are current or former teachers. A total of \$500 is available to share equally between two eligible recipients, or a maximum of \$300 for one recipient.

Eligibility for both awards depends on timely submission (on or before November 15, 2006) and acceptance of presentation proposals. Applicants should submit their requests for the desired award along with their paper proposal submission (electronic submissions please), and a statement detailing their eligibility to receive the award to:

Jennifer King Rice, AEFA President-Elect
Jane Hall, AEFA Program Coordinator
aefa.cc@gmail.com



Every member is important to the strength of the AEFA and your best way to stay involved and contribute to your Association is to maintain your current mailing address and e-mail address in order to receive regular communications. Send changes to:

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8365 S. Armadillo Trail
Evergreen, CO 80439
Ph. (303) 674-0857
Fax (303) 670-8986

E-mail EdS@aefa.cc



AEFA Officers: Christopher Roellke, President; Jennifer King-Rice, President-Elect; James W. Guthrie, Immediate Past President; and Ed Steinbrecher, Executive Director. **Board of Directors: Terms Expire at Adjournment of the 2007 Conference:** Dave Danning, Jane Hannaway, Helen F. Ladd, Martin Orland and Patrick McEwan. **Terms Expire at Adjournment of the 2008 Conference:** Lawrence Getzler, Jennifer Imazeki, Kim Rueben, Anthony Rolle and Richard Rothstein. **Terms Expire at Adjournment of the 2009 Conference:** Abigail Payne, William Mathis, Eric Hanushek, Patrice Iatarola and Andrew Reschovsky. **Designees of Sustaining Members:** Edward J. Hurley, National Education Association; Jewell C. Gould, American Federation of Teachers; and Ronald Skinner, Association of School Business Officials International. **Institutional Members:** American Institutes for Research, New Jersey Department of Education, Rand Corporation, University at Albany-SUNY, Vanderbilt University. **Newsletter Editor:** F. Howard Nelson. **Education Finance and Policy, Executive Editors:** David Figlio and David Monk. **Executive Director Emeritus:** George R. Babigian. **Website:** <http://www.aefa.cc/>.

**THE 32nd AEFA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 22-24, 2007
Baltimore, Maryland**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS, CHAIRS, AND DISCUSSANTS
Submission must be received by Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

**Conference Theme:
Financing Equitable, Effective, and Accountable Education Systems:
Insights from Research, Policy and Practice**

AEFA is an organization that consistently has encouraged multidisciplinary research on salient policy issues and broad-based dialogue about research, policy, and practice. In an effort to bridge the gap between research and application, the program planning committee invites researchers, policymakers, and practitioners interested in education finance and policy to assume a variety of roles including presenters, chairs, and discussants at the annual meeting.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

AEFA members and prospective members are invited to submit proposals for the 2007 annual meeting. We invite papers and group discussions that address different topics within the broad realm of education finance. Examples of general topics include:

- Adequacy, equity, and school accountability
- Links between education finance and policy
- Comparative issues in education finance
- Implications of No Child Left Behind
- Alternative approaches to school funding
- Resource allocation at state, district, and school levels
- School choice (e.g., charters, vouchers, public school choice)
- Compensation and labor markets for school personnel
- Relationship between school reform, outcomes, and resources
- Addressing needs of special populations
- Higher education finance and staffing issues
- Ways to improve cost-effective use of school resources

Proposals may be submitted for individual papers, for a symposium organized around a research or policy theme, or for an alternative session format. Proposals should be from AEFA members or individuals planning to become members prior to the annual meeting.

Individual paper proposals

Proposals for individual papers should include:

- Title, author(s), institutional affiliation(s)
- Name and e-mail address of primary contact
- An abstract of approximately 200 words including the purpose, problem statement, research questions and/or hypotheses. Please note that if your paper is accepted, this abstract may be used as a means for publicizing the session to conference attendees (abstracts will be posted on the AEFA website).
- Willingness to serve as a chair or discussant for other sessions

Symposium proposals

Proposals for symposia should include:

- Session title and sponsor (if applicable)

- Name and e-mail address of primary contact
- An abstract of approximately 200 words describing the organizing theme or issue
- Names of participants and their contributions to the session (150-200 words each)
- Names of session chair and reactors/discussants

Alternative format proposals

In addition to paper proposals, this year we are experimenting with alternative formats for sessions (e.g., roundtables, policy debates). If you have an idea for such a session, please submit a proposal including a list of participants and a brief paragraph describing the topic to be discussed.

Selection of proposals

The program planning committee will select up to 150 paper proposals that meet the November 15, 2006 submission deadline and AEFA standards for research validity and relevance. The committee intends to respond to all submissions on or before December 22, 2006. ***Acceptance carries with it an obligation to have the paper completed and submitted to the session chair and discussant two weeks prior to the conference.***

Participation limits

To promote broad participation, an individual may not present more than one paper at the annual meeting. Participants may be listed as co-authors of more than one accepted paper and may perform a variety of other roles at the conference (e.g., chair and discussant), but will generally be limited to a single paper presentation. This limit does not include invited presentations.

CALL FOR CHAIRS AND DISCUSSANTS

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David N. Figlio and David H. Monk

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- school accountability
- school choice
- education standards
- equality and adequacy in school finance
- within-school and district resource allocation
- teacher compensation
- training and labor markets
- instructional policy
- higher education productivity and finance
- special education

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