Council Minutes

February 4–6, 2011
Santa Monica, California

Council Members Present:
Alfredo J. Artiles (Division G), William C. Ayers (Division B), Arnetha F. Ball (President-Elect), Annis N. Brown (Graduate Student Council), Faith Connolly (Division H), Barbara G. Dodd (Division D), Dorothy L. Espelage (Division E), William A. Firestone (Division L), Vivian L. Gadsden (Member-at-Large), Karen L. Graves (Division F), Kris D. Gutiérrez (President), Etta R. Hollins (Division K), Carol D. Lee (Immediate Past President), Laura W. Perna (Division J), Gale M. Sinatra (Division C), Ara Tekian (Division I), Sharon H. Ulanoff (SIG Executive Committee), Angela Valenzuela (Member-at-Large)

Council Members Absent:
Linda E. Skrla (Division A)

Staff Members Present:
Felice J. Levine, Patricia A. Martin, Gerald F. Sroufe, Phoebe H. Stevenson

Friday, February 4, 2011 (Meeting Day 1)

1. Welcome by President Kris D. Gutiérrez

President Kris D. Gutiérrez called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She welcomed members of Council and AERA staff and thanked them for attending the meeting. Introductions were made, and the agenda was reviewed.

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

2. Report of the President

President Gutiérrez noted that her presidency to date had been productive and instructive, enabling her to view and understand AERA from different vantage points. She noted the importance of AERA in its ability to make education research more visible and influential. She reported on the 2011 Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans in April. She briefed Council on the distinguished lectures and Presidential Sessions planned. She indicated that she and Joanne Larson, 2011 General Program Chair, had organized the Presidential Sessions with groups of people who have worked together in different capacities so that these researchers can think more deeply about the selected topics, vet issues, and come up with recommendations.

Gutiérrez discussed the preconvention workshop designed to build capacity in education research policy at state, local, and federal levels. She also indicated that a subset of important sessions will be videotaped and made part of the video library for the Association and as webcasts accessible by the public.

Gutiérrez asked Deputy Executive Director Phoebe Stevenson to brief Council on the launch of an electronic annual meeting program, called the Annual Meeting App, for personal digital assistants (PDAs) for meeting registrants. The App will be available for smartphones on the Apple, Blackberry and Droid platforms, as well as in a general Web-based application.

Gutiérrez reported on the selection of new editors for *Review of Educational Research (RER)* and *Review of Research in Education (RRE)*. She noted that the Publications Committee had done an excellent job of vetting candidates for the editorial positions. Frank C. Worrell and Zeus Leonardo, both of the University of California, Berkeley, were appointed editors for *RER* (2012–2014). Jamal Abedi and Christian Faltis, both of the University of California, Davis, were appointed editors for *RRE* (2013–2015).

Gutiérrez indicated that applications and nominations are being sought for the position of editor of the *American Educational Research Journal*'s Social and Institutional Analysis Section (*AERJ*-SIA). The Publications Committee was working on developing a slate of candidates. Gutiérrez encouraged members of Council to consider advancing candidate nominations to the committee or encouraging applications from strong candidates.

Motion: To extend the appreciation of the AERA Council to the Publications Committee for the commitment to undertaking editor searches and recommendations of the highest quality. Approved unanimously.

3. Report of the President-Elect on the 2012 Annual Meeting Program

President-Elect Arnetha F. Ball briefed Council on plans for the 2012 AERA Annual Meeting, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. She noted the importance of expanding education research so that it is central to the enterprise of educating human beings in all circumstances and all countries. She would like to challenge the AERA membership to promote the effective use of our work in education research. Ball proposed that the theme of the Annual Meeting be **"*Non Satis Scire: To Know Is Not Enough,*"** building on the phrase "Education must become the agent rather than the object of change."

Ball indicated that she will issue invitations to leading scholars and ask them to consider key findings on which education researchers have achieved consensus. She will request a brief written essay to help frame the conversations in 2012 and plan the meeting. She plans to post the essay drafts on the AERA website shortly after the close of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Focusing on the "greening" aspiration for the Annual Meeting, Ball noted that it is her goal to scale back on printed program books and to encourage attendees to use the online searchable program as well as the electronic program on PDAs.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Felice J. Levine began her report with a brief note of thanks to President Gutiérrez for her support and high level of interest in the important work of the Association. Levine provided an overview of the work undertaken by the AERA Central Office, including working toward a greener and more high-tech coverage of the Annual Meeting. To bring the

scholarship of the meeting onto a larger platform, she indicated that AERA will explore the possibility of packaging information presented by authors and prominent scholars for electronic dissemination. Options include expanding video recordings and featuring videos on YouTube of key presenters to allow for broad dissemination.

Levine provided an overview of the 2010 annual report, which was published in the November issue of *Educational Researcher.* She briefed Council on the smooth transition in introducing the new membership dues structure, which increased the dues of Regular Members from $120 to $150. She indicated that the dues increase had been communicated in e-mails and by other means, including the member renewal letter and a joint column prepared by President Gutiérrez and Levine that appeared in *Educational Researcher* and on the website. The new hardship provision approved by Council has been well received. To date, 38 members have requested the dues waiver. Feedback indicates that the provision is very much appreciated.

Levine provided an update on the World Educational Research Association (WERA), emphasizing how AERA has benefited from the formation of WERA. Since its inception in 2007, WERA has been working with more than 30 education research associations worldwide to advance education research. Levine elaborated particularly on WERA's ambition to facilitate and host the development of international research networks (IRNs), which call for research groups to form based on topical research areas. WERA will provide the platform for such collaboration. A call for proposals to establish IRNs has been issued, but wider dissemination and cultivation of interest would be helpful.

Levine reported on her ongoing discussions in recent months with the leadership of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE), in particular with SREE President Larry Hedges and Executive Director Rob Greenwald. She indicated that she had also met with SREE Treasurer David Myers—with a shared aim of exploring activities of mutual interest and benefit to both organizations.

Levine briefed Council on the work of AERA's publications program. She noted the good news that *Educational Researcher* (ER) is now included in the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) citation index. She also reported on the most recent AERA book publication, *Studying Diversity in Teacher Education,* edited by Arnetha F. Ball and Cynthia A. Tyson. This book was published for AERA by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. She indicated that a special symposium on the book was being held at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Meeting in February and at the AERA Annual Meeting in April.

Levine noted that the Publications Committee has two active subcommittees—one is a future oriented examination of the *American Educational Research Journal* (AERJ) and its structure and scope in light of its mission; the other is an exploration and analysis of the potential of a new periodical, an annual review of education research. These two subcommittees consist of current and prior members of the AERA Publications Committee. They will report back later in 2011 to the Publications Committee.

5. 2011 Fellows Recommendations

Council reviewed the recommendations of the AERA Fellows Committee to elect 31 AERA Fellows in 2011. Four Council members who were nominated or otherwise had potential conflicts (e.g., located at same institution as nominee) recused themselves from the discussion and vote.

Motion: To approve the 31 members recommended as AERA Fellows by the Fellows Committee. Approved unanimously.

6. Recommendations on AERA Publications

Council received a report from the Publications Committee with recommended policy changes based on the committee's having undertaken a systematic examination of current policy. Council acted on a large number of policy changes to update, clarify, or enhance existing policy. The following sets forth the recommended policy changes and Council actions:

A. Editor Terms. The Publications Committee reflected on the potential benefits of having strong editors serving terms longer than 3 years. The committee recommended a policy that would allow the Publications Committee to extend the term upon positive review of the first 18 months of an editorial team's work.

Council amended the proposed change so that the Publications Committee would recommend an extension of an editor's term to the AERA president, who would make the decision to extend the term.

Motion: To approve the change in policy that, upon review of the first 18 months of an editorial team's work, the Publications Committee would recommend an extension of an editor's term to a maximum of three additional years to the AERA president, who would make the decision whether to extend the term. Approved unanimously.

B. Editorial Roles: Number of Editors. In response to occasional journal editorship applications from teams consisting of up to six coequal editors and the concern that the editorial leadership of each journal not be so diffuse that the substantive and administrative leadership is unclear and unwieldy, the Publications Committee proposed modifications to the policy.

Motion: To approve the change in policy that "Editorships typically consist of one or two but no more than three editors, with additional breadth possible through the use of associate editors." Approved unanimously.

C. Editorial Roles: Editorial Board Members. In response to the need for clarity that editorial board members are expected to review manuscripts and in response to journal editors' increasing reliance on editorial board members to perform manuscript reviews and, in some instances, needing larger editorial boards to meet the challenge of dramatic increases in submission rates, the Publications Committee recommended expanding the definition of duties of editorial board members.

Motion: To approve a change in policy as follows: "The editorial board consists of a group of specialists with substantive and methodological expertise germane to the journal and its mission. The editorial board undertakes reviews, counsels the editor on opportunities for the journal, provides suggestions and advice on appropriate reviewers, and may offer suggestions about special topics or issues ripe for attention by the journal. Editorial board members are expected to review manuscripts on a regular basis as key to their responsibilities and are expected to attend editorial board meetings held each year at the AERA Annual Meeting. The membership of editorial boards generally numbers from 15 to 60

members depending on editors' use of reviewers and on submission rates. Editors or coeditors recommend appointments to the Publications Committee. The Publications Committee reviews and approves service on editorial boards. Editorial board appointments are for one year and are renewable at the editor's discretion." Approved unanimously.

D. Editorial Roles: Manuscript Decision-Making Authority of Associate Editors. While in most instances associate editors of AERA journals do not have authority to make final manuscript decisions, the Publications Committee recognized that there may be a need for exceptions. The committee recommended that editors have the option of giving one or more associate editors responsibility to accept or reject manuscripts if that responsibility is recommended by the Publications Committee and approved by the AERA President. The Publications Committee thought that the policy should emphasize that associate editors generally are not given that authority.

Motion: To approve a change in policy relating to manuscript decision-making authority of associate editors as follows: "Editors or coeditors (appointed by the president) have the option of naming associate editors. Editorial roles may be shared with the associate editors in whatever manner the editors choose to delineate responsibilities. The associate editor(s) may represent one or more of the primary fields or specialties encompassed by the publication. Typically, associate editors do not have manuscript decision-making authority, but, if an editor chooses to have one or more associate editors with responsibility to accept or reject manuscripts, such appointments must be approved by the president. The editor, however, has ultimate responsibility for the decisions made by any such associate editor." Approved unanimously.

E. Editorial Roles: Consulting Editors. Recognizing that the role of consulting editors is no longer used by AERA journals except for *Review of Research in Education (RRE)*, the Publications Committee proposed language to describe the role of *RRE* consulting editor.

Motion: To approve a change in policy on editorial roles of consulting editors as follows: "*RRE* editors assign editorial board members as consulting editors to help authors develop specific chapters of *RRE.* The *RRE* editorial board should also

include members who provide independent peer reviews of chapters or the volume. As with other AERA journals, *RRE* editors, not authors, propose editorial board members." Approved unanimously.

F. Overlapping Terms for Editors. The Publications Committee proposed language to eliminate the possibility of a person's holding multiple editorship roles.

Motion: To approve a change in the policy so that "the president will not appoint as editor a Council member or an editor or associate editor of another AERA journal if there would be an overlap in terms." Approved unanimously.

G. Issue Editorials. The Publications Committee recommended that editors may on rare occasions publish editorials but that they need to relate to the mission of the journal and be reviewed by the Publications Committee chair. The Publications Committee also thought that editors should be encouraged to use other communications outlets, in particular Web-based sources, to promote articles published in AERA journals.

Motion: To approve a policy change to add that ". . . Editors may on rare occasions publish an editorial in the journal for which they have authority to accept manuscripts, as long as the editorial relates to the journal's mission and purposes. Such contributions should be subject to review by the Publications Committee chair. The occasion of a new editor's stating his or her aspirations for the journal would be an excellent example of when an editor should write an editorial. Editors wishing to comment on or otherwise promote articles in AERA journals should use appropriate outlets, including Web-based ones, arranged by AERA." Approved unanimously.

H. Editorial Record Keeping and Archiving. In response to the absence of policy on where and how to keep editorial review records, the Publications Committee proposed a policy to reflect the need to keep all submissions, reviews, and decisions on the peer-review site and all other communications outside the system archived securely. Council was supportive of this change. Council members modified the language, in a friendly amendment that was duly passed, moving that "should" be changed to "will" to communicate that recordkeeping needed to be done. Council members noted that other publications policy language should also be changed to

"will" when the policy is intended to mandate an action or activity.

Motion: To approve the following policy for editorial record keeping and archiving: "AERA journals use a Web-based manuscript-submission and peer review management system. Each editorial team will use the designated system for all submission, review, and decision records of all manuscripts, book reviews, letters, and other items submitted to the journal. Each team also will use an e-mail account on the AERA server for all correspondence that occurs outside the peer-review management system. In using and maintaining the management system and e-mail account, AERA editors and staff will do so in accordance with AERA confidentiality guidelines." Approved unanimously.

I. Prior Publication. AERA's current policy on prior publication dates from 1995, before Web resources rapidly developed. Because any document that is freely available on the Web is now highly discoverable and distributed by means of Google and other search engines, and many Web resources now exist that reflect the development of research and do not purport to be final publications, the Publications Committee recommended new policy on prior publication.

Motion: To approve a policy change as follows: "AERA journal editors should consider for publication only manuscripts whose latest version has not been published in print or online elsewhere. Dissemination of earlier versions at conferences or meetings or in online repositories does not constitute prior publication." Approved unanimously.

J. Conflicts of Interest Policy. The AERA Conflicts of Interest Policy was adopted in January 2008 by AERA Council, and, as guidance for AERA decision makers, it should apply to editors. Associate editors and peer reviewers also recommend decisions and would benefit from following it.

Motion: To approve a policy change as follows: "Editors and associate editors should follow AERA's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted in January 2008 and published in the August-September 2008 *Educational Researcher.*" And "Reviewers should follow AERA's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted in January 2008 and published in the August-September 2008 *Educational Researcher.*" Approved unanimously.

K. Guidelines to Reduce Bias in Language. AERA adopted the Guidelines for Nonsexist Language in APA Journals for use in all AERA publications (Council, June 1976, Publications Committee, November 1977). In 1994, the Guidelines for Nonsexist Language in APA Journals were superseded by Guidelines for Reducing Bias in Language, which are also in the APA manual. The Publications Committee proposed substitution of language to ensure that guidelines were up to date.

Motion: To approve a policy change regarding guidelines to reduce bias in language as follows: "AERA publications seek to avert biasing language with regard to gender, sexual orientation, racial and ethnic identity, disabilities, and age. To implement this commitment, AERA follows the APA Guidelines for Reducing Bias in Language, incorporated in the *Publication Manual of the APA.*" Approved unanimously.

L. JEBS Management Committee clarification. Despite the fact that AERA's 2007 joint agreement with the American Statistical Association stipulates that the *JEBS* Management Committee provide oversight to the *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics (JEBS),* AERA policy does not mention the role of the *JEBS* Management Committee. The Publications Committee recommended that AERA policy clarify the role of the *JEBS* Management Committee.

Motion: To approve a new policy detailing the role of the *JEBS* Management Committee as follows: "The *JEBS* Management Committee acts in the Publications Committee's stead for *JEBS* in every regard. AERA staff keeps the Publications Committee advised on *JEBS*'s operations and the Management Committee's work. The Management Committee consists of three members appointed by the AERA president, three members appointed by the American Statistical Association, and a chair jointly appointed by the AERA president and ASA. Management Committee terms are for three years, and reappointment for a second term is allowed. The *JEBS* Management Committee makes recommendations for the *JEBS* editorship to the AERA president and to ASA, which jointly appoint the *JEBS* editor(s)." Approved unanimously.

M. Data Citation and Sharing. The Publications Committee reported that it had considered the recommendations of the AERA Task Force on Data Sharing that education researchers share data after completion of a research project or its major publication and that appropriate citation to data be provided. The Publications Committee recommended that AERA's publications policy should be amended to align with this responsibility.

Motion: To approve a policy change to add that "Authors cite and reference all data sets per APA style, which includes author, date, title, and location. Authors adhere to the AERA standards on data sharing, as set forth in the AERA Code of Ethics." Approved unanimously.

N. Oversight of the Books Editorial Board. To accurately reflect the fact that the Publications Committee and the Books Editorial Board have operated as counterparts to each other and that the committee has not provided oversight of the board, the Publications Committee recommended that the Books Editorial Board report directly to Council, as does the Publications Committee.

Motion: To amend the policy as follows: "Within the general framework of resources and decision making provided by AERA Council, decisions on book publications rest with a Books Editorial Board. Council does not make substantive decisions regarding the publication of specific books; however, Council will continue to make decisions on activities that fall outside the scope of the books program as approved by Council." Approved unanimously.

Motion: To amend the policy to reflect the following: "The Publications Committee, created in 1966 from a Council-appointed subcommittee, monitors the journals program, codifies editorial policies, and makes long-range recommendations to the Council, which relies heavily on the input and recommendations of the Publications Committee." Approved unanimously.

O. Coordination Between the Publications Committee and the Books Editorial Board. To recognize and value the coordination between it and the Books Editorial Board, the Publications Committee proposed an addition to the policy.

Motion: To approve an addition to the policy to include the following: "Because of the importance of ensuring complementarity and coordination between the books and journals programs, the Books Editorial Board chair and the Publications Committee chair will meet no less than once a year, along with the executive director. Approved unanimously.

Name Change for Publications Committee

To ensure that the committee's name accurately reflects its scope and its responsibilities for AERA's journals program, the Publications Committee recommended that its name be changed to "the Journal Publications Committee" to distinguish its role from that of the Books Editorial Board.

Motion: To approve the change in name of the Publications Committee to the Journal Publications Committee. Approved unanimously.

Expansion of the Books Editorial Board

Council approved the establishment of the Books Editorial Board in 2005 with six at-large members and the executive director. In establishing the Board with six at-large members, it was expected that a rotational system would commence once the initial plan and model were set in place. Discussions among Levine, Gutiérrez , and Cherry Banks (Chair of the Books Editorial Board) led to a recommendation that the Books Editorial Board be expanded from six to eight at-large members, with each AERA president to appoint two members of the Board for four-year terms. An expanded Board with four-year terms would allow for continuity in planning volumes and for additional expertise in the consideration of book proposals and the review of volumes. If the change is adopted, there will be a transition process whereby the current president and president-elect will each appoint two members—one for a three-year term and one for a four-year term.

Motion: To expand the Books Editorial Board from six to eight at-large members with each AERA president to appoint two members of the Board to four-year terms after a transition process whereby the current president and president-elect will each appoint two members—one for a three-year term and one for a four-year term. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 5, 2011 (Meeting Day 2)

7. Executive Session

Council met in Executive Session.

8. Review and Approval of AERA Code of Ethics

Levine reminded Council that it had undertaken an initial discussion of the draft code of ethics in July 2010 with the expectation that Council would receive a revised edition in February after the open comment period for members. Levine indicated that this process of seeking input was executed as planned, with the Ethics Committee meeting in mid-January to prepare a revised draft Code incorporating feedback from members and from Council. Council appreciated the work that had gone into preparation of the Code and the revision and also valued the committee's commitment to education. Council discussed the importance of communicating the Code of Ethics clearly to members and making it easily accessible on the AERA website. Council supported the committee's ambition to prepare written materials and innovative approaches for dissemination. Council also recommended that the Ethics Committee consider developing a research ethics course.

Motion: To adopt the revised draft Code of Ethics of the American Educational Research Association as prepared by the AERA Committee on Ethics and to have this Code supersede the current Ethical Standards. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To charge the Committee on Ethics with the development of educational materials to help foster use and understanding of the Code. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To express the appreciation of the AERA Council for the important work conducted by the Ethics Committee. Approved unanimously.

9. Report on Communications Enhancements

Phoebe Stevenson provided a briefing on the results of the survey of members on the AERA website conducted in fall 2010 and on how the data were used to guide the Web redesign project. She indicated that more than 1,000 AERA members had responded to the Web communications survey, providing important insight on their use of the site and their likes and dislikes. Stevenson provided an overview of the AERA website redesign project, which includes rebuilding the information architecture and introducing a selected portfolio of social networking innovations. She also reported on new strategies for electronic dissemination of information that will be introduced in 2011.

Council discussed the importance of integrating the Web presence of all AERA units, such as divisions and SIGs, with the AERA website, sharing a common look and feel. It was noted that coherence is necessary and that the new website will provide easy access to content. Stevenson noted that new features will include the use of videos and blogs and that Web-based discussion forums will be introduced. She indicated that special attention will be placed on accessibility for the visually or hearing impaired and that the standards currently in place for the vision impaired will be followed.

10. AERA–National Education Writers Association Seminar for Journalists

Levine briefed Council on a professional development seminar for journalists planned with the National Education Writers Association (EWA) at the AERA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The seminar aims to strengthen journalists' understanding of education research findings and data and enhance the value of working with research experts. Since the EWA annual meeting overlaps with that of AERA in New Orleans, AERA is making a special effort to reach out to education journalists to attend the AERA meeting. Levine noted that this effort builds upon the strengths of AERA's prior seminars for journalists (in collaboration with the Hechinger Institute). She indicated that the hope would be to make this an annual event. It was suggested that an award for excellence in education research reporting be considered in the future.

11. Update and Report From the SIG Executive Committee Chair

SIG Executive Committee Chair Sharon Ulanoff presented a brief overview on the strategic review and reporting efforts undertaken by the committee during the past year. The committee has been working on analyzing data collected from surveys of SIG chairs and members, SIG annual reports, and the 2005 SIG Task Force report and recommendations. Ulanoff indicated that the committee is seeking to identify criteria and factors leading to vibrancy among SIGs as well as to make other recommendations for Council's review and approval later on in 2011.

Ulanoff reported on the reconstitution of the John Dewey Society SIG as the Dewey Studies SIG. Because of the overlapping memberships of the John Dewey Society and the John Dewey Society SIG, the Executive Board of the John Dewey Society SIG decided at the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting (after considering various options set forth by AERA), that the SIG would be reconstituted in accordance with AERA's guidelines for SIGs.

Motion: To approve the reconstitution John Dewey Society SIG as the Dewey Studies SIG. Approved unanimously.

12. Vice President Overview on Division Issues and Ideas

Division vice presidents reported on issues discussed during an informal meeting on April 3. A key topic was the method of budget allocation for divisions. Concerns were expressed that the formula used to allocate resources may not be adequate since it was created before the increase in membership dues. It was suggested that Council consider increasing resources for divisions. Levine suggested that a review of the budget allocation formula be conducted and that the topic be placed on the agenda for the June Council meeting. Were Council to decide that the allocation formula be changed, it would go into effect for Fiscal Year 2012.

13. Governance-Related Discussions

Council discussed the importance of committee service and that some committee members were not sufficiently engaged in meeting responsibilities. Council was concerned about the quality of service of some committee members and the high rate of absenteeism with some committees. Council discussed ways to enhance effective committee operations and made motions to address the issues.

Motion: To set forth expectations for members of standing committees as follows: (a) Except under emergency circumstances, members of standing committees attend in-person meetings. Members who cannot attend a meeting in person notify the committee chair and the executive

director. Committee members in good standing are accorded one unexcused absence and otherwise may be removed from continued service by the AERA president. In addition to in-person meetings, it is expected that members will participate in meetings held by conference call or other means of remote access. (b) AERA members invited to serve on standing committees are advised of the responsibilities of service prior to their official acceptance and return a signed acceptance form that (i) certifies their acceptance of these responsibilities, and (ii) affirms their adherence to the AERA Code of Ethics and AERA Conflicts of Interest Policy. The motion in its entirety was approved unanimously.

Motion: That AERA hold an orientation for new chairs and members of standing committees each year at the Annual Meeting to guide members in this important work. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To appoint a subcommittee of Council to consider the charge, functions, terms, and purposes of AERA standing committees and their current work in light of the ambitions of the Association; to obtain information from standing committees and others with experience in AERA governance as part of the process of planning for the future work of standing committees; to address how Council might over time provide for continuity and change in its standing committee structure; and to report back to Council with information and recommendations. Approved unanimously.

Council discussed the increasing emphasis that committees, divisions, and SIGs are placing on the mentoring of graduate students and junior faculty. While such interest and commitment are important to enable AERA to provide for the next generation of education researchers, Council discussed the need for the Association to orchestrate such effort in an effective and coordinated manner.

Motion: To appoint a subcommittee of Council to examine and review opportunities to enhance AERA mentoring opportunities. Approved unanimously.

Gutiérrez led a discussion on AERA's voting and the campaigning policy, which had not been reviewed since 1984. It was noted that a review of the Council-approved policy was necessary because of new ways of communicating that became available with technological advances in

recent years. In addition, the Association does not have any policy in place to govern campaigning on matters not related to the election of officers. Gutiérrez further noted that many voting members do not exercise their right to vote in AERA elections. In an effort to boost participation in the current election, she will be sending a special message via e-mail to members reminding them of the importance of their vote.

14. AERA Task Force Report and Recommendations on IES Reauthorization

Council reviewed the report and recommendations from the AERA Task Force on the Reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). Council valued very much the quality of the work and the substantial effort that went into the report preparation. The report reflects the work of the task force over an 18-month period, involving three workshops attended by experts and representatives from associations expected to become engaged in the reauthorization of IES; open forums at AERA Annual Meetings; and meetings of and feedback from the Government Relations Committee, the Research Advisory Committee, the Execuitve Board, and Council. AERA President Gutiérrez, a Presidential appointee on the National Board for Education Sciences, recused herself from voting on this issue.

Motion: To adopt the *Report and Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences* (IES), as prepared for the American Education Research Association by the AERA Task Force on IES Reauthorization. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To authorize the Executive Director to ensure that the Association takes all appropriate steps and actions to advance these recommendations in the reauthorization of IES. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To thank the Task Force on IES Reauthorization for exceptional and timely work. Approved unanimously.

15. Education Research Advocacy and Advancements

Levine provided a brief overview of the executive director's report on Mission-Oriented Policy and Position Taking. She noted that the report addresses 2010 mission-oriented activities and plans for 2011. She indicated that, in preparing the

report, she sought to address advocacy by AERA for increased research support, work undertaken to advance sound research policy, and steps to promote sound use of research in education policy and practice.

Council thought the report was very informative with respect to 2010 accomplishments and plans for 2011. Also, Council members noted that the document effectively conveyed the central commitments from year to year. Council members encouraged dissemination of the report.

Council members asked about the anticipated report and recommendations on observational methods, classroom teaching, and student outcomes. A number of Council members thought the report could be very timely and useful. Council members urged that the review of the draft report draw upon relevant expertise from appropriate divisions for reviews.

Council discussed the report on the AERA Initiative on ESEA Reauthorization: Linking Education Research to ESEA. The report and plans were initially discussed with Council in April and July 2010. Levine indicated that the Association will be launching the first three initiatives to link education research to ESEA: early language learners, early childhood education, and expanded learning. In addition, three other initiatives are progressing, and the goal is to release a total of six briefs in 2011.

16. Financial Update and Planning

Stevenson provided an overview of the AERA investment portfolio and financial picture. She indicated that the financial market has improved as compared with the market in 2009 and 2010. The AERA portfolio and reserves have gained in value over the past months, putting the Association in a solid financial position.

Stevenson briefed Council on the financial operations of the Association in Fiscal Year 2010. A slight decrease in membership and membership-related revenue were projected for 2010. However, higher-than-budgeted Annual Meeting revenue, lower-than-budgeted expenses, and the delay in staff hiring and launching of selected projects allowed the Association to return a positive net income for 2010.

The Executive Board advanced the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011 with the following amendments: The proposed budget submitted by the International

Relations Committee will be adjusted to reflect $15,000 for the International Reception, no allocation for printing or international outreach, and $500 for cultural performance. The $12,000 international travel award budget will remain as proposed. Stevenson provided a general overview of the proposed operating budget for the Association. She indicated that the membership dues increase is projected to produce approximately $540,000 in additional revenue to support programmatic initiatives of the Association. The 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans is projected to generate higher registration income as compared with that from the 2010 Annual Meeting. Council discussed the Graduate Student Council's plan to feature poster boards at the Graduate Student Resource Center at the 2011 Annual Meeting. An additional $3,150 in funds were added to the GSC proposed budget.

Motion: To approve the FY2011 budget as amended. Approved unanimously.

Council discussed the role of the International Relations Committee in hosting the International Reception at the Annual Meeting on behalf of the Association. Council wished to give further thoughts to the nature of the International Reception and the components of its program. Council decided that a follow-up discussion will take place at the June 2011 Council meeting. Council requested that the International Relations Committee should not begin planning of the International Reception and other committee-sponsored events for the 2012 Annual Meeting until Council has made a determination about how to proceed and has communicated that decision to the committee.

17. Review and Approval of Division G and L Proposed Bylaws

Council reviewed proposed bylaws submitted by Division G and Division L. Leadership of each division had prepared the draft bylaws and input by division members had been sought.

Motion: To approve the proposed Division G Bylaws. Approved unanimously.

Motion: To approve the proposed Division L Bylaws. Approved unanimously.

18. Support of Dr. Frances Fox Piven

Levine briefed Council on a request from the American Sociological Association (ASA) to seek support from AERA to cosign a letter in support of Professor Frances Fox Piven, who has been the subject of recent attacks in the national media. Council discussed the importance of protecting the academic freedom and safety of Dr. Piven.

Motion: To join the American Sociological Association (ASA) in cosigning a letter in support of the protection, academic freedom and safety of Dr. Frances Fox Piven. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 6, 2011 (Meeting Day 3)

Gutiérrez called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. As Council had been previously informed, Executive Director Levine was absent to attend a family funeral.

19. New Innovations for the Annual Meeting

Stevenson briefed Council on a number of innovations to be introduced at the 2011 Annual Meeting. As part of the continued effort of the Communications and Outreach Committee to enhance the effectiveness of the Guest Educators Initiative, Divisions E and J agreed to partner with the committee to provide a better planned experience for local educators attending the Annual Meeting. The plan is for Divisions E and J to coordinate and "host" a delegation of local educators relevant to their field of expertise and to provide opportunities for interaction with division leadership and members during the Annual Meeting. Council discussed how the Central Office could assist in connecting with educators by providing names. The pilot program aims to involve just a small number of educators (5 to 10); the number can be expanded in future years should the pilot program be successful.

Stevenson and Laura Perna, Division J vice president, reported on AERA/Division J's collaboration with the Council for the Study of Community Colleges (CSCC), whose annual meeting will overlap with AERA's in New Orleans. In addition to jointly featuring a special session on community colleges, AERA and CSCC have agreed to offer joint registration at a discounted rate to encourage their respective members to attend both meetings.

20. AERA Membership Report

Stevenson briefed Council on the status of membership in 2010 and the progress of renewals for 2011. The 2010 membership year officially ended on September 30, 2010, with a total of 24,719 members, which is less than 1% below the 2009 count of 24,902—a positive year-end result as compared with the 4% decrease that was projected. Stevenson indicated that although there was a slight decrease in the number of regular members in 2010, there was a 2.5% increase in the number of graduate student members. The 6,662 graduate student members represent 27% of membership, which is the highest in AERA history. She reported on the effort that she and President Gutiérrez had made to communicate the dues increase introduced for the 2011 membership year and noted that the increase seemed to be well-accepted by members. The new Hardship Provision, which provides a one-year dues waiver for members experiencing financial difficulty during the economic downturn, was very well-received and has generated much good will. To date, 38 members have requested the waiver. All requests have been granted by the executive director. The most common reason for requesting a waiver is the lack of or loss of employment.

21. Calendar of Events

Gutiérrez led a discussion of the meeting dates for the summer Executive Board and Council meetings. It was agreed that members of Council will be polled to determine the best dates for the meetings, which may deviate from the recurring dates approved by Council in July 2010 (last full weekend in June for the summer meetings). Dates for the October Coordinated Committee meeting are set for October 28–29, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.