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Council Minutes

**March 24, 2008
New York, NY**

Council Members Present:

Arnetha F. Ball (Division K), Nancy Beadie (Division F), Mark Berends (Division L), Linda L. Cook (Division D), Stacy L. DeZutter (Graduate Student Council), David J. Flinders (Division B), Stephan (Steve) A. Henry (Division H), Joan L. Herman (Member-at-Large), Cynthia A. Hudley (Division E), Carol D. Lee (Division G), Richard E. Mayer (Division C), Lorraine M. McDonnell (President-Elect), Patricia S. O'Sullivan (Division I), Robert J. Stahl (SIG Executive Committee), William F. Tate (President), Linda C. Tillman (Division A), Susan B. Twombly (Division J)

Incoming Council Members Present:

Garrett Albert Duncan (Division G), John A. Oliver (Graduate Student Council)

Council Member Absent:

William G. Tierney (Member-at-Large)

Staff Members Present:

Felice J. Levine, Gerald Sroufe, Phoebe H. Stevenson

1. Welcome by President William Tate

President William Tate called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He welcomed all members of Council and staff members to New York. He extended a warm welcome to Garrett Duncan, incoming Division G Vice President, and John Oliver, incoming Graduate Student Council Chair, who attended the meeting as observers.

2. Introduction and Orienting Documents

The agenda was unanimously approved. President Tate called attention to the Council rosters and asked members of Council

to review them for accuracy. He indicated that the minutes from the January Council meeting would be distributed to Council members.

Motion: To approve the January 2008 Council minutes outside of Council meeting. Approved unanimously.

3. Report of the President

President Tate shared the positive responses received regarding the theme of the 2008 Annual Meeting, "Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility." He reported on how pleased he was with the 2008 Annual Meeting program. In addition to a rich and exciting offering of Presidential sessions, many divisions and SIGs have created interesting sessions in line with the theme. Tate indicated that preregistration for the Annual Meeting was very strong and that he hoped it would draw a record number of attendees.

4. Report of the President-Elect

President-Elect Lorraine McDonnell reported on the theme for the 2009 Annual Meeting: "Disciplined Inquiry: Education Research in the Circle of Knowledge." McDonnell noted how pleased she was that Michael Feuer had agreed to serve as Program Chair. She announced the dates for the summer meetings: The Executive Board will meet on July 10, and Council will meet on July 11 and 12. An informal retreat will be held on July 12 after the conclusion of the Council meeting. The meetings will be held at the AERA Central Office in Washington, D.C. McDonnell invited Council members to provide input for agenda topics as well as discussion items for the Council Retreat.

5. Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Felice Levine reported on the outcome of the 2008 AERA Election and congratulated Carol Lee for being elected as the incoming President-Elect. Levine indicated that the use of electronic balloting has increased the overall participation rate from 15% in 2006 to more than 25% in 2008. Levine noted that the *Brown* Lecture Selection Committee had completed its work for the 2008 *Brown* Lecture and that an invitation was

being advanced by President Tate. The Lecture is scheduled to be delivered in Washington, D.C., on October 23, 2008. Levine reported on the work that AERA is undertaking in cooperation with the National Research Council on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). A workshop on Protecting Student Records and Facilitating Education Research will be held on April 24–25, 2008. This initiative evolved through discussion with the Government Relations Committee dating back to fall 2006.

Levine also reported on two new initiatives: the AERA Research Fellowship in Education and Adolescent Health and a series of AERA-Hechinger events directed to strengthening research dissemination, featured at the Annual Meeting. The Education and Adolescent Health initiative is made possible through a \$35,000 grant from the Spencer Foundation to support a cohort of emerging scholars who will receive intensive training and a research experience in using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) and the Adolescent Health and Academic Achievement Study (AHAA). The second initiative, also funded by the Spencer Foundation and cosponsored by AERA and the Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media, will feature a new course on public communication for early-career education researchers on March 28–29 and also allow for the continuation of the workshop directed to the media held during the Annual Meeting.

Levine provided an update on AERA's international initiative and plans for the third international meeting of education research associations to be held at the conclusion of the 2008 Annual Meeting. The meeting will bring together more than 40 representatives from 28 national, regional, and international specialty education research associations. Levine indicated that AERA has been serving as facilitator of the initiative on internationalization of education research.

6. Task Force on Awards Final Report

The Task Force on Awards, appointed by Council in 2006 and chaired by Gloria Ladson-Billings and William F. Tate,

presented the final report to Council for review and approval. The report addressed Council's charge for the task force to examine awards policies and practices for the Association and its committees, divisions, and SIGs. Council reaffirmed that the Executive Board will continue to have oversight over the awards function within AERA and the authority to approve new awards and that only unsanctioned awards will need to go through the award petition process.

Motion: To accept the Task Force on Awards report as amended. Approved, 14; Abstained, 2.

Council member Robert Stahl, who is Chair of the SIG Executive Committee, suggested that SIGs be given the flexibility for more awards, although the task force had recommended an increase from two to three awards per SIG.

Motion: To allow SIGs to have four awards, with one award reserved for graduate students (for any SIG with 450 graduate student members or more); SIGs with fewer than 450 graduate student members can make three awards with one reserved as a graduate student award. Approved, 1; Opposed, 14; Abstained, 1.

Motion: To lift the moratorium on new award petitions, which is currently in effect. Approved, 15; Opposed, 1.

7. Minority Fellowship Program

The AERA Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) seeks to improve the quality and diversity of university faculty and to encourage outstanding minority doctoral degree candidates to pursue careers in education research. Levine noted that currently the program allows for a \$12,000 stipend per fellow, plus up to \$1,000 in Annual Meeting travel support. Levine indicated that, although the current authorization permits making up to three MFP awards each year, in response to a significant increase in the number of applications received, in April 2006 Council approved making up to four awards that year. In 2007, a second request was advanced and Council approved, making up to five awards that year. In response to the 70 applications received this winter, the request to Council is for the same additional allocation for 2008 as in 2007, so that the MFP Selection Committee may have the latitude to consider making two additional awards beyond the three.

Motion: To approve a one-time allocation of \$26,000 with funds drawn from the

MFP restricted account to provide the MFP Selection Committee the latitude to make two additional awards for 2008–2009. Approved unanimously.

McDonnell recommended that Council take up the discussion of the stipend amount for the MFP awards in a future agenda.

8. Special Interest Groups

Council reviewed a revised proposal to form a new SIG on Academic Audit Research in Teacher Education. The initial proposal was reviewed by Council in January.

Motion: To approve the formation of a Special Interest Group on Academic Audit Research in Teacher Education. Approved unanimously.

Council reviewed a proposed SIG Bylaws template developed by the SIG Executive Committee in consultation with the AERA Central Office and legal counsel. The template includes all required components for bylaws and will provide a framework that is in conformity with the AERA Bylaws.

Motion: To approve the proposed SIG bylaws template. Approved, 16; Abstained, 1.

9. Election of Executive Board Members for 2008–2009

Gerald Sroufe, AERA Director of Government Relations and Senior Advisor, conducted the election of three members of the new Council to serve 1-year terms on the Executive Board, following procedures provided in the Association Bylaws. The following persons were elected to serve: David Flinders, Richard Mayer, and Patricia O'Sullivan.

10. Executive Board Recommendation on Coordinated Committee Meeting

President Tate briefed Council on discussions held by the Executive Board on the effectiveness and contribution of the October Coordinated Committee Meeting (CCM). A survey was sent to chairs and chairs-elect of standing committees in February to obtain their views and advice regarding the usefulness of the CCM as the primary model for committees to meet and confer. A subcommittee of the Executive Board, consisting of Lorraine McDonnell, Joan Herman, and Carol Lee, reviewed the information collected. McDonnell

reported that, in general, most committees found the CCM to be useful to them in conducting their own work as well as valuable in offering the opportunity to work with other standing committees. She indicated that committees that wish to meet at a different time will be allowed to do so. In addition, committee chairs will be encouraged to plan the agenda ahead of time for distribution to committee members at least 10 days in advance. Committee reports will be reviewed by Council in the summer, so that cross-cutting issues can be identified for the following CCM. There will be joint events scheduled for the first day of the CCM and at mealtime so that committees will have more flexibility in planning their agenda and work during the CCM.

11. Interim Report From the Task Force on Standards for Reporting on Research Grounded in the Humanities

The Task Force on Standards for Reporting on Research Grounded in the Humanities submitted an interim report for Council's review and encouraged Council to provide feedback. As was the case with the development of the Standards for Reporting on Empirical Social Science Research in AERA Publications, the task force would like to solicit additional confidential reviews of the draft and, following revision of the report in accord with these reviews, to post the draft on the AERA website for public commentary. The feedback received will be considered by the task force in the final revision prior to submission of the standards to Council for adoption in the summer.

Council commended members of the task force on their work and fine service.

12. Joint Report of the Annual Meeting Policies and Procedures Committee and the Research Advisory Committee

Levine indicated that the Joint Annual Meeting Policies and Procedures and Research Advisory Committee considered a revised report at its meeting on the morning of March 24, which took into consideration issues raised by Council in January. She noted that the process will continue to be iterative as additional feedback is received at the Annual Meeting and during an open comment period. The Joint

Committee will be seeking input from AERA members at the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for March 25, as well as through a month-long open comment period for AERA members to begin after the Annual Meeting. The Joint Committee may have one more meeting. A final report will be presented to Council for review and approval in July.

13. Request for Division H Name Change

As a follow-up to Council discussion on alternatives for Division H's name change in January, Council member Stephan

(Steve) A. Henry, Division H Vice President, reported on the Division H Leadership Committee's recommendation to its members for the adoption of "Research, Evaluation, and Assessment in Schools" as the new name.

Motion: To approve changing the name of Division H from "School Evaluation and Program Development" to "Research, Evaluation, and Assessment in Schools." Approved, 15; Abstained, 2.

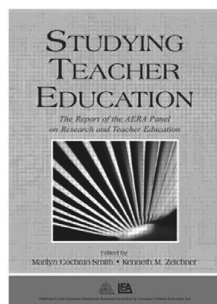
Because the name change was approved by Council, Division H members will vote on the new name at the Division H Breakfast/Business Meeting on March 27.

14. Service Recognition for Outgoing Council Members

To express the Association's appreciation to outgoing Council members, President Tate and Executive Director Levine presented plaques and thanked all members for their commitment and support. President Tate received unanimous thanks from the Council and a gift from the Association for his presidential accomplishment and leadership.

15. Adjournment

President Tate adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.



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