A Brief Note from the Chair

Hello everyone! There’s not a lot of SIG news to report since the last newsletter; things are going smoothly. However, let me keep you up to date on a couple of things that are happening at the national level.

First, as you all know, the deadline for proposal submission to next year’s annual conference has passed; many of you that volunteered as reviewers will be contacted in the very near future. I’m attaching a note from the national office giving more detail.

We’re waiting on the AERA national office to give us more information on supporting web-sites for the SIGs; it might be in our best interest to develop one of our own in the interim. Since I work in a school of computer science, I think it would be relatively easy to find someone to help us with that task. I’ll get back with you as soon as I know something definitive.

Third, there seems to be some dissension in the ranks. An anonymous group has asked for input regarding AERA policy; some of you may have received their e-mail. Following that, the national office sent out an e-mail addressing the issue. Just to ensure you’re all aware of what’s happening, I’m forwarding it along with this message.

Phoebe Stevens, at the national office, has asked for nominations for President of AERA; Sky Huck sent out a note following up to encourage us to give it a lot of thought. Per his instructions, if you have anyone you would like to nominate, forward the name to me and I’ll ensure he gets it. I’m including a copy of his note.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters, please let me know. Thank you all for your help and support; please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.

I hope you’re all having a great summer!

Steve

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