Newsletter
Education and the World Wide Web Special Interest Group
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A Brief Note from the Chair

Greetings, everyone! It seems we’ve just left San Diego and we’re already in the midst of preparing for next year’s conference in Montreal. In an effort help keep everyone as up-to-date as possible, I’ve included as much relevant information in this newsletter as possible. 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.

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Growth of Our SIG

At this past conference, our SIG was allocated three sessions – one for our business meeting, one for roundtable discussions and one for paper presentations. At the SIG Open meeting, the Executive Council made it quite clear that in order to remain a recognized SIG and continue to be allocated time slots at the Annual Meetings, SIGS are expected to grow and contribute more to the financial bottom line. We currently have around 80 active members; by increasing that number we can be assured of remaining a viable SIG as well as be allocated more presentation sessions at the annual meeting.

Given that, it is up to us to recruit as many new members as possible. I have a list of colleagues whose membership in the SIG has lapsed and Michael Young will be supplying me with names of everyone outside of our group who submitted a proposal to our SIG for the past meeting. I will contact those people and try to recruit as many renewals / new memberships as possible. We can all contribute by recruiting our
colleagues both within and outside of the AERA. Also, keep in mind that our students are eligible for special membership rates to the AERA.

SIG Dues

At a recent meeting of the AERA’s Executive Council, two actions were taken regarding dues for SIG membership; both should have a positive impact on our recruiting effort. First, the policy of $5 for each SIG a member belongs to, due to start this past July 1st, was rescinded. Second, the new dues structure will be $7 for any member belonging to a SIG; there is no charge for additional SIG memberships. On top of that, our SIG will be asked to pay a $150 per year management fee; this amount increases slightly as the SIG grows. If anyone is interested in reading the entire document sent out by Sky Huck, I’ll be glad to e-mail it to you.

Education and WWW Web-page

Some of you have probably noticed that our web-page has not been updated in at least two years. The AERA has informed all SIGS they are developing a system wherein the web-pages for all Divisions and SIGS can be hosted on their site. In the interim, we’re investigating the feasibility of developing an external site that would ultimately be migrated to the new AERA system. We’ll keep you posted as we learn anything new.

General Information Regarding the 2005 AERA Conference in Montreal

https://www.aera.net/meeting/index.htm

Information Regarding Individual or Session Proposals

https://www.aera.net/meeting/call/submitting.htm

Information Regarding Proposals for Professional Development Courses

http://www.aera.net/meeting/news/PDproposals.htm

Members Only Web Page

The AERA has developed a web-page where members can conduct business such as membership renewal, access the online membership directory and update personal information. This has also made it very easy for a member to join a SIG; they simply have to go into the system and check the appropriate box:
https://www.aera.net/login.aspx?ReturnURL=/MemberNet

The Internet and Higher Education

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