



Regions News

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From: Deborah Minor, Director of Business and Finance

Hello everyone!

AAR is busy getting ready for the annual meeting next month. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Posters for the Annual Meeting

As we discussed last year, we want to have a display at the AAR of posters from each region listing the highlights of their 2015 meeting and their upcoming 2016 meeting. We have attached a template you can use. It's quite simple, and shouldn't take long, and it will be a great way to advertise all of the excellent work we do in the regions. *Please send the poster information to Deborah Minor (dminor@aarweb.org) by November 7 as a WORD document. AAR will add the logo.*

We have a lot of Regions activities at the meeting. **If you cannot attend the Friday RECs meeting, please send an alternate in your place.** Watch for an invitation to the Friday Meeting and Saturday Breakfast. We will send a menu in advance and take your order for the lunch so we can save some time.

Please make note:

- ***Regional Coordinators Lunch and Meeting:***
- Lunch: Max Lagers (maxlagers.com) 320 Peachtree St.
 - Friday November 20 at 11:30 am
- Meeting: Hilton 402 (level 4)
 - Following the lunch
- ***Regional Officers' Breakfast—Please encourage all of your regional officers to attend!***
- Breakfast: Hyatt Auburn Room (Atlanta Conference Level)
 - Saturday November 21 7:30 to 8:45

- ***Regions Booth –Please plan to “person the booth” with another person at some point during the conference***
 - Watch for the Sign Up Genius invitation

Special Topics Forum: Session A22-253

Expanding the Possibilities for Scholarly Conference Presentations: Alternatives, Innovations, Enhancements

Program Committee and Regional Coordinators
Susan Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Hilton-211 (Level 2)

The purpose of this special topics session is to foster thoughtful and creative conversation about the possibilities of alternative modes of academic conference presentations. Although the traditional model of paper presentation will continue to have value in the academy, we seek to find ways to infuse more voices, more styles of presentation, and more perspectives into the traditional conference. A number of AAR Regional meetings have been experimenting with session formats that break the traditional mold by creating opportunities for more discussion, interaction and engagement among attendees. Brief presentations/demonstrations of some alternative conference session formats will be followed by conversation and brainstorming.

Panelists:

Katherine Downey, Southwest Region
Sally Smith Holt, Belmont University, Southeast Region
B. J. Parker, Baylor University, Southwest Region
Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Region

Regional Coordinators' Handbook

Did you know we have a handbook that we created to help you and the other regional officers? We list all of the officers' names and contact information. We give you important deadlines, AAR contact names and email and information about all the regions. Here is the link:

<https://www.aarweb.org/node/183>

Take a look at it and be ready to discuss when we meet at the AAR. We want to make sure the handbook meets your needs.

Operating Agreement Amendment

AAR has some bylaws changes that will require changing the regions' operating agreements. The changes relate to student director terms of office and allowing members who have chosen a region other than the one in which they reside to be officers within the chosen region.

We will send suggested wording for the amendments prior to the meeting.