



# Regions News

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From: Deborah Minor, Director of Business and Finance

Welcome to all new Regional Coordinators and welcome back to our veteran coordinators.

There is a lot going and we want to remind you of several upcoming events.

## **Reporting:**

Thanks to all of you for being so responsive to my request to send your written and financial reports of your regional activities by June 30. I don't think we have ever had so many in on time. You made my job much easier.

## **Regional Development Grants:**

We received 8 grant proposals from 5 different regions. The jury meets this Thursday, October 2, to determine which grants will be funded and the amounts to be funded. We will send notice to the grant contact person and the Regional Coordinator by October 15.

## **Annual Meeting:**

We meet twice at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. The Coordinators have a meeting from 12–5 pm on Friday in the Marriott Marquis, Carlsbad Room. We will start the meeting with lunch. Please plan on attending. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend, it would be helpful for you to have one of your regional officers attend in your place.

We also have the Regional Officers Breakfast on Saturday from 7:30 to 8:45 am in Convention Center Room 16B. Please encourage your officers to attend. Deborah will be sending out an invitation to the Officers' Breakfast to you to forward to your officers closer to the annual meeting time.

The agendas for these meetings have not been finalized. I encourage you to send to Susan Hill, [susan.hill@uni.edu](mailto:susan.hill@uni.edu), or Deborah Minor, [dminor@aarweb.org](mailto:dminor@aarweb.org), any agenda items you would like to cover in either the Regional Coordinators' meeting or the Regional Officers' Breakfast.

## **Regions Booth:**

Once again, we will have a Regions booth at the annual meeting. It is included in the AAR Exhibit Hall booth this year. We are also inviting some new volunteers to participate who are part of the AAR Ambassador program. In addition to the usual information about our regional meetings, we will have flyers on two new AAR programs.

The **Religion Majors website**, created with generous support of the [Teagle Foundation](#), profiles departments' undergraduate major in religion. It's a place where faculty seeking to conceive or reconceive their major can explore how colleagues on other campuses describe and structure their programs. To add information on your major, go to <http://religionmajors.aarweb.org/> and click on the link to Post Your Major at the top of the page.

**AAR National Survey of Former Majors** to Determine the Long-Term Impacts of the Religious Studies Major. What are the long-term impacts of pursuing an undergraduate major in religious studies? For more information about the survey and how you can participate, go to <https://www.aarweb.org/outcomes-survey>

## **Policies and Procedures:**

Many of the regions have begun or completed work on regional Policies and Procedures manuals. P&P Manuals are intended to supplement the Regional Operating Agreements, spelling out the details of how things work in your regions, e.g., who does what for conference planning, job descriptions for board members, etc. We discussed a detailed list of possible sections to be found in a P&P manual at last year's RECs meeting in Baltimore. If you need another copy of that list, please e-mail Susan, ([susan.hill@un.edu](mailto:susan.hill@un.edu)) and she'll send it out to you again. Please work to have at least half of your P&P manual drafted by our REC meeting in San Diego in November 2014.

## **Handbook:**

We have updated the handbook. Please review it and bring suggestions for additions or revisions to our meeting in San Diego.

## **Nominating a Regional Director for the Board:**

Susan's term of office ends at the end of the AAR business meeting in November 2015. The Regional Coordinators nominate the candidates who are to be elected during the 2015 election. We need the names of the candidates by December 15, so please bring suggestions to our meeting in San Diego or email them to Deborah. Self-nomination is also acceptable.