



**MINUTES**  
of the  
Executive Board Meeting  
of the California Educational Research Association  
a California nonprofit corporation  
April 9th, 2006

A regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the San Francisco Unified School District offices, San Francisco, California for the purpose of selecting speakers for the 2006 Annual Conference and of transacting all proper business of the corporation. Written notice of this meeting was sent or personally delivered to all members of the Board of record on the books of the corporation at such time and with such contents as required by the bylaws of the corporation.

There were present, representing a quorum of the Executive Board:

Paul Tuss, 1227 Auburn Drive, Davis, CA 95616  
Jim Parker, 9600 Jellico Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325  
Tom Barrett, 3380 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92501  
Mary Tribbey, 10030 Jones Avenue, Durham, CA 95938  
Bob Carlson, 10474 Mather Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95826  
Kate Esposito, 1252 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue #208, Santa Monica, CA 90401  
Chun Wu Li, 3939 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, CA 92502  
Juan Sanchez, 433 Bartlett Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

And there were absent:

Phil Morse, 12582 Foster Road, Rossmoor, CA 90720  
Ebrahim Maddahian, 3701 Glendon Avenue #4, Los Angeles, CA 90034

Paul Tuss, President, acted as chairperson, and Mary Tribbey, Secretary/Treasurer, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the CERA Executive Board held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were read and approved.

### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Mary Tribbey submitted an accounting of the income and expenditures for the calendar year 2006 to date and indicated that all outstanding bills had been paid. The report showed a balance on hand of \$21,532.75 in the Bank of America checking account and \$20,648.69 in the Certificate of Deposit.

### **2. Business Items to Maintain Non-Profit Status**

#### **a. Review of the California Nonprofit Corporation Kit**

Board members discussed the possibility of finding a non-profit expert that would advise us with respect to legal issues. Suggestions were to ask Debra Burr (CERA's current CPA), see if the California Bar has anyone that does pro bono work, or ask Larry Picus (Ed Source). There

was discussion about when the 501(c)(3) is up. Jim Parker thought it was either June of 2007 or August of 2009. (We need to find out which date is correct.)

b. Development of Tentative Budget

Projected Income and Expenses for 2006, based on the End of Year Treasurer's Report for 2005 and prepared by Mary Tribbey, was submitted to the Board.

**3. Website Update & Decisions**

The Board discussed the website and everyone felt it looks good. Special praise was given to Chun Wu-Li for her work on the jobs section. There was much discussion about posting abstracts and papers. There seemed to be agreement to mimic AERA's style.

**4. 2006 Annual Conference Planning**

a. Lifetime Achievement Award

Jim Parker went over the criteria and procedure for selecting the recipient of this award. Jeannie Oakes was selected by the Board as the candidate of choice for the 85th Annual Conference, with Wendy Yen coming in second.

b. Outstanding Paper

Kate Esposito modified the AERA criteria and said that it went pretty well last year. There was discussion about the lack of quality of the papers submitted and ways to improve the process. A sub-committee consisting of Kate Esposito, Juan Sanchez and Tom Barrett will review the papers. Final selection will be in October of 2006 for the 85th Conference.

c. Invited Presentations

There was discussion of letting 6 presenters have free registrations. These must go through either Paul Tuss or Jim Parker.

d. Recruiting of Presenters and Attendees

Board members were encouraged to recruit high level presenters.

**5. Recruitment of Exhibitors and Sponsors**

Paul Tuss and Jim Parker are recruiting exhibitors and sponsors.

**6. CERA Board Membership**

The Board discussed Paula Carroll (Lodi Unified) as a potential Executive Board member. We also need to fill Ebrahim Maddahian's position. It would be best to fill the UC position with someone from the North.

**7. 2007 Conference Planning**

Educational Research in the Public Interest (an AERA theme) was suggested.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:10pm on motion duly made and carried.

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Mary Tribbey, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date