



Religion & Education Virtual Business Meeting
Sunday, April 11, 2021 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm EDT

Dr. Nathan C. Walker, Chair 1791 Delegates, Philadelphia, PA	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2021
Dr. Kate E. Soules, Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect Massachusetts 3Rs Project, Boston, MA	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2023
Dr. Charles J. Russo, J.D., Program Chair University of Dayton, Dayton, OH	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2023
Dr. P. Jesse Rine, Assistant Program Chair Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2023
Dr. Shereen Bhalla, Secretary/Treasurer Hindu American Foundation, Washington, DC	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2021
Dr. Ilana Horwitz, Executive Committee Member Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2021
Dr. Gayle Pagnoni, Executive Committee Member Rice University, Houston, TX	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2021
Chris Olshefki <i>Graduate Student Representative</i> University of Pittsburgh, PA	5/1/2020 – 4/30/2021

AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | 10 min. |
| II. | Treasurer's Report (See attached) | 5 min. |
| III. | Program Chair's Report and Call for 2022 Peer Reviewers | 5 min. |

We received 19 proposals for paper sessions or roundtable presentations, of which 13 were accepted (68% acceptance rate). We received 2 proposals (consisting of 6 papers) for the one symposium that AERA allocates the SIG (50% acceptance rate). All papers had review scores ranging from 3.5 to 4.61 out of 5.0.

AERA allocated the Religion & Education SIG the following programs based on our membership size and the number of paper submissions. The more SIG members propose, the more allocations we receive:

- One Symposium
- One Paper Session
- Two Roundtable Sessions
- One Business Meeting: Religion & Education SIG
- One Pre-Conference Mentoring Session

A special thanks to the 11 reviewers who volunteered to read and evaluated 75 proposals. Each submission was reviewed by 3 to 4 reviewers. Each reviewer evaluated 7 to 8 papers, which was fewer than the average of 9 to 10 in 2018. Please volunteer to review next year. More reviewers = less work for everyone. We also express our gratitude to the colleagues who volunteered to serve as session chairs and paper discussants.

Please nominate yourself to review papers, or to serve as session chairs and paper discussants. Visit www.AERA.net > My AERA > 2022 AERA Annual Meeting Online Portal > Volunteer to be a Reviewer. Complete biographical sketch, list your expertise and publications, and choose the Religion & Education SIG. Should you be selected to serve on a panel, you will receive an invitation in early June 2021. The reviews occur in August 2021. Direct questions to the AERA staff: annualmtg@aera.net.

**AERA - Religion and Education Sig
Treasury Report January 2020 - January 2021**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Jan'21
Starting Balance	\$11,318.91	\$11,408.91	\$11,508.91	\$11,528.91	\$11,528.91	\$11,588.91	\$11,283.91	\$11,338.91	\$11,174.85	\$11,184.85	\$11,214.85	\$11,334.85	\$11,479.85
Member Dues/Income	\$90	\$100	\$20	0	\$60	0	\$55	\$60	\$10	\$30	\$120	\$145	\$110
Year to Date	\$90	\$190	\$210	\$210	\$270	\$270	\$325	\$385	\$395	\$425	\$545	\$690	\$110
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Ending Balance	\$11,408.91	\$11,508.91	\$11,528.91	\$11,528.91	\$11,588.91	\$11,283.91	\$11,338.91	\$11,248.91	\$11,184.85	\$11,214.85	\$11,334.85	\$11,479.85	\$11,589.85

From January 2020 to January 2021, there was \$690 generated through membership dues. However, \$679.06 was spent on awards, shipping and membership dues. We came out \$180.84 ahead and start the new year at \$11,589.85.

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Bylaws Religion & Education
American Educational Research Association
Revisions for SIG Executive Committee Review

Notes:

- A clean copy of the revised version can be found at the end of this document.
- Current bylaws were sent along with this document.
- Major revisions are:
 - Purpose statement
 - Election procedures
 - Term limits for officers

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5. Treasurer/Secretary: duties include, but may not be limited to, participating in activities of the Executive Committee, corresponding with members and AERA's central office; ensuring that the SIG's financial affairs are in good order; preparing an annual financial report for the annual business meeting; taking the minutes and submitting them to the SIG chair promptly after the annual business meeting; and preparing the SIG - sponsored award(s), following the *AERA SIG 2014 Handbook* specifications on SIG Awards (VII)

6. Two Executive Committee Members: Duties as needed by the SIG, may include but not be limited to: maintaining the SIG website, compiling and disseminating a newsletter by posting it on the website or other means twice a year. Prior to posting items on the website, all items are to be approved by the SIG Executive Committee. These two Executive Committee Members assume those duties as assigned by the Chair.

7. Graduate Student Representative: (Appointed): duties, as needed by the SIG, may include but not be limited to, contributing to the SIG website and newsletter, communicating with other graduate student members, and other duties as assigned by the Chair.

8. Immediate Past Chair: duties include, but may not necessarily be limited to, advising the Executive Committee as invited.

Section 8 Termination/Dismissal. If any executive committee officer does not fulfill the requirements of the position specified in these bylaws, the chair, in consultation with the other executive officers, can dismiss that officer.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

Section 1 Annual Meeting. There shall be a SIG/RE business meeting held each year in conjunction with the AERA annual meeting. Arrangements for the time and place of this meeting are the responsibility of the program chair.

Section 2 Executive Board. There shall be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the SIG each year during the AERA annual meeting and following the business meeting of the SIG. This meeting shall be called by the chair.

Section 3 Governing Procedures. Issues of procedure not covered by these bylaws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Revised). The chair elect shall act as parliamentarian at all meetings of the SIG.

ARTICLE VIII: Ratification and Amendments

Section 1 Ratification. These bylaws of SIG/RE shall take effect upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a duly called business meeting of the SIG or by a two thirds vote of the entire membership by a mail ballot.

Section 2 Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual business meeting of the SIG. All proposed amendments must be in writing and be available for review by the Executive Committee at least 7 calendar days prior to the start of business meeting. The Executive Committee shall review the proposed amendment and present it to the membership with its recommendation for approval or rejection.

ARTICLE IX: Discontinuation

In the event that interest in the SIG/RE shall be diminished, its purpose sufficiently fulfilled by another organization, or it is unable to sustain membership in AERA, the organization may be discontinued. The decision to discontinue shall be made by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at a duly called business meeting of the SIG or by a two thirds vote of the entire membership by a mail ballot. Other reasons for discontinuation or termination are specified in the *AERA 2014 Handbook*, III.F

Should the SIG/RE discontinue, its assets shall be used to pay all outstanding bills, debts, and obligations incurred in its operations. Any remaining funds shall be donated to the American Educational Research Association, or to another organization selected by a majority vote of all eligible members, registered under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code.