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Note from the President

We had a successful set of meetings in Atlanta, where NAFE had a record five sessions, one of which was a special session focusing on the Victim's Compensation Fund and analysis of the tentative damage rules put forward by Special Master, Kenneth Feinberg. The minutes of the NAFE Board and NAFE general membership meetings held in Atlanta appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. The NAFE Board approved a new draft version of the NAFE Statement of Ethical Principles, and a message from Frank Tinari, committee chair, along with the current and proposed Statement, appear elsewhere in this newsletter. The general membership meeting contained a tribute to Jerry Olson, who died this past August, as co-founder of NAFE. At that same meeting the NAFE Past Presidents' Award was presented to Kurt Krueger for his outstanding and wide-ranging service to NAFE. Let me also add a special thanks to Mike Brookshire, who left the NAFE Board this past January after serving for 11 years in one capacity or another (regional Vice-President, President-elect, President, Past-president and Executive Director). Thanks also to out-going Board members Frank Tinari and Peter Formuzis, and welcome to new Board members Rick Gaskins, Jerry Martin, and to President-Elect Stephen Horner.

A Nominating Committee must soon be appointed to nominate candidates to replace Mark Kuga as Western Regional Vice-President and Stan Smith as Mid-Western Regional Vice-President, both of whose terms expire in January 2003. A mail-in ballot election will be held this fall. The next summer board meeting will be in Portland, Oregon, July 27 and 28, 2002.

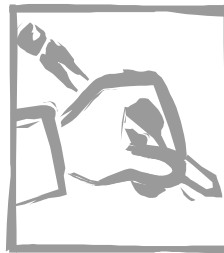
A word is in order about other meetings, immediately past and upcoming. Thirteen NAFE members recently returned from a very

enjoyable NAFE winter meeting held February 1 and 2 in Cancun, Mexico. Watch for details in the May newsletter about the next winter meeting, which will be the first Friday and Saturday in February, 2003. The Eastern Economic Association meetings in Boston, organized by Allan McCausland and Frank Tinari, will take place on Saturday, March 16, with three sessions, plus a group dinner on Saturday evening.

Next upcoming are two meetings sponsored by other organizations that have programs that will be of interest to NAFE members: the AAEFE (Las Vegas, April 3-6) and AREA (Reno, May 16-19) meetings. Next is the Western Economics Association meeting in Seattle, July 29-July 3, with a rich mix of NAFE sessions organized by Bob Male and Mark Kuga (and additional AAEFE and AREA sessions organized by Tom Ireland). The Southern Economic Association meeting will be later this year--Nov. 24-26 in New Orleans, and will be organized by our Southern Regional V.P., David Ciscel. I want to make special mention of the ASSA meeting scheduled for Washington, DC, January 3-5, 2003. The co-organizers will be Tyler Bowles, Ed Foster and Manny Smith. NAFE's session allotment for the 2003 meeting, like this past year, will be four sessions. One session with The Chief Actuary for the Social Security Administration, Stephen Goss, SSA economist J. Patrick Skirvin and SSA actuary Alice Wade, has already been planned. Calls for papers for the SEA and the ASSA appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, I am told by Kurt Krueger that the searchable CD with the first 12 volumes of the JFE and the first 4 volumes of the LED will be mailed very shortly to all NAFE members.

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East 2002—Boston

EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION BOSTON—MARCH 15-17

Frank Tinari and Allan McCausland are co-organizers of the NAFE sessions at the Eastern Economic Association meetings in Boston, March 15-17, 2002. Registration information is given below. The program is as follows:

Saturday, March 16, 2002

Session #73 — 9:00-10:45 am — Topics in Forensic Economics I

Chairman: Patrick Fitzgerald, Esq., Oklahoma City University, pfitzgerald@okcu.edu

“The Use of Forensic Economics in the Undergraduate Curriculum”

Frank Slesnick, Bellarmine University fslesnick@bellarmine.edu and
Frank D. Tinari, Seton Hall University and Tinari Economics tinarifr@shu.edu

“Alternative Methods for Pension Evaluations”

Matthew C. McCabe, North Main Consulting 315-689-7256 mccabenmc@traknet.com

“Comparative Analysis of Household Time Use Data in DVD”

Rick Gaskins, Gaskins & Associates RRGaskins@aol.com

Discussants (in order of papers listed above)

1st: Howard Keen, Temple University hkeen@astro.temple.edu

2nd: Sheldon Wishnick, Actuarial Litigation Service, actlit@hotmail.com

3rd paper: Comments of Kurt Krueger, John O. Ward & Associates, to be read by James P.

Rodgers, Pennsylvania State University jdr@psu.edu

Session #87 — 11:00 am -12:45 pm — Topics in Forensic Economics II

Chairman: Robert Thornton, Lehigh University

“Worklife and Labor Markets: Review of Literature”

Martin E. Duffy, The Perseus Group mduffy@perseusgroup.net

“Earnings after Wrongful Termination: Review of the Literature”

Allan McCausland, McCausland Economic Associates MEA248@aol.com

“Loss of Earning Capacity in Wrongful Death of the Self-Employed”

Lawrence M. Spizman, SUNY/Oswego spizman@oswego.edu and

Fred Floss, SUNY/Buffalo flossfg@buffalostate.edu

Discussants: Papers are to be followed by group discussion by attendees.

Session #103 — 2:00-3:45 pm — Topics in Forensic Economics III

Chairman: Rick Gaskins, Gaskins & Associates RRGaskins@aol.com

“Starting and Organizing a Forensic Economics Practice”

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Raymond P. Neveu, Recruiternet, Inc. rneveu@maine.rr.com

James P. Rodgers, Pennsylvania State University jdr@psu.edu

Evening: Dinner Outing in Boston

Registration Information:

The 2002 conference will be held March 15th through 17th at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington Street, Boston. The conference ends on Sunday, March 17 at 12:30pm. To make a reservation please call the hotel directly at 800-225-2008 or 617-426-2000 (by fax at 617-423-1708).

All participants in the annual conference are expected to pay the conference registration fee. This includes chairs and discussants, coauthors of papers being presented, and those who have been invited to be part of an organized session. Please note that there is an additional \$15 charge for on-site registration. Current Members \$45 per person in advance; \$60 on site. Non-members \$95 per person in advance; \$110 on site.

One can become a member at the same time as one registers for the conference by indicating that the payment of \$95 is for both membership dues (includes Eastern Economic Journal subscription) and conference registration.

Details are available online at www.iona.edu/eea

West 2002—Seattle

WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

77th Annual Conference in SEATTLE—JUNE 30-JULY 3, 2002

NAFE Organizers: **Dr. Mark Kuga, Vice-President, Western Region, Conference Chair**
Dr. Robert Male, Conference Co-Chair

The Western Economic Association International will have its annual conference in Seattle, June 30 to July 3, 2002 at the Westin Hotel, Seattle.

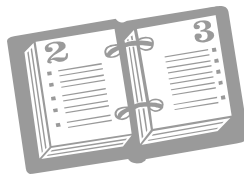
Current plans indicate that there will be 7-8 sessions devoted to forensic economic issues—beginning the afternoon of Sunday, June 30, and continuing through Tuesday, July 2. As in the past two years, some of the forensic sessions will be co-sponsored with the American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts (AAEFE) and the American Rehabilitation Economics Association (AREA). The NAFE Board Meeting, Member Meeting, and evening reception will be scheduled for either Monday, July 1 or Tuesday, July 2.

We already have a full compliment of papers and roundtable programs—as has been true in the past, the sessions will be of high quality and interesting. A complete session schedule will be included in the next newsletter.

There are still some openings for discussants, so those that plan to attend and would like to serve as a discussant for a paper presentation should contact Mark Kuga (kuga@sprintmail.com or (503) 639-0277) or Bob Male (bobmale@attbi.com at (503) 656-0680).

Conference registration and hotel reservations for the 2002 conference can be made through WEA International, 7400 Center Ave., Ste. 109, Huntington Beach, CA 92647-3039. Phone: 714-898-3222, Fax: 714-891-6715, & info@weainternational.org or visit their World Wide Web Site for further details: <http://www.weainternational.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
BOSTON—MARCH 15-17

SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
TAMPA – NOVEMBER 17-19

2003

WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
SEATTLE – JUNE 29-JULY 3

ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON, DC—JANUARY 2-5

South 2002—New Orleans

**SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
NEW ORLEANS – NOVEMBER 24-26**

Organizer: David H. Ciscel, Vice-President, Southern Region

CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE MAY 1, 2002

NAFE will host three sessions at the Southern Economics Association Meetings being held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel. If you would like to set up a special session, present a paper or be a discussant, please contact session organizer:

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National 2003—Washington, DC

**ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
Washington, DC – JANUARY 2-5, 2003**

Organizers: Ed Foster, University of Minnesota and Tyler J. Bowles, Utah State University

CALL FOR PAPERS ABSTRACTS DEADLINE: MAY 22, 2002

The ASSA meetings will be held in Washington, D. C., Thursday January 2 - Sunday, January 5, 2003. We hope to have four sessions: one on Friday morning and three on Saturday. One session will feature a panel discussion by three individuals from the Social Security Actuary's Office, including the head actuary and an economist. We are looking for papers to be presented in the other three sessions.

If you are interested in chairing or organizing a session, presenting a paper, or being a discussant, please send proposals to each of the two organizers via e-mail or regular mail. We are particularly interested in encouraging new people to participate as paper presenters and discussants.

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FYI

Report of the Special Programs Committee

This Report updates the Special Programs Committee (SPC) activities through February 8, 2002. The Board at its Summer meeting in 2001 named the SPC, it was formerly called the Continuing Education Committee. The Board also clarified SPC's role and functions during 2001.

There was some confusion as to what the Committee's role was at the National and Regional conferences when I took over as Chair. Some folks thought that the Committee had a "slot" at particular meetings where it would present continuing education topics. The Board clarified the situation at the January Board meeting in New Orleans in 2001.

Role at Existing Conferences

The Board indicated that the Committee will work with the chairs of the various conferences to help to put the meetings together. The Committee has participated in past conferences on an ad hoc basis; this evidently was worked out for individual conferences. The Committee serves as a resource to the conference organizers, and may organize special sessions with the approval of the President and/or a conference chair. Hopefully the Committee will be able to help develop continuity in programs as people change (i.e., it is unlikely that a VP and the Committee would all change in the same year).

The Committee can run special sessions dealing with particular topics a day prior to, or a day after, or during, the regional and/or national conferences. The Committee has received a proposal for a workshop on downloading and using CPS data.

Currently SPC is organizing a special program with the Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration for the 2003 ASSA meetings in Washington, DC. I have made a number of contacts with the Social Security Actuaries.

The Chief Actuary, Mr. Goss, is enthusiastic about the program and looks forward to interacting with us. He has stated he will try to have himself, an economist and another actuary available for a roundtable discussion on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003. I have told him we would solicit our membership for questions and submit them to him in advance. I will be asking SPC members to help in soliciting and formulating questions, as well as participating in the roundtable. Mr. Goss agrees that the format should be such as to permit a maximum of participation by members in the audience at the session. I currently envision the roundtable itself consisting of 3 NAFE members (One moderator and two to ask the questions.), and the 3 individuals from the Social Security Administration.

We are currently looking at putting together a program session dealing with earnings after wrongful termination. This program will aim at bringing in some outside labor economists published, or working, in this area.

Role Outside of Conferences

First, there are the subcommittees being put together. They will offer a resource to NAFE through the conferences, LER, bibliographies and the ability to answer individual queries. The Committee will help those subcommittees initially in getting them up and running, and later if necessary. Currently two Subcommittees have been started: the Employment Dispute Subcommittee and the Business Damages Subcommittee.

Second, the Committee will function as a Public Liaison between NAFE and various Government agencies and organizations. We originally thought we would have a separate subcommittee to do this. However, given the role of putting on special programs that will often interact with Government agencies and organizations it seems logical that, at least for now, SPC can fulfill that role.

Third, the Committee could run continuing education sessions at various locations independent of any conference. NAFE does this. They run their sessions in various cities based on a survey of needs of their members. NAFE charges for the sessions. I have no idea how successful they are. I have never attended one. There are currently no plans for such activities. Any plans to do this will have to be approved by the Board.

The following people have agreed to be on the SPC:

EAST

Manny Smith—DC; Martin Duffy—MA; Matt McCabe—NY; Allan McCausland--NH, Chair

MIDWEST

Kurt Krueger—MO; Gary Skoog—IL; Beth Gunderson—MN; John Hanieski--MI

SOUTH

Merle Dimbarth—FL; Frank Slesnick—KY; Mike Brookshire—WV; David Sharp--MS

WEST

Bob Male—OR; Cara Brown—AB; Barry Ben-Zion—CA; Mary Young--TX

Jim Rodgers and I, along with recommendations from the VP's that we received, selected the initial members. I am asking that two members from each Region serve for a two-year term, and two serve for a four-year term. Who is on for four years, and who is on for two years has not been worked out yet. There is nothing sacred or special about the two and four year time periods for terms. I thought there should be some initial term period set, but we are open to alternative term period suggestions. I will chair the Committee.

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I have asked the Board to establish the length of the term for the Chair of the Special Programs Committee. I am recommending that each incoming President be able to select the Chair of the Special Programs Committee, so that a new President has an opportunity to shape the programs during her or his administration. I am also recommending that a person not be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms as Chair of the Special Programs Committee. This topic is currently on the Board's agenda.

The **Employment Dispute Subcommittee** is currently composed of the following members:

Barry Ben-Zion	Thomas Daymont	Martin Duffy
Ed Foster	Bob Male	Gerald Schneck
Frank Tinari	Michael Vernarelli	Allan McCausland

Lack of time has prevented me from doing anything with the Employment Dispute Subcommittee to date. I hope after the NAFE/EEA meetings in March I will have more time to work here. This Subcommittee still needs a Chair.

The **Business Damages Subcommittee** is currently composed of the following members:

Merle Dimbarth	Bob Trout	Rick Gaskins
Mike Hanrahan	Stephen Horner	Paul Bjorkland
Gene Trevino	Ray Neveu	Randall Schostag
John Markel	Barry Ben-Zion	Darrell Dorrell
Tom Stanton	Allan McCausland	Pat Gaughan, Chair

Pat Gaughan has agreed to Chair the Business Damages Subcommittee. This Subcommittee is currently in the process of putting together a resource bibliography for business damages and valuations. The Subcommittee began to develop a Business Damages List-Serv, but discovered Rick Gaskins has developed one for AAEFE that we are told will be up and running by no later than April 1, 2002. AAEFE's Business Damages List-Serv will be available to NAFE members. It did not seem to make sense to have two duplicate List-Servs, therefore we are not planning on developing a Business Damages List-Serv at this time.

The Subcommittees are open to all who have an interest once each has a Chair. I started them with a relatively small number to keep it manageable.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan S. McCausland

MINUTES

National Association of Forensic Economics Board of Directors

January 4, 2002 – Atlanta, Georgia

Board members present: Jim Rodgers, Bob Male, Stan Smith, Frank Tinari, David Ciscel, Peter Formuzis

Also present: Mike Brookshire (out-going Executive Director), George Schieren (in-coming Executive Director), Mike Piette (Co-editor of *JFE*), Jack Ward (Co-editor of *JFE*), Allan McCausland (Chair of Special Programs Committee), Steve Shapiro (Co-editor of *LER*), Rick Gaskins (incoming board member), and Stephen Horner (incoming President-Elect)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. President Rodgers called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm, and welcomed everyone.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. Mike Brookshire extended his thanks to everyone on the board for giving him the opportunity to serve NAFE and for being so helpful and cooperative.
- b. Brookshire noted the fluctuations in membership over the past several years, but reminded everyone that membership renewal was still determined by the issues of the *JFE*. With the implementation of the new membership system, we should have a better idea of what our membership is at any given time.
- c. Brookshire presented the financial report for the year.

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3. ELECTION RESULTS
 - a. Mike Brookshire reported the results of the elections held during the fall. Stephen Horner was elected President-Elect, Gerald Martin was elected as an at-large Vice-President, and Rick Gaskins was elected as the Eastern Vice-President, each for a three year term beginning in January 2002.
4. REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS.
 - a. David Ciscel organized three sessions at the Southern Economic Association meeting in Tampa, Florida, and handed out thirty-one binders containing presented papers.
 - b. Frank Tinari announced that the Eastern Economic Association meeting would be March 16, 2002. He will work with Rick Gaskins in the transition.
 - c. Stan Smith volunteered to help out wherever, since there is no meeting in his area.
 - d. Bob Male (in place of Mark Kuga) described the upcoming Western Association meeting. There will be at least three sessions sponsored solely by NAFE, with other sessions and roundtables jointly sponsored. The meeting is in Seattle June 29 – July 3.
5. WINTER MEETING
 - a. Jim Rodgers reported that the winter meeting would be in Cancun this year on February 1 and 2. There is still room for additional attendees.
6. SUMMER MEETING OF THE NAFE BOARD.
 - a. Bob Male extolled the virtues of visiting Portland.
 - b. George Schieren announced that the meeting would be in the Embassy Suites hotel in downtown Portland, Oregon July 29 –30. Additional information will be mailed to board members and others in the spring.
7. PAST PRESIDENTS' AWARD
 - a. Mike Piette announced that Kurt Kruger was the recipient of this year's Past Presidents' Award. The award will be presented at the annual membership meeting.
8. *Journal of Forensic Economics*
 - a. Mike Piette was introduced as the new Co-Editor of the *JFE*
 - b. Jack Ward discussed the possibilities of how the journal will be handled when he is no longer a co-editor, pointing out that the editor does not need to be in the same location as Nancy Eldredge.
 - c. Ward discussed the goal of catching up on publication with an extra issue in 2002 and the idea of having one symposium issue a year.
9. *Litigation Economics Review*
 - a. Steve Shapiro announced that the next issue should be out in January 2002.
 - b. Shapiro discussed the difficulties in getting referees and having them give fast turnaround time.
 - c. The *LER* has added several high-profile academics to its Board of Editors in an effort to get more submissions. The US Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission also have been contacted about submitting working papers.
 - d. There was discussion about ways to differentiate the *JFE* and the *LER*.
10. REVISING THE NAFE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES
 - a. Frank Tinari presented a draft proposal for revising the NAFE Statement of Ethical Principles.
 - b. Following discussion of the exact wording, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the attached statement be circulated to the NAFE membership for comments. This should allow adequate time for member input before the Board takes any action on the revised statement at the summer Board meeting.
11. SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
 - a. Allan McCausland announced that the committee is still looking for people to fill vacancies on the committee.
 - b. McCausland described the special program being organized for the ASSA meetings in Washington, DC in January 2003. This will be a session including actuaries and economists from the Social Security Administration.
 - c. There was discussion of the need to formally describe the conditions and term of appointment of the chair of the Special Programs Committee. These will be acted upon at the 2002 summer Board meeting.
12. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Jim Rodgers raised the question of how the NAFE leadership could get more females actively participating in the organization.
13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted by

George A. Schieren, Executive Director

FYI (continued)

**Report of Ad Hoc Committee to
Revise NAFE Statement of Ethical Principles**

Frank D. Tinari, Chairman, Bob Male, Peter Formuzis

Below is a re-worked Statement of Ethical Principles for consideration by members of NAFE. A prior version was reviewed by the Board and the resulting additional modifications have been incorporated in the present reworking. In accordance with the initial mandate to the Committee, major changes include the following:

A. Content

- a. Inclusion of a full disclosure statement
- b. Inclusion of a sentence regarding contingency fees
- c. Inclusion of a section promoting free, open discussion at NAFE conference sessions
- d. Change of responsibility statement holding members accountable to themselves

B. Style

- a. Conversion of singular to plural personal pronouns (“they” instead of “he”)
- b. Numbering of the individual paragraphs

Before final approval of the Statement, it is the desire of the Board to seek comments from members, who should send any comments to Frank Tinari at tinarifr@shu.edu.

Deadline for receipt of comments is set at April 10, 2002.

**National Association of Forensic Economics
Statement of Ethical Principles**

Members of the National Association of Forensic Economics (NAFE) strive to improve the science of forensic economics, and to protect the integrity of the profession through adherence to the following tenets of ethical practice:

1. Employment

While it is the discretionary right of NAFE members to accept employment relating to any case or proceeding for which they are qualified, they should decline involvement in any litigation if asked to take or support a predetermined conclusion, or when they have ethical concerns about what they are being asked to do. NAFE members are cautioned that contingency fee arrangements, or fee amounts associated with the size of an award, are considered to be unethical and should be avoided.

2. Honesty, Accuracy, Candor and Thoroughness

NAFE members shall be accurate, objective and thorough in their analyses and shall refrain from submitting to the hiring or opposing attorney or the court any information, through commission or omission, that they know to be misleading, biased or inaccurate. They shall exert due diligence, and use reasonable and competent judgment to ensure that proffered opinions are based upon unbiased, valid and reliable economic information. Toward this end NAFE encourages its members to clearly and thoroughly state all sources of information and assumptions that are material to their opinions, and to provide sufficient detail in this disclosure to allow replication, with reasonable effort by any other competent forensic economic expert, of all opinions and conclusions.

3. Neutrality

NAFE members shall attempt to operate from a position of neutrality with respect to their calculations and analyses. Other things being equal, whether engaged by the plaintiff or the defense, the approach, methodology and conclusions should be essentially the same.

4. Knowledge

NAFE members shall attempt to maintain a current knowledge base of their discipline and provide the employing attorney with the full benefit of this knowledge, regardless of how it may affect the member's findings or conclusions.

5. Open Discussion

NAFE members support the necessity of preserving open uninhibited discussion at conference sessions related to our profession. Therefore, it is considered a breach of ethical conduct for a NAFE member to cite oral remarks made by another practitioner during a professional conference session and utilize them for purposes related to litigation in which they are engaged.

6. Responsibility

NAFE members assume the responsibility of holding themselves accountable to the ethical standards promulgated herein. NAFE encourages members to make their adherence to these ethical standards known to the attorneys that retain them.

Letter from the Editors

For those of you who did not attend our winter meeting in Cancun, we had a great time, some interesting papers and lively sessions. The snorkeling was also great. We had a discussion about the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) and the involvement of NAFE members in offering comments and criticism of the interim damages rules for the VCF. Frank Tinari, Mike Piette, Gary Albrecht and I did a number of interviews with the media concerning the plan and NAFE's name appeared in the national press and television. While the opinions expressed were our own, many new audiences became aware of NAFE. Moreover, we did have an impact on the interim rules and it is likely that the final rules will reflect many of our recommendations. Many members offered comments directly to the department of Justice and Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, the Special Master. Kurt Krueger deserves most of the credit for making us all aware of the issues raised by the VCF, coordination meetings with 9/11 groups, liaison with the media and establishing a damages web page for 9/11 families. One comment sent to Mr. Kenneth Feinberg represented an attack on NAFE and the JFE. The letter contained false statements and was slanderous. The person writing the letter thought the letter was confidential, because names were omitted on the posting. However, the letter made reference to that person's own web page. We are in the process of exploring a lawsuit against that person.

Jack Ward

Upcoming and Noteworthy

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 3 - 6, 2002 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

The meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Imperial Palace Hotel. Room rates will be \$79 plus 8% tax and will be in effect Wednesday, April 2, through Sunday, April 7, 2002. The reservation cut-off date for the conference rate will be February 1, 2002, and reservations can be made at: Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, NV (800) 634-6441 (be sure to mention AAEEFE).

On site registration will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2002 in the Dynasty Room prior to and between sessions. The first session begins at 6:30. If you would like to pre-register, send your name, address, and a check for \$100 made payable to AAEEFE to:

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The Changing Landscape for Forensic Testimony: Testimony in the New Daubert/Kumho Context American Rehabilitation Economics Association Annual Conference Harrah's, Reno, Nevada, May 16-19, 2002.

The Daubert ruling requires that testimony offered by experts evidences use of a scientific method. The Kumho ruling expanded this requirement to technical experts such as life care planners, vocational experts, and economic experts. As a result, forensic testimony is increasingly subject to "Daubert Hearings" which rule on the admissibility of expert testimony. The 2002 AREA Annual Conference program examines databases and methods used in the forensic economic, vocational and life care planning arenas. The conference offers seminars to expand the technical knowledge base of forensic experts, incorporates the "how-to's" underlying key areas of forensic testimony and increases the knowledge base and skills of attendees. Workshops focus on reliability and validity problems affecting testimony, but link these problems to tangible techniques, methods, and tools that support its inclusion. Topics include:

AREA 2002 Pre-Conference Seminar: Lindette Mayer, Ph.D., *Use of Statistical Tools in a Forensic Context*, Kevin Marshall, Ph.D., Esq. *Applied Inferential and Non-Inferential Statistics: Valid Use in a Forensic Context*, Herbert Buerkman, Ph.D., *Invalid Use of Statistics in the Daubert Context*.

AREA 2002 Workshops: Lyndall Lambert, Esq., David Wright, Esq., Kevin Marshall, Esq. *Providing Testimony in a Daubert/Kumho Context: The Seven Deadly Sins of Expert Witnesses from the Defense Attorney's Perspective*; Mary Barros-Bailey, *Understanding the O'Net: Possibilities and Limitations*; Edward Foster, Ph.D., *The Application of the Markov Technique*; Michael E. Graham, Ph.D., *What Information Should be Provided by a Vocational Specialist to a Same-side Economist—And Vice-Versa?* Allyn Needham, Ph.D., Keith Sofka, IATP, *Understanding the Medical Consumer Price Index: How to Appropriately Use the Categories, Entry-Level Definitions, and Subsequent Inflation Rates*; Anthony Riccardi, Ph.D. and Thomas Ireland, Ph.D., *Annuities: Their Role and Use in a Litigation Context*; Allyn Needham, Ph.D. and others, *Testimony in a Daubert/Kumho Context: Surviving a Daubert Challenge*; Thomas R. Ireland, Ph.D., Al R. Wilson, Ph.D., Penelope Caragonne, Ph.D. and Robert Male, Ph.D., *The Concept and Application of Peer Review: Evaluating Methods Used in Litigation: Differences Between Peer Approval and Peer Review/Comparisons and Contrasts*; Paul C. Taylor, Ph.D. Robert A. Male, Ph.D., *Avoiding Self-inflicted Wounds and a Descent into the Abyss: Warnings from the Dark (Defense) Side*; Jack O. Ward, Ph.D., *The Victims Compensation Fund Frameworks and their Lack of Applicability to Forensic Testimony*.

To register or get additional information on the conference, call the AREA office, Margy Ashby, 1-800-317-2732.



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