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Note from the President

The NAFE Board of Directors held its annual summer board meeting July 15-16. The meeting was very productive, and a number of important issues concerning your organization were discussed at length. For a complete listing of the topics, please see the Minutes of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. The following comments expand on a few of the issues addressed in the Minutes.

Nomination of Officers

The Nominating Committee, including Chair Allyn Needham, Bob Male, Jennifer Polhemus, and Manny Smith, submitted their recommendations to the Board. The Board unanimously approved their nominations: Frank Tinari, President Elect; V-P at Large, Beth Gunderson; V-P Southern, Kurt Krueger. NAFE By-Laws allow write-in nominations, of course, but I don't think the organization could do better than support these outstanding candidates. They are a fine group of candidates, who have shown their commitment to your organization with many years of service, often without much fanfare or credit. As I have said in past newsletters, the way to get involved in a voluntary organization such as NAFE is to "show up." These three candidates have repeatedly "shown up," devoting many hours to making your organization run better.

Journal of Forensic Economics

As I am sure you have noted, our publications have lagged behind their scheduled dates. This has resulted in complaints from members and subscribers, and is a matter of concern for everyone. Michael Piette, Co-Editor of the *Journal of Forensic Economics* reported on a number of approaches the Editors have taken to encouraging the submission of additional papers. These have helped, but the rate of paper submissions to the *Journal of Forensic Economics* continues to make it difficult to fill three issues per year with papers of the nature and quality to which NAFE is committed. As a result, the *JFE* continues to publish issues well after their cover

dates. This results in two problems: we are late in fulfilling our commitment to members and subscribers to supply the issues they were promised, and the dating on the cover is misleading, as well as organizational information contained inside. After lengthy discussion, the Board authorized the Editors to determine when the *JFE* could reduce its commitment to two issues per year, with an occasional third special issue, and to report back to the Board. It was also decided that the actual publication date be printed on the inside of each issue, and that the Statement of Ethical Principles current on that date, and the list of Editors and NAFE officers current on that date be included in the issue. If you have been sitting on some really good paper idea that is appropriate for the *JFE*, get it written and submitted. We need it! If you are asked to be a referee on a submitted paper, please remember that your timely response is necessary to get the *JFE* back on schedule.

Membership Issues

The NAFE By-Laws allow for only one class of membership. Nevertheless, the NAFE membership/subscription application seems to suggest that there are two classes of membership: regular and institutional, with library subscriptions not necessarily being something else altogether. Although the Board does not foresee that an "institutional member" would hold office in NAFE, this seems theoretically possible. Similarly, it is generally understood that our Statement of Ethical Principles applies to individual members, rather than "institutions," and certainly not to libraries. It is hoped that most of these questions can be handled administratively without a change in the By-Laws. The Board authorized the Executive Director and the President to investigate these issues and report back. Accordingly, I have been in contact with NAFE's legal counsel in Kansas City to help the Board decide how to deal with these questions without abridging our commitments to our current members, and without violating our By Laws, or the laws of the State of Missouri, under which we are incorporated.

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South—San Antonio

SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO — NOVEMBER 21-23

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

The Southern Economic Association is going to be in San Antonio at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel this year. It will be Friday through Sunday, November 21-23, 2003. There will be three sessions sponsored by NAFE and they are listed below. Information on registration and reservations can be found on the SEA website at:

<http://www2.bus.okstate.edu/ecls/sea>

Session #1: Disabilities and Forensic Economics Chair: David H. Ciscel, The University of Memphis

“Statistical Evidence on the Americans with Disabilities Act: Are the Disabled Better Off Than They Were Ten Years Ago,” Thomas Carroll, The University of Nevada/Las Vegas

“A Method for Deriving Realistic Damage Ranges in Life Care Plans and Other Forensic Economic Applications,” David Schap, College of the Holy Cross

Discussant: David C. Sharp, University of Southern Mississippi

Session # 2: Issues in Preparing a Forensic Analysis Chair: Stephen M. Horner, Economic Consulting

“Forensic Interpolation of Household Data: Using the 2001 PSID Data,” David C. Sharp, The University of Southern Mississippi, and David H. Ciscel, The University of Memphis

“Tools an Economist Can Apply to Financial Statements to Identify Errors, Omissions and Fraud in Business Valuations,” Tom Clevenger and Gary Baker, Washburn University

Discussant: David H. Ciscel, The University of Memphis

Session # 3: Estimating Losses in a Forensic Environment Chair: David C. Sharp, University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Port

“Future Pension Losses: A Perverse Result under New York’s Rule 50-A/50-B,”
Frank D. Tinari, Tinari Economics, Inc.

“Econometric Analysis of Conspiracy Periods,” John Jackson, Auburn University

“Long Term Trends in Starting Salaries of College Graduates, 1970-2003,”
Kent Gilbreath, Baylor University

Discussant: Allyn Needham

National 2004—San Diego

**ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS
SAN DIEGO— JANUARY 3-5, 2004 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)
Organizer: Robert Trout**

Four NAFE sessions are scheduled for the 2004 ASSA meetings in San Diego at the Hyatt Hotel in the Windsor Salon and they are listed below. Information on registration, reservations and the preliminary program (including all Associations) for the meeting will be available online approximately September 30, 2003 and can be found at: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA/anmt.htm>

NAFE Sessions, Saturday, January 3

Session I— 8 a.m.

The Use and Misuse of Worklife Expectancy Tables: Theoretical and Measurement Issues

Papers presented by Kurt Krueger; Thomas Hale; George McCollister and Chris Pflaum; and, Jim Ciecka and Gary Skoog

Session II—10:15 a.m.

Forensic Applications of Time Series Analysis,

presented by Carroll Foster

NAFE Board of Directors Meeting	12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
NAFE Members Meeting	4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
NAFE Reception	6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

NAFE Sessions, Sunday, January 4

Session III— 8 a.m.

Issues in Litigation Economics

Papers presented by Pat Anderson; Pat Gaughan and Steve Shapiro, Matt O'Connor and Sean Reid

Sessions IV— 10:15 a.m.

Forensic Economics and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Presentation by Stephen Heffler, Deputy Director of the National Health Statistics Group (see below)

Session planned for ASSA/AEA National Conference 2004, San Diego, CA

Those that attended the NAFE sessions at ASSA this year will recall the very informative program that we had with Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary of Social Security. During this program we learned that there is a corresponding actuarial office for the Medicare/Medicaid side of Social Security. It was decided that NAFE would inquire to see if someone from this office could be persuaded to attend a subsequent conference to inform us about their role, functioning, and data that may be useful to forensic economists.

I am pleased to announce that Stephen Heffler (title and responsibilities detailed below) will be attending the ASSA Conference in 2004 to meet with us at a NAFE sponsored session. The initial plans for this session are similar to the session we had with Stephen Goss this year. Questions of interest are being solicited in advance to help provide a context for the session and Mr. Heffler's initial remarks.

Following is some information about Mr. Heffler's office, responsibilities, and background. This should help those that plan on attending ASSA 2004, and this NAFE session, identify some useful areas of inquiry and frame specific questions.

The organizer of this session is Bob Male. Please send your ideas for areas of inquiry and questions to him at bobmale@comcast.net or: voice 503-656-0680, fax 503-656-6321.

The mission statement of the Office of the Actuary in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services reads:

“The Office of the Actuary provides timely, impartial, and authoritative actuarial, economic, and statistical estimates and analysis of health care financing and expenditures.”

The Office of the Actuary is responsible for projecting Medicare, Medicaid, and national health spending. Seventy-five year projections of Medicare spending are published annually in the Medicare Trustees Report, and 10-year projections of Medicare and Medicaid spending are made for the President's Budget. In addition, 10-year projections of national health spending (includes both private and public payors) are published each year.

The Office of the Actuary also produces cost estimates for legislative proposals, develops payment rates for Medicare+Choice program, measures historical health spending for the U.S., by state and by age, and develops and maintains price indexes used to update Medicare payments.

Stephen Heffler is a Deputy Director of the National Health Statistics Group with the Office of the Actuary at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). He is responsible for the 10-year national health spending projections produced each year by CMS and for the development and maintenance of the price indexes used to update Medicare payments for hospitals, physicians, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies. He earned a B.A. in Economics from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and a M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore.

NAFE Winter Meeting 2004—Hawaii

**SIXTH NAFE WINTER MEETING
HAWAII, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—FEBRUARY 6-7, 2004
Organizers: Jim Rodgers and Stephanie Rizzardi Pearson**

Paper and/or Roundtable Proposals Deadline: November 1, 2003

Jim Rodgers and Stephanie Rizzardi Pearson are putting together the 6th Winter NAFE Conference on the Big Island, Hawaii, of the Hawaiian Islands, at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. Paper abstracts and/or roundtable/panel discussion proposals are invited for four sessions, two each on Friday and Saturday mornings, February 6 and February 7, 2004. Discussants and session chairs are also being sought for these sessions. Submit abstracts of papers, roundtable session proposals, and offers to serve as a session chair or discussant to Jim Rodgers and Stephanie Pearson by no later than November 1, 2003. Our addresses are:

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The Hilton Waikoloa Village is located on the northwest side of Hawaii. The closest airport is Kona (Airport Code: KOA). The web site of the hotel is www.HiltonWaikoloaVillage.com

For all room reservations, contact Sandy Berardis at Centre for Travel, 114 Heister Street, State College, PA 16801, by calling 1-800-255-2140. Sandy's email address is: sandy@cftrav.agencymail.com. The registration fee for NAFE members attending the conference is \$100.00. This fee is levied to cover the cost of the continental breakfast to be served in the conference room before the start of the session each morning, and to cover equipment charges for an overhead projector, screen and easel for the conference room. There is no registration fee for spouses or others traveling with a NAFE member. The cost of a hotel room at the conference hotel will be \$188.00 per night for golf course, garden and mountain views, \$228.00 per night for partial ocean views, and \$268.00 per night for deluxe ocean views. To these room rates must be added the Hawaii state room tax of 11.41%. There may be other incidental charges for maid service and fees, and for baggage handling. The room rates are available for the nights of Thursday, February 5, through Saturday, February 7, and, subject to availability, for the following Sunday through Friday nights (February 8-13) In order to attend the first session scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning, February 6, attendees will need to arrive by no later than Thursday evening, February 5. Attendees should make their hotel reservations through Sandy Berardis, rather than on their own, as the room rate we are given by the hotel and the conference room that is provided is based on a guarantee of a minimum number of rooms being sold for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Sandy also can make your airline and car rental reservations, and she can help you plan a visit to one or more of the other islands during your stay in Hawaii. Hotel room charges must be paid in full by January 6, 2004, which is also the cutoff date for new registrants.

EAST 2004—Washington DC

**EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON, DC—FEBRUARY 20-22
Organizer: Rick Gaskins, Vice-President, Eastern Region**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Eastern Economic Association will hold its annual conference in Washington, DC, February 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Conference information is available at <http://www.iona.edu/eea/conferences/conferences.htm>

NAFE plans to have 3 to 4 sessions, probably all on Saturday, February 21st, including a special session with representatives of the BLS on Bureau of Labor Statistics Data and Forensic Economics. **Paper abstracts, panel discussion proposals, session chairs and discussants are sought for these sessions. Please contact the NAFE sessions organizer:**

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International 2004—Edinburgh, Scotland

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC ECONOMICS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND—MAY 27-MAY 30, 2004**

Organizer: John O. Ward

**Call for Papers and Participants
ABSTRACT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20, 2003**

The conference will be held on May 28 and May 29 in Edinburgh, Scotland at the George Intercontinental Hotel (<http://edinburgh.intercontinental.com/>). We have a block of 24 rooms reserved for the period May 27 to May 30, along with a conference facility. May 27th would be an arrival day, with the meetings to start on the 28th at 8:15 AM. The program format would be as follows:

May 28

8:15–8:30 a.m.: Welcome, introductions and program outline

Session 1, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Establishing Damages in Personal Injury Litigation: Comparing the British and American Systems

Chair—Matthias Kelly, QC

A panel of six participants divided between U.S./Canadian participants and UK participants. (Mr. Kelly is Chair of the United Kingdom Bar Council and was a member of the committee that drafted the Ogden Tables for UK Courts, www.barcouncil.org.uk/document.asp)

Coffee/tea/refreshment break

Session 2, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Generalized Models for Establishing Economic Damages:
The 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund model and the Ogden Tables**

Chair—Frank Tinari, Seton Hall University

Four panelists

Buffet Lunch – All program participants and quests

May 29

Session 1, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Topic in Defining Economic Damages:

Earnings, Earnings Capacity, Home Services, Value of Time, Value of Life and Life Care Needs

Chair—Jack Ward, University of Missouri-Kansas City

An open panel for all participants

10:00- 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Refreshment Break

Session 2, 10:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

Commercial Damages in an International Setting

Selected Papers and Panel Discussion

We would like to hold the conference to 20-25 participants, with good representation from Great Britain. The Hotel George Intercontinental is a Four Star hotel, and you can extend your time to days before and after the conference. The room rates offered are excellent and Edinburgh is a fascinating city to visit. The Hotel George Intercontinental has a fairly liberal cancellation policy. There will be a registration fee of \$100/participant to cover the costs of the conference facility, coffee breaks and the luncheon for all participants and guests on the first day. Perspective presenters and participants should respond by e-mail or writing to:

John Ward Economics
8340 Mission Road, Ste. 8340
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Paper abstracts should be submitted by November 30, 2003. Since the program already has a number of participants, please send your registration fee of \$100 to John Ward Economics as soon as possible. I will attempt to expand the number of rooms if we go over our block. JAC Travel in Edinburgh is handling reservations. I will email hotel reservation material directly to you by October 1, 2003. Room costs are 98 pounds/night for a single, and 151 pounds/night for a double, both including breakfast.

West 2004—Vancouver, BC

**WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL
VANCOUVER, BC—JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2004
Organizer: Tyler W. Bowles, Vice-President, Western Region**

Call For Papers & Programs Deadline: January 15, 2004

In 2004, the 79th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association International will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, June 29-July 3 at the Sheraton Wall Centre. NAFE sessions are scheduled for July 1 and 2.

Interested presenters, discussants and session chairs may contact:

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Minutes of the National Association of Forensic Economics Board of Directors Meeting Copper Mountain, Colorado July 15 – 16, 2003

Present: Stephen Horner, Jim Rodgers, Tyler Bowles, Bob Male, David Ciscel, Gary Skoog, Rick Gaskins, Beth Gunderson, Mike Piette, George Schieren Absent: Jerry Martin

1. President Horner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone, thanking them for making the effort to attend the meeting.
2. It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the February 6, 2003 electronic meeting be approved. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
3. It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the May 1, 2003 electronic meeting be approved. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
4. Schieren presented the financial statements for the first half of the fiscal year, ending May 31, 2003. In the discussion it was asked if the Editors of the journals are covered by the NAFE liability insurance policy. Schieren will try to determine if that is the case. It was moved and seconded that the financial statements be accepted. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
5. Ciscel reported that he distributed about 25 binders of papers at last year's Southern Economic Association meeting. There are seven papers scheduled to be presented at this year's meeting in San Antonio.
6. Gaskins reported that he distributed about 20 binders of papers at this year's Eastern Economic Association meetings. Next year's meetings will be in Washington DC the weekend of February 21. There was discussion of the possibility of a field trip for NAFE members to the BLS while at the meetings. Gaskins agreed to explore this possibility. The dinner get-togethers at the Eastern have been a success, but concern was expressed about the cost for younger NAFE members.
7. Bowles reported that overall attendance at the Western Economic Association meetings was down about twenty-five percent from several years ago. This decline has been reflected in NAFE sessions to a lesser extent.
8. The schedule for the ASSA meetings in January 2004 in San Diego was discussed. Piette and Bowles agreed to help with the scheduled time-series tutorial session. For future ASSA meetings, Horner will discuss with Frank Slesnick the possibility of soliciting student papers for presentation and making a cash award for a paper chosen for presentation.
9. Rodgers announced that the NAFE Winter Meeting would be in Hawaii January 30–31, 2004.
10. Male reported on the successful effort by the Special Programs Committee to set up a session featuring Stephen Heffler at the ASSA meeting in San Diego. Since he is leaving the Board in January 2004, he will ask Jerry Martin, the other Coordinator of Special Programs Committee, to work with Gaskins on the possibility of a field trip to the BLS during the Eastern Economic Association meetings next year.

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11. Male presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee (Allyn Needham – chair, Bob Male, Manny Smith, and Jennifer Polhemus). It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0. The nominees are: President-Elect – Frank Tinari, V-P at Large – Beth Gunderson, V-P Southern – Kurt Krueger.
12. Schieren agreed to compile a list of all past Nominating Committee members for future reference.
13. After discussion, Skoog, the newest member of the NAFE-L Committee, agreed to check into NAFE's liability for the content and availability of Mel Fredlund's cd of the NAFE-L archives.
14. There was discussion about what is and what is not peer-reviewed in the *Litigation Economics Review*. It was suggested that the journal should make full disclosure of the review status of each contribution to the *LER*.
15. Piette reported on the status of the *Journal of Forensic Economics*. There are four issues in production or scheduled – through Volume 16:1, which would be Spring 2003. Since this will not come out until 2004, the *JFE* is still behind schedule and needs to catch up. Piette reported that there are enough submissions to sustainably support two issues a year, with possibly an occasional third issue.
To address the issue of the actual publication date being significantly different from the issue date for some time into the future, it was moved and seconded that the Board adopt the following resolution:
The publication date is to be printed on the inside of each issue of the *JFE* and *LER*, as well as the Statement of Ethical Principles and Tenets of Practice and a listing of officers current at the date of publication. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
16. Recognizing the current obligation to subscribers of three issues per year of the *JFE* and being aware of the difficulties of securing an adequate number of article submissions, it was moved and seconded that the Board adopt the following resolution:
The NAFE Board, in order to sustain the quality of its journals, supports the publication of two issues of the *JFE* per volume. The Board requests the editors of the *JFE* determine the date when this could be implemented while fulfilling all current and past obligations and report this information to the Board by October 1, 2003.
17. Gunderson presented an interim progress report from the Committee on the Participation of Women in NAFE (Gunderson – Chair, Polhemus, Barros-Bailey, Young, and Gaskins). This report documented the numbers of women participating as members, as participants at meetings, and as participants in NAFE journals. Membership by females has remained fairly constant at about nine percent of the total membership since 2000, but the numbers participating in meetings has declined dramatically since the peak in 1996. The number of articles authored by females has fluctuated greatly from a high of four in a year to none in a year. There is no apparent trend. The committee is planning additional interviews with female forensic economists to broaden and deepen the Committee's understanding, and will submit another report and recommendations.
18. Skoog reported on the activities of the NAFE Membership Committee. There has been a great deal of confusion about who or what can be a member and about possible different classes of memberships such as libraries, etc. The NAFE Bylaws admit only one class of membership, but there can also be subscriptions to the journals. To address this confusion, the following resolution was moved and seconded:
The NAFE Board authorizes the President and Executive Director to review and revise the membership application and description to ensure compliance with NAFE Bylaws and Missouri law. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
19. The NAFE Membership Committee will study various ideas to increase the number of subscriptions. These would include such possibilities as giving past issues to libraries and a year or two free before paying for a renewal. Horner will make provisions for a new membership application to be included in the front of all binders given out at the various meetings.
20. Bowles presented the report from the NAFE Finance and Control Committee (Brookshire – Chair, Bowles, and Schieren). The committee felt that the controls in place for the finances of NAFE were adequate for the most part. The committee made the following recommendations:
The NAFE Secretary send a list of checks along with copies of the checks to the Executive Director each month
A "Proof of Cash" be conducted every three years when an Executive Director is elected or re-elected by the Board
Deposits should be made only to the checking account
Funds should be transferred to the money market account by writing checks, not electronically
Money in a certificate of deposit should be redeemed at maturity and placed in the money market account if interest rates remain low.
A standing Finance Committee should be appointed by the President
It was moved and seconded that the report of the Finance and Control Committee be accepted and the Executive Director and President are to implement the recommendations of the Committee. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
21. Horner announced that Nancy Eldredge has proposed moving to Pennsylvania in the spring of 2004. The following resolution was moved and seconded:
The Board authorizes the President to appoint a committee consisting of Stephen Horner (President), Jim Rodgers (Past-President), George Schieren (Executive Director), Bob Male (director), and Mike Piette (*JFE* Co-Editor) to study issues relating to Nancy Eldredge's impeding move away from Kansas City. The Committee is authorized to incur necessary and reasonable expenses and is to report any findings and recommendations to the Board by October 1, 2003. The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
22. In other business, to prevent a Vice-President from incurring excessive out-of-pocket costs as part of her/his job, it was moved and seconded that the Board authorizes the reimbursement of transportation costs to the Vice-President in charge of organizing regional meetings.
The motion passed with YES – 6, NO – 0, Abstain – 0.
In other business, it was moved and seconded that the Board hold its 2004 summer meeting in Chicago in late July. The motion passed with YES – 4, NO – 0, Abstain – 2.
23. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am, July 16, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Schieren, Executive Director
July 23, 2003

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Announcement

Assessing Economic Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation in the States

A series of articles is planned for the *Journal of Forensic Economics (JFE)* on how Personal Injury (PI) and Wrongful Death (WD) cases are handled by forensic economists for state courts in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This series was first announced during the NAFE member's meeting at the Allied Social Sciences Associations Conference in January 2003.

Three draft "state" articles were presented at a NAFE session during the Western Economics Association International Conference in July. Articles about Pennsylvania, Florida and Oregon were authored and presented by, respectively, Jim Rodgers/Bob Thornton, David Williams, and Bob Male. These three "state" articles have been finalized on the basis of comments and feedback received, and submitted to the *JFE* to be blind peer reviewed for possible publication. If accepted, these three articles will be the first ones published for this series and serve as "models" for the remainder of the series.

Jack Ward and Michael Piette, co-editors of the *Journal of Forensic Economics*, have asked Bob Male and Jim Rodgers to organize and coordinate this series of articles for the *JFE*. To begin this assignment they wish to provide the following information to those who may be interested in writing an article:

Prospective authors are encouraged to review the submission guidelines found in each issue of the *JFE*.

The articles should be concisely written with conformance to the content and style established for the series.

The content of the articles should focus exclusively on the preparation and testimony of economic damages related to PI and WD cases in a specified state's trial court system. Relevant statutes and governing case law should be presented and discussed to provide context and illumination to the practice of forensic economics in that state for these types of cases.

Prospective authors are encouraged to contact Bob Male or Jim Rodgers for additional information and assistance before beginning work on a manuscript. Electronic copies of completed articles will be provided to those that inquire.

Since the first announcement of this series, several prospective authors have notified us that they are beginning their writing on a particular state. If you are concerned about how many known articles to date are planned to be submitted to the *JFE* for peer review for an individual "state", it would be prudent to inquire about whether or not we know that an article for that state is in the process of being written or perhaps already submitted for peer review.

Authors are not limited to the number of "state" articles submitted for peer review.

The established blind peer review process of the *JFE* will be applied to all submitted articles.

Only one article will be published for each state. As a starting point, all articles received by December 31, 2003 will be reviewed on the basis of merit, without deference being given to the first article submitted for a state. If two articles are received for a particular state during that period, the one receiving superior reviews (assuming it is of publishable quality) will be accepted.

After January 1, 2004, articles will be reviewed as they are submitted and accepted for publication as they successfully complete the blind peer review process. A second article on a particular state will not be reviewed once an article for that state has been successfully reviewed. However, the *JFE* will accept for peer review comments on published "state" articles, and it is anticipated that notes will be published updating articles when significant developments occur (e.g., tort reform statutes are enacted affecting economic damage calculations, major new cases affecting economic damage calculations are decided, etc.).

If you have interest in preparing an article in this series, please contact us before beginning your work so we can provide you with the latest information. Bob Male can be contacted at bobmale@comcast.net and 503-656-0680. Jim Rodgers can be contacted at jdr@psu.edu and 814-237-9322.

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Nomination of Candidates for NAFE Board Positions

At the 2003 summer board meeting, the NAFE Board of Directors approved unanimously the recommendations of the Nominating Committee (composed of Allyn Needham – chair, Bob Male, Manny Smith, and Jennifer Polhemus). The slate of candidates is listed as the “Board Nominations” on the form below.

Using the form below, another candidate for President-Elect can be placed on the ballot under the by-laws if nominating forms for that candidate are submitted by at least 40 members; a candidate for a Vice-President position can be placed on the ballot if forms are submitted by at least 20 members. If you wish to propose an alternative nominee for any of the listed slots, send your suggestion(s) using the form below to the NAFE office (P.O. Box 30067, Kansas City, MO 64112-0067) postmarked no later than October 1, 2003.

The official ballots will be mailed to NAFE members on or about November 1, 2003. The ballots will contain the names of the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the NAFE Board, and, in addition, any candidates qualified by the petition provisions described in Article Four, Section 2(c) of the NAFE by-laws. Accompanying the ballot will be some information about the professional qualifications and background of each candidate. The ballot will also allow write-ins for each position being filled.

Returned ballots postmarked no later than December 1, 2003, will be counted. The election results will be certified in December by the NAFE Executive Director and announced by the NAFE President at the annual membership meeting at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2004, at the ASSA meeting in San Diego.

Any questions should be directed to the NAFE office: Phone: 816-235-2833, or email umkcnafe@umkc.edu

Form for Submitting Alternative Nominations for NAFE Board Positions

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President-Elect—2-year term

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