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## President's Message

Fellow NAFE Members,

As Spring arrives and the baseball season commences, it is easy for the mind to be diverted from forensic economics. There is always FE activity in NAFE, and much of this newsletter is devoted to keeping you current.

Later this year, you will be voting for my successor and two new VP positions, for the Eastern and for an At-Large Position. Please see the "Nominations Invited for NAFE President and Board of Directors" which can be found on page 6.

Your Board of Directors (listed on the letterhead immediately to the left) will meet July 16-17 in Asheville, North Carolina. Please communicate any concerns, ideas, or suggestions to any of them or to me at (847) 729-6154 or e-mail me at [gskoog@umich.edu](mailto:gskoog@umich.edu).

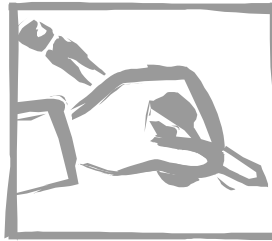
Co-editors Mike Piette and Steve Shapiro are continuing catching up on issues of the *Journal of Forensic Economics*, with Volumes 19(1) and 19(2) having come out in 2007. Their ability to do this depends largely on our membership, both for the supply of high quality papers and the volunteer efforts of referees. If you are not on their lists, please consider sending them an e-mail announcing your availability and particular research interests.

This column often urges you to attend our meetings, especially if you have not done so before. It is even better to attend and serve as a discussant, and best to present a paper. Upcoming opportunities for discussing or presenting are the 2008 ASSA meetings in New Orleans and the

2008 Eastern meetings in Boston. The upcoming Western in Seattle at the end of June has an excellent program in place. If meetings outside the U.S. are of interest, Barcelona beacons and Curacao calls.

If you have ever received an assignment in a state whose laws may be different from those of your home state, you will be thankful for our ever-expanding set of state papers, which began in *JFE* Volume 15(3) and describe forensic economics practice on a state-by-state basis. Many of the most populous states have been or are being covered, but there are many opportunities remaining. I understand that work is under way on [New York](#), [New Jersey](#), and, papers have been or are being presented at conferences for Illinois, Texas, New Jersey and Massachusetts. We do not have papers or recent evidence that a paper is forthcoming

from these states: [Michigan](#), [Virginia](#), [Indiana](#), [Minnesota](#), [Wisconsin](#), [Nebraska](#), [Colorado](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Iowa](#), [Arkansas](#), [Nevada](#), [New Mexico](#), [Montana](#), [South Dakota](#), [North Dakota](#), and the [District of Columbia](#). In [Louisiana](#), [South Carolina](#), [Delaware](#), [Maryland](#), [Arizona](#), [Maine](#), [Washington](#), [New Hampshire](#), [Hawaii](#), [Alaska](#), [Rhode Island](#) and [Vermont](#). We have had discussions with authors showing interest but need to firm up authors' intentions. If you practice in one of these latter two groups of states, and have begun writing up your paper, or if you would like to research and write up your state, please contact by e-mail Jim Rodgers ([jdr@psu.edu](mailto:jdr@psu.edu)) and/or Bob Male ([bobmale@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bobmale@hawaii.rr.com)), to indicate or re-affirm your interest. They serve as a clearinghouse, will be able to verify that our need remains, and also provide outstanding preliminary feedback to you. After their approval of your manuscript, your submission would then go through the normal *JFE* refereeing process and be read by others who have familiarity with your state.



Gary R. Skoog

# West 2007—Seattle

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## 82ND ANNUAL WESTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEATTLE—JUNE 29-JULY 3, 2007

**Organizer: Christopher J. Bruce, Western Vice-President**

The 2007 WEA meeting will take place at the Seattle Westin on June 29-July 3, 2007. The Papers/Sessions for the meeting will be as follows:

### Saturday, June 30

#### 8:15 – 10:00 Commercial Damages

**Chair: Christopher Bruce**

Frank Adams, Kennesaw State University, “Commercial Damages and the Importance of Industry Data: A Case Study.”

Jonathan Shefftz, “Alternative Focuses for ‘But For’ Scenario Specification in Commercial Litigation.”

Kent Gilbreath, Baylor University, “The Coming Perfect Storm in Family Income in the U.S.”

#### Discussants

Michael O’Hara, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Fernando Torres, CONSOR, LaJolla, CA

Barry Ben-Zion, Santa Rosa, CA

#### 10:15 – 12:00 Impact of Disabilities on Earnings

**Chair: Stephen Horner**

Christopher Bruce & Daniel Gordon, University of Calgary, “Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Completed Schooling & Adult Income.”

Cara Brown, “Assessing Disability Losses: Using Canada’s HALS and PALS Databases to Estimate Wage Deficits.”

#### Discussants

Robert J. Thornton, Lehigh University

Gary Skoog, Legal Econometrics

### LUNCH

#### 2:00—2:30 NAFE GENERAL MEETING

#### 2:30 – 4:15 Valuation of Household Services

**Chair: Robert Stauffer, Roanoke College**

“Valuation of Household Services.”

Panel: Barry Ben-Zion, Consulting Economist, Tom Ireland, University of Missouri at St. Louis, Francis Gallela, Consulting Economist, and Christopher Bruce, University of Calgary

#### 4:30 – 6:15 Employment Topics: I

**Chair: Dwight Steward, Econ One Research**

Ricardo Cossa, Chicago Partners, “Use of a Choice Model to Identify Discrimination in Promotions.”

Donald Deere, Welch Consulting and Texas A&M University, “Analyzing Employee Selections in Discrimination Lawsuits.”

Hossein Borhani, ERS Group, “Tests for Homogeneity of Odds Ratios in Employment Litigation.”

#### Discussants

Mark Frank, Sam Houston State University

Andrew Hildreth, University of California-Berkeley

#### 6:30 - 8:00 — NAFE Members Reception

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## West 2007—Seattle (continued)

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**Sunday, July 1**

**8:15 – 10:00 Tort Law**

**Chair: Gilbert Mathis, Murray State University**

Jagdeep Bhandari, Florida Coastal School of Law, “Strange Decisions.”  
 Matthew Cushing & David Rosenbaum, University of Nebraska, “How Much Confidence Do We Have in  
 Estimates of Future Net Discount Rates?”  
 Stephen Horner, “Assessing Economic Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation:  
 The State of Texas.”

Discussants

Rebecca Summary, Southeast Missouri State University  
 Christopher Bruce, University of Calgary  
 Thomas Roney, The Economic Consulting Firm

**10:15 – 12:00 Employment Discrimination: II**

**Chair: Dwight Steward, Econ One Research**

David Lewin, LECG and UCLA, “The New Managerial Misclassification: Challenge to Old Wage Law.”  
 Stephan Boedeker, LECG, “The Use of Sampling and Statistical Surveys in Wage and Hour Cases.”  
 Kusum Mundra, NERA, “A Panel Study of Earnings Differentials Across Gender.”  
 Dwight Steward, Econ One, “What Do Courts Think About Econometric Testimony in Employment Cases?  
 An Analysis of Daubert Exclusion Rates from 1993 to 2006.”

Discussants

Donald Deere, Welch Consulting  
 John Davis, ERS Group  
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### NAFE Twentieth Anniversary Party DVD Now Available !!

A professional, 100-minute DVD was made of the NAFE Twentieth Anniversary Party in Boston at the 2006 ASSA meetings. It contains both the narrated PowerPoint slide presentation of the 20-year history of NAFE and the video of the less formal awards and war-story session that followed. This is a must-have for everyone who experienced at least some of those twenty years and wants to remember them. For everyone, it is a great record of who we are and where we came from. The comments following the slide show are from some of the true greats of NAFE and include tributes and some very funny routines.

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## National 2008—New Orleans

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**ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS  
NEW ORLEANS – JANUARY 4-6, 2008**

**Organizers: Frank Slesnick, Bellarmine University;  
William Pearson, Spectrum Economics; and Shael Wolfson, Forensic Economics Corp.**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2007**

The 2008 ASSA meetings will be held January 4-6, 2008, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in New Orleans. There will be four NAFE sessions. We presently have a few paper submissions, but still require more individuals to submit their abstracts as soon as possible. We also need volunteers to serve as discussants and session chairs.

Interested presenters, discussants, and session chairs may contact:

Frank Slesnick  
910 Villeroy Greens Drive  
Sun City Center, FL 33573  
(813) 642-9395  
[fslesnick@bellarmine.edu](mailto:fslesnick@bellarmine.edu)

Those individuals wishing to present a paper should submit a one-page abstract to the address above.

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## East 2008—Boston

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**EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION  
BOSTON—MARCH 7-9, 2008  
Organizer: Lawrence Spizmann**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 2008 Eastern Economic Association Meetings will be held in Boston at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel March 7-9, 2008. The hotel is located at 64 Arlington Street in Boston.

For more information see the web site at: <http://www.iona.edu/faculty/mlessner/eea/conferences/conferences.htm>

Anyone wishing to organize a session, present a paper or workshop or be a discussant please contact Larry Spizman [spizman@oswego.edu](mailto:spizman@oswego.edu) or call 315-343-7631.

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## NAFE Winter Meeting 2008—Curacao

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**NINETH NAFE WINTER MEETING  
CURACAO-FEBRUARY 1-2, 2008  
Organizer: Jim Rodgers**

The 2008 NAFE winter meeting will take place at the Curacao Marriott on Feb. 1 and 2 on Curacao in the ABC Island group (the one that includes Aruba and Bonaire).

Further details will appear in the August 2007 NAFE Member News.

## International 2008—Turkey

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### 5TH NAFE INTERNATIONAL MEETING TURKEY

**Organizer: John O. Ward**

The 2007 NAFE International Meeting is being held May 22-23, 2007 at the Hotel Melia Sitges in Barcelona, Spain.

The future plans and date for the 2008 meeting in Turkey will be determined at that meeting. More information will appear in the NAFE August News or contact:

Jack Ward

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## South 2008—Washington, DC

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### SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON, DC—NOVEMBER 20-22, 2008

**Organizer: Robert A. Bohm, Vice-President, Southern Region**

### *Getting a Head Start on 2008*

## Call for Proposals

The 78th Southern Economic Association (SEA) will meet November 20-22 2008 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC.

After some careful consideration, we have decided not to offer sessions for November 2007 at the Southern Economics Association meetings. We intend to be back in full force at the 2008 meetings, however. Three sessions are planned. Proposals are now being accepted and should be sent to:

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Information about the SEA can be found at  
<http://www.utc.edu/Outreach/SouthernEconomicAssociation>.

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## Nominations Invited for NAFE President and Board of Directors

The NAFE Board of Directors, pursuant to the Bylaws, Section 2(c), below, has appointed the 2007 Nominating Committee (“NC”), Elizabeth “Beth” Gunderson, Stephen “Steph” Horner, William “Bill” King, and Lawrence “Larry” Spizman. The job of the NC is to nominate candidates for the following positions:

**NAFE President-Elect**  
**Vice-President (Eastern)**  
**At-Large Board Member**

Please submit your nominations to one or more members of the NC:

Beth Gunderson [egunders@piper.hamline.edu](mailto:egunders@piper.hamline.edu)  
 Steph Horner [smh@economicconsulting.com](mailto:smh@economicconsulting.com)  
 Bill King [wking@king-economics.com](mailto:wking@king-economics.com)  
 Larry Spizman [Spizman@oswego.edu](mailto:Spizman@oswego.edu)

Section 2(c). Nomination and Qualifications of Directors. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee (NC) by May 1 of each year to select nominees for two Vice President Directors every year and President Elect every other year. The NC shall consist of four members, including one of the two Vice President members of the Board of Directors whose terms will expire at the next annual meeting. The NC shall be constructed to take reasonable account of the diversity of membership. The NC shall select a Chair and procedures for conducting its business. The NC shall review candidates for President Elect and Vice Presidents on the basis of their qualifications, including, but not limited to, the candidate’s educational qualifications, employment history, quality and quantity of publications, past participation in forensic economic sessions at professional meetings, experience of the candidate as a forensic consultant, past work on behalf of the organization, contribution to and support for excellence and high professional standards in the field of forensic economics, and anticipated contributions to the efficient functioning of the corporation and to advancing its long term goals. The NC shall provide its nominee recommendations to the President at or before the summer Board of Directors meeting for approval by the Board of Directors. The slate shall be announced to the members with the issuance of the minutes of the summer meeting and the slate shall be published in the August Newsletter. This slate shall also be placed on the ballot for general election by the members. Members may submit other nominees for the Board of Directors positions by completing a nomination form that will be printed in the August Newsletter. Nomination by 20 members is required for an individual to be placed on the ballot for Vice President positions, and nomination by 40 members is required for an individual to be placed on the ballot for President Elect.

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### **AREA's 2008 Annual Conference**

**May 16-18, 2008**

**Pre-Conference**

**May 15-16, 2008**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

### **AREA's 2007 Annual Conference**

**May 18-21, 2007**

The 2007 Annual Spring Conference of the American Rehabilitation Economics Association (AREA) will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel, 530 William Penn Place, downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Pre-Conference will begin Thursday, May 17, 2007 and the Main Conference will run through Sunday, May 20, 2007.

This year's pre-conference will discuss the losses incurred by self-employed business owners and their families when the self-employed is injured or killed. The topic will be viewed from the legal, vocational and economic perspectives.

The Main Conference will have presentations on varying vocational and economic topics including the fundamentals of vocational and economic analysis and business ethics. Ev Dillman, Shannon Shipp, William Reed and Allyn Needham will be among those presenting.

Contact Margy Ashby at AREA [areaorg@cox.net] for more information.

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### **American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts**

**(AAEFE)**

**Annual Meeting**

**LAS VEGAS—2008**

The dates for the AAEFE 2008 Annual Meeting at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, NV will be announced later.

To schedule a paper on the program, contact Creighton Frampton  
@ [FramptonC@philau.edu](mailto:FramptonC@philau.edu).

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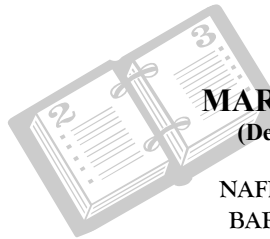
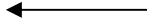
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SEATTLE—JUNE 29-JULY 3

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NEW ORLEANS—JANUARY 4-6

NAFE WINTER MEETING  
CURACAO—FEBRUARY 1-2

EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION  
BOSTON—MARCH 7-9

SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION  
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