

Fall 2008

North Carolina Association for Research in Education

2008 Annual Meeting



Preparing for the Next Generation: Standards and Accountability in North Carolina

March 26-27, 2009 ♦ Pinehurst, NC

Details about the upcoming NCARE 2009 Annual Meeting can be found at the following website.

<http://ncare.us>

NCARE invites proposals to this year's annual meeting, "Preparing for the Next Generation: Standards and Accountability in North Carolina." The conference will be held March 26-27, 2009, at the Little River Golf & Resort near Pinehurst, NC.

Keynote speakers at the conference will include Dr. Rebecca Garland, Chief Academic Officer, and Angela Quick, Deputy Chief Academic Officer, NCDPI, to discuss North Carolina's response to the Framework for Change, and the new essential standards, assessment, and accountability model for North Carolina public schools. The meeting will also feature pre-conference workshops and a social on March 26.

Call for Proposals

A paper, poster, or symposium on any educational research or evaluation topic likely to interest North Carolina educators will be considered for the program. All proposals will be reviewed by at least two referees, using the criteria of quality, originality, and significance.

All proposals should be submitted electronically (<http://ncare.us>). Individuals need to include an abstract (no more than 200 words) and proposal summary (approximately 1200 words or 2 pages single spaced) that includes the following headings:

- a) Objectives or research questions
- b) Perspective or theoretical framework
- c) Methods or techniques
- d) Data sources
- e) Results
- f) Conclusions and implications, including significance to PK-20 education

Deadline for receipt of proposals is **Friday, January 23, 2009**. Presenters will be notified of acceptance or status of their proposals by **Friday, February 13, 2009**.

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Little River Golf and Resort

Registration & Housing for the 2009 Annual Meeting

Participants should **pre-register for the annual meeting** by visiting the NCARE web site at <http://education.uncc.edu/ncare/>. Registration covers all sessions plus the Thursday evening social and Friday breakfast and lunch.

To reserve a room at the resort, call 888-766-6538 and provide the meeting name: NCARE.

Two bedroom “villas” are available for overnight accommodations. Each villa has two private bedrooms, each with a private bath. The two bedrooms share a common kitchen / living / porch / balcony area. When sharing villas, each bedroom is priced at \$95.00 per night. A limited number of villas will be blocked for this meeting, so please call early to reserve a room. We strongly

encourage groups to share a villa. **To qualify for the limited reserved block, please reserve your rooms prior to Friday, March 6.**

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Tribute to Helmut Feifs

Kudos to Helmut Feifs, on the occasion of his retirement from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in June, 2008.

Helmut was a researcher and exemplary member of NCARE. Helmut has been a member of NCARE for many years. He has loyally served NCARE, serving as a vocal advocate for quality educational research, and has held several offices in the organization. Most recently, Helmut served as Presi-

dent of NCARE, and worked hard to improve the organization’s visibility in research circles. He also strove to increase membership by garnering members throughout the Department of Public Instruction. The following excerpt was taken from a tribute paid to Helmut at his retirement from the agency:

He is resilient. Anyone who survives World War II through an emigration, migration and immigration to a new country can teach us how to survive change. It is not a mere

matter of learning a new language (and, I might add, becoming a master of it) that distinguishes Helmut Feifs...

As past-president of [NCARE], he expanded connections between practitioners and theoreticians. He has been a stalwart supporter of quality educational assessment, research and evaluation throughout decades of service in Local Educational Agencies as well as the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Congratulations, Helmut!

Call for NCARE Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee of NCARE is issuing a call for nominations for the offices of:

- President-elect
- Secretary

Nominations are also being accepted for the fol-

lowing open positions on the Board of Directors:

- K-12 Representative
- At-large Representative
- At-large Representative

All NCARE members are eligible to serve on the Board.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2006.

Send nominations to
Claudia Flowers—
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Message from the President

William Sugar

Greetings from Greenville, North Carolina!

It is amazing that it has been eight months since NCARE 2008! This past February, we had over 50 presentations and over 80 participants. Frances Bradburn, John Guard, Elizabeth Hodge and Tamara Walser participated in a lively general session related to the role of educational research in North Carolina. Ya-yu Lo and Chuang Wang from UNC-Charlotte received the 2007 Distinguished Paper award. Overall, I recall several NCARE members engaging in discussions related to educational research issues related to North Carolina throughout the conference.

It is now time to focus on the upcoming NCARE 2009 conference. As indicated in this newsletter, NCARE 2009 will take place at the Little River Golf and Resort in Carthage. Please do consider submitting a proposal and attending NCARE 2009 next Spring.

I always look forward to attending the annual NCARE conference. It gives me a chance to meet fellow North Carolina educators and colleagues. It enables me to discuss and collaborate on issues affecting North Carolina schools and educational institutions. More importantly, it has enabled me to establish a network of colleagues who are concerned about related issues. I often have communicated with individual NCARE members throughout the year. When I want to find out how a particular educational issue is affecting a particular region or regions in North Carolina, I *know* that I can find a NCARE member and colleague to confer with.

I encourage all of you to become more active in NCARE. It is quite easy to become a more active NCARE member. Here are some ways:

- Attend NCARE 2009 and future NCARE conferences.
- Consider nominating yourself to an NCARE board position or NCARE officer (see nominations in this newsletter).
- Contact me (sugarw@ecu.edu) or a NCARE board member (<http://ncare.us>) about your ideas to improve NCARE or related issues.

I look forward to seeing all of you at a NCARE 2009 presentation and/or at the NCARE 2009 social!

–Bill

NCARE Membership

Annual NCARE membership dues are \$20 (full membership) and \$10 for students

Has your NCARE membership lapsed?

If you have not paid your membership dues within the past year please do so as soon as possible. Look at the mailing label for the number of days since you paid your membership dues. Go to the NCARE website for additional information about renewing your membership: <http://ncare.us>

Student involvement in NCARE

NCARE provides opportunities for students to be involved in research and interact with other researchers. Currently, student membership dues are only **\$10** annually. Students have a discounted rate for the NCARE annual meeting and student presenters are eligible for Marvin Wyne Outstanding Student Paper Award. Applications can be found at the NCARE website.

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