

Minutes of the National Association of Forensic Economics  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 7, 2011  
Denver, CO  
(Unapproved)

Voting members attending: Jim Ciecka, Ed Foster, Bill Pearson, Tom Roney, David Schap and Marc Weinstein. Voting member absent: Boyd Fjeldsted. Also attending: David Jones, Kurt Krueger, Jim Rodgers, Steve Shapiro, Jonathan Shefftz, Gary Skoog, and Jack Ward.

1. President Foster began the meeting at 11:30 am and welcomed everyone.
2. Rodgers presented the minutes of the Summer Board meeting of July 2010. It was moved and seconded (Roney: Pearson) that **the Board approves the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of July 25 – 26, 2010**. The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.  
Rodgers presented the financial statements for 2010 (attached). He noted that NAFE lost \$30,856.15 during this period, due to a combination of lower revenue and higher costs, compared to last year. As of 11/30/2010, NAFE had a cash balance of \$184,348.30. It was moved and seconded (Schap; Roney) that **the NAFE Board accepts the 2010 financial statements as presented**. The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.  
Rodgers presented a membership report (attached). As of 11/30/2010, NAFE had a total of 607 memberships and subscriptions, composed of 584 memberships and 23 subscriptions, of which 20 were libraries. Rodgers noted that library subscriptions were off by 45 from 6/30/2010. Kurt Krueger indicated that this was probably due to a time of billing question between EBSCO and Allen Press. It was noted by others that library subscriptions have fluctuated similarly in the past, according to the membership report.
3. Foster announced the results of the recent election. Jonathan Shefftz was elected as Eastern Vice-President replacing David Schap, and David Jones was elected as At-Large Vice-President, replacing Marc Weinstein. These new officers will begin their three-year terms at the conclusion of today's general membership meeting.
4. Bill Pearson presented the report for the ASSA meeting. He noted that two-thirds of the program was relatively easy to fill but the remainder was considerable work. He noted that he tried to get Kenneth Feinberg, the Special Master of compensation for damages related to the BP oil spill, to make a presentation, but his office declined. Proposals to present papers remain insufficient. Next year's ASSA meeting will be in Chicago, Jan. 6-8, 2012. Bill considered the suggestion to reproduce one page per page in the notebook produced for meeting participants. However, the number of pages was too great and he therefore chose to save \$500 by requesting IKON to use two-pages-per-page printing.
5. Tom Roney reported that there was one NAFE session at the Southern Economic Association (SEA) meetings in Atlanta. The 2011 SEA meetings will be held in Washington, D.C. the weekend before Thanksgiving, with NAFE sessions to be scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011.
6. David Schap reported that there were three NAFE paper sessions at the 2010 Eastern Economic Association meeting Feb. 26-28 in Philadelphia. A fourth

- roundtable session on Pennsylvania damage cases was cancelled (due to weather-related problems keeping some panel participants from attending) and replaced by a plenary discussion. For 2011, the Eastern meetings will be in New York City. One session and a reception will occur on Friday afternoon and early evening Feb. 25, and three more sessions will occur on Feb. 26. One session will be devoted to a discussion by Larry Spizman of his experience teaching a course in forensic economics.
7. Jim Ciecka reported that there was one NAFE session at the Illinois Economic Association meetings held in Chicago Oct. 15-16 in 2010. Attendance was about a half dozen people. One NAFE session is planned at this same meeting to be held in Chicago on October 14-15, 2011. One of the papers given at this meeting has been accepted for publication in the JFE.
  8. In Boyd Fjeldsted's absence Marc Weinstein presented plans for the NAFE sessions that will be offered at the Western Economics Association meetings in San Diego, California. A change in the format from six sessions to four is being contemplated. With a four-session format, there would be one session in the late afternoon of June 30, followed by a NAFE reception; three additional sessions would occur on July 1. Stephanie Rizzardi will assist Marc in making the arrangements for this meeting.
  9. Ed Foster called attention to the need for the Board to appoint someone to serve out the remaining year of Boyd Fjeldsted's term as Western Vice-President, from which Boyd has resigned for health reasons. In view of Marc Weinstein's efforts to assist Boyd with his Western VP duties over the months since the July 2010 NAFE Board Meeting, a motion was made and seconded (Ciecka; Roney) that **the NAFE Board appoints Marc Weinstein to serve out the remaining year of Boyd Fjeldsted's term.** Marc recused himself from voting, and the motion passed 5 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain.
  10. Jim Rodgers reported that 7 people have signed up for the NAFE Winter meeting in Curacao, Jan. 29 – 30, 2011, at the Hilton Curacao. This meeting is being organized by Art Eubank.
  11. Jack Ward reported that he is the organizer of the next NAFE European meeting, which will be at the Starhotel Splendid in Venice, Italy on May 26, 2011. Jack noted that the expected number of participants is approaching 20, which is the maximum desirable number of participants.
  12. Steve Shapiro reported that the *JFE* in 2010 received 26 submissions, 19 of which were new and 7 of which were revisions of papers previously submitted. Of these, 7 papers were accepted for publication, 8 were rejected and/or withdrawn, 6 were with referees and 5 were sent back to the author(s) for further work. Nancy also reported that there had been 3 new submissions in December, bringing the total to 29 for the year 2010. This level of submissions is similar to what has been occurring over the past several years. Shapiro anticipates having another issue of the *JFE* ready to go out to members in another month or so.
  13. Kurt Krueger reported that Allen Press will be undertaking a new marketing effort over 2011 that will give the *JFE* and NAFE additional exposure. Kurt also noted that Nancy Eldredge had expressed her apologies to him about being absent over a number of days in recent months due illness in her family, but she was assured that we understand her circumstances and appreciate that she has been able to complete her duties with her customary level of excellence.
  14. Jim Rodgers presented a report about the state series papers and Steve Shapiro discussed the status of several state papers now at the *JFE* for review. There was a discussion about publicizing a state series report in a future edition of the

- NAFE newsletter in order to inform the membership about the scope and progress of the project and perhaps elicit member interest in preparing an article for one of the 23 states for which an article has yet to be written.
15. Jack Ward, chair of the membership committee appointed by Ed Foster and composed of Kurt Krueger, Bill Pearson and Tom Roney, discussed the report of the committee. A motion was made and seconded (Schap; Weinstein) that **the NAFE Board accepts with gratitude the work of the membership committee.** The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. The three recommendations of the committee were voted on as separate motions. A motion was made and seconded (Schap; Weinstein) that **the NAFE Board approves dropping the category of Organization Member.** The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. A motion was made and seconded (Schap; Weinstein) that **the NAFE Board approves allowing individual members to use the NAFE logo on their web sites as long as the logo is linked to the NAFE web site. No other use of the NAFE logo is permitted by an individual member.** The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. A motion was made and seconded (Schap; Weinstein) that **the NAFE Board approves keeping individual and subscriber dues at \$165 per year, student member dues at \$80 per year and library subscriptions at \$110 per year. It has already been determined by the NAFE Board (July 2010 Board Meeting) that a selected group of up to 400 libraries will be offered free electronic subscriptions to the Journal of Forensic Economics for up to two years, but will pay \$110 to receive a hard copy of the JFE.** The motion passed 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain. Remaining issues to be determined by the Board are: (1) the final version of the NAFE logo; (2) what a subscriber is entitled to receive in a given calendar year; (3) the definition of “library” for purposes of eligibility for the \$110 subscription rate (i.e., must a library be part of an educational institution or can it be a law firm or an accounting firm library?)
  16. Kurt Krueger raised the question of what member information should be included in the membership directory, and whether NAFE should produce an online membership directory on the NAFE web site similar to the hard copy book that was produced in the 1990s where each member was permitted to include a “mini cv.” Kurt noted that the information to produce such a directory was still being annually collected. Responses to a survey conducted in connection with the work of the membership committee by Ed Foster contained some opposition to providing cv-type member detail on the NAFE web site, arguing that it made the organization look more like a trade group advertising services of members than an educational/scholarly organization. A possible compromise would be to include member web site addresses or links as an additional item of information in the membership directory. The Board will address this matter further in the future.
  17. Ed Foster reported that the past presidents’ of NAFE have voted to award the “Past Presidents’ Award for Distinguished Service” to Gary Skoog. This award will be announced at the general membership meeting today.
  18. Ed Foster mentioned requests by two organizations to have an affiliation with NAFE by letting them be mentioned on the NAFE web site, in exchange for putting the NAFE logo on their web sites or for other considerations. Such relationships were not viewed favorably by the many of those attending this board meeting, and it was informally decided not to pursue such relationships. Ed Foster will send responses to the two groups making such requests.

19. Ed Foster reported a discussion with economist Christopher Sims where he explained his policy of not publishing in outlets that would not allow him to put the published paper on his own web site. Sims felt that he would probably get more readers by putting the paper on his own web site than by having the paper published in some of these sources, e.g., a book costing \$150. Ed Foster was favorably disposed toward following the same policy himself and, for that reason, announced that he would be declining to edit a book of papers on forensic economics being proposed by Oxford University Press. Steve Shapiro mentioned that the JFE asks authors to assign the copyright of their papers to the JFE. Gary Skoog suggested that the document that JFE authors are asked to sign assigning the copyright to the JFE may need to be revised to make explicit allowance for authors wishing to post their papers on their own web sites.
20. Jim Rodgers announced that he could not attend the next Board meeting in Chicago on the dates of July 23-24, 2011, due to a conflict with his oldest grandson's wedding. Steve Shapiro will communicate with Board members by email to determine if the weekend of July 30-31 is satisfactory as a substitute date for the next summer board meeting.
21. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James D. Rodgers  
NAFE Executive Director  
1/17/2011.

**NAFE**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**December 2007 to November 2008**  
**December 2008 to November 2009**  
**December 2009 to November 2010**

	<u>12/07 - 11/08</u>	<u>12/08 - 11/09</u>	<u>12/09 - 11/10</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Dues and Subscriptions	\$116,463.90	\$99,475.00	\$97,861.00
JFE submission fees	\$225.00	\$250.00	(\$120.00)
Fees-Papers, Articles, Bk Issues	1,378.75	855.00	3,451.05
Interest	5,101.65	1,877.21	2,731.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$123,169.30</b>	<b>\$102,457.21</b>	<b>\$103,923.49</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
JFE-Publication	\$12,054.51	\$6,631.61	\$18,422.45
Journal Preparation	0.00	650.00	7,498.50
Total Publication	12,054.51	7,281.61	25,920.95
Conferences			
2009-EEA-New York	0.00	3,647.49	0.00
2009-ASSA-San Francisco	0.00	16,219.15	862.17
2009-MVEA-Kansas City	0.00	195.76	0.00
2009-July Board-Minneapolis	0.00	11,497.29	310.30
2009-WEA-Vancouver BC	0.00	8,708.18	0.00
2010-July Board-Chicago	0.00	0.00	15,458.77
2010-WEA-Portland	0.00	0.00	179.00
2010-NAFE-Winter Aruba	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
2010-ASSA-Atlanta	0.00	75.00	0.00
2009-SEA San Antonio	0.00	0.00	975.56
2008-ASSA-New Orleans	15,852.48	0.00	0.00
2010 ASSA-Atlanta	0.00	0.00	19,430.64
2010-EEA-Philadelphia	0.00	0.00	1,862.70
2009-ASSA-San Francisco	459.66	0.00	0.00
2008-Board-July-Calgary AB	15,056.05	0.00	0.00
2008-SEA Washington DC	918.41	0.00	0.00
2008-WEA Honolulu	5,831.30	0.00	0.00
2008-EEA Boston	5,602.92	0.00	0.00
Total Conferences	43,720.82	41,342.87	39,079.14
Presidential Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website Development	0.00	12,920.00	8,060.00
Database Management	15,494.47	16,435.08	16,889.83
Internet Hi-Speed Charges	604.16	748.42	558.77
Early Withdrawal Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00
Release Time-Executive Director	0.00	(61.33)	0.00
Payroll Expenses	27,268.62	28,083.90	29,679.37
Operations:			
Equipment	370.99	1,263.57	488.28
Newsletter	1,518.74	2,040.80	1,713.15
Legal & Insurance	2,756.00	2,507.00	2,507.00
Supplies & Mailing	6,853.75	5,457.06	3,153.82
Other Operation Expenses	0.00	144.00	0.00
Bank Charges	126.85	879.34	1,270.58
Accounting	1,660.00	1,702.50	1,300.00
Telephone - Fax	1,603.33	1,727.14	1,842.21
Credit Card Machine	1,702.52	536.83	602.66
Miscellaneous & Subscriptions	1,830.38	227.54	1,713.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$117,565.14</b>	<b>\$123,236.33</b>	<b>\$134,779.64</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$5,604.16</b>	<b>(\$20,779.12)</b>	<b>(\$30,856.15)</b>

	CASH RECONCILIATION		
	11/30/2008	11/30/2009	11/30/2010
<b>CASH RECONCILIATION</b>			
Beginning Balances	\$225,768.40	\$231,184.18	\$212,792.92
Add: Net change in Accounts Payable	(\$188.38)	\$2,387.86	\$2,411.53
Add: Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$5,604.16</u>	<u>(\$20,779.12)</u>	<u>(\$30,856.15)</u>
Ending Balances	<u>\$231,184.18</u>	<u>\$212,792.92</u>	<u>\$184,348.30</u>

**NAFE  
BALANCE SHEET  
November 30, 2010**

ASSETS

CD	\$ 119,083.98
Checking	32,721.71
Savings	202.29
Money Market	32,340.32
Travel Deposit	<u>3,200.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 187,548.30

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Payroll Liabilities	\$ 1,077.99
Retained Earnings	217,326.46
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(30,856.15)</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

\$ 187,548.30

NAFE Membership Report  
Presented by Jim Rodgers at Winter Board Meeting, Denver, CO, Jan. 7, 2011

Date of Count	Total Memberships and Subscriptions	Total Memberships	Individuals	Corporations	Students	Total Subscriptions	Individuals	Libraries
17-Nov-2004	746	736	653	77	6	10	0	10
30-Jun-2005	502	461	399	58	4	41	16	25
01-Jan-2006	661	636	556	78	2	25	2	23
30-Jun-2006	721	649	570	76	3	72	15	57
01-Jan-2007	635	611	538	69	4	24	0	24
30-Jun-2007	683	620	541	75	4	63	10	53
01-Jan-2008	601	576	500	71	5	25	2	23
30-Jun-2008	698	633	547	83	3	65	6	59
01-Jan-2009	639	585	507	75	3	40	5	35
30-Jun-2009	655	585	507	75	3	70	4	66
30-Nov-2009	643	573	498	73	2	70	4	66
30-Jun-2010	654	584	501	82	1	70	5	65
30-Nov-2010	607	584	497	84	3	23	3	20