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Dear LERA Chapter colleagues,

A remarkable number of LERA chapters received recognition for accomplishments at the 2015 LERA Pittsburgh conference. Please begin preparing to submit your nomination for awards at the 2016 Minneapolis, MN LERA 68th annual conference. Nominations will be due 1 March 2016. Any LERA member can nominate a worthy LERA chapter.

You will find complete information about Chapter Merit Awards here:

<http://www.leraweb.org/chapter-merit-awards>

The nomination submission form can be found here:

<http://www.leraweb.org/lera-chapter-merit-award-nomination-form>

Proposed sessions at the 2016 LERA conference have been received and are now under review by the program committee. Several sessions have NCAC sponsorship. As in past years, the NCAC will meet; in addition I encourage those chapter leaders attending the Minneapolis conference to plan attending the NCAC sponsored Chapter Representatives meeting. As we did in Portland and Pittsburgh, the Chapter Representatives meeting will focus on workshops that address chapter membership, administration and programming. We will discuss strategies for founding student chapters - adding to what is covered in a session on the regular program.

This past year LERA's executive board authorized a committee to study the by-laws and recommend changes. An important recommended change includes increased chapter representation on the executive board. Watch for details in future letters from the NCAC and the Executive Board.

In August 2015, LERA's executive director resigned and Emily Smith became interim-executive director. Emily has worked closely with the NCAC and all the chapters for many years. I cannot think of anyone who would better understand chapter interests and the chapters' contributions to LERA's health and success.

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