

understanding how research is used to improve education policy and practice, and fostering improved dissemination and use of research findings the SIG should develop new communications streams via electronic means. The following actions were approved:

- ✓ RU Briefing—Dan Laisch and Michelle Nilson will lead the development a tool that provides briefings of studies and issues of importance to the SIG.
- ✓ RU Blog—Dan Laisch will lead the development of a Blog to foster discussion among researchers on topics related to research use.
- ✓ Editorial—For each issue of the Research Use Newsletter, the SIG Chair (Jason Adsit) will write a brief editorial on a topic of interest to the membership.

Action Item, Building Collaborations

J. Adsit will investigate collaborations among other SIGs that share similar interests to the RU SIG.

Action Item, Building Membership

J. Adsit will investigate opportunities to foster interest with organizations whose goals are naturally aligned to the RU SIGs purpose (i.e., regional laboratories, comprehensive centers, research centers, and others).

Action Item, SIG Award

The chair will appoint a committee to establish criteria for SIG awards. Once the committee has developed criteria, the criteria will be shared with the SIG membership via the list serve. Once members have had an opportunity to provide feedback, he will continue to work with the same committee to publicize this award and solicit applications.



Call for Submissions:

*American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting 2008
Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities:
Toward Civic Responsibility*

The Special Interest Group on Research Use (SIGRU) is accepting paper and session submissions for the 2008 AERA Annual Meeting. The theme for the 88th Annual Meeting is the Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility. Proposal deadline is August 2, 2007. For more information on the theme, you can access the AERA web site at www.aera.net.

Members of the AERA Special Interest Group on Research Use seek to understand how research is used to improve education policy and practice, and to foster improvement of the dissemination and use of research findings.

Please also consider volunteering to serve as a Reviewer, Session Chair or Discussant. For more information on Annual Meeting activities visit the SIG web page at www.sigr.org or contact Dan Laitsch, Program Chair, at programchair@sigr.org.

Access for online submission located at <https://www.aera.net/AALogin.aspx>

Future newsletters?

What kinds of information would you like to see in the newsletters. If you have suggestions contact Chris Ferguson at cferguson@sedl.org.