

Summary of the AFA Board Meeting
Mid-Year Meeting, June 28, 2018

The Board of Directors of the American Finance Association met via video-conference on June 28, 2018. The following is a summary of the non-routine reports and decisions made at the meeting.

1. President DeMarzo reported on the activities of the Editorial Committee. The Editorial Committee is finalizing a survey for authors, referees, Associate Editors, AFA board members, and a number of other prominent AFA members. Further discussion occurred regarding the duties of the Editorial Committee and a recommendation on the future process for the Editorial Committee will be prepared for the January board meeting. It was noted that it might make more sense for the Executive Committee to play the role of the Editorial Committee except when there is a specific task to accomplish such as the selection of a new editorial team.
2. AFFECT is currently conducting a departmental survey and they will be sending out a climate survey soon. There was discussion around supporting a conference although another potential idea is to have a mentoring event in conjunction with the AFA meetings. The Board discussed the model used by CSWEP and the differences between the AEA and AFA models.
3. A discussion of the AFA website occurred. A review of the AFA website by a service provider was proposed in order to analyze the current state of the website, understand weak points, and create a proposal for improvements. The Board approved the request.
4. The board discussed a job market issue in which schools are providing less and less time for students to make decisions on job offers and what the AFA could do about it. The Board discussed possible impacts of establishing an AFA policy on the issue.