

Interim Officers Elected by WERA

Gogolin, Levine Will Serve, McDonnell Is First AERA Representative

Ingrid Gogolin and Felice Levine were elected in May 2009 to lead the newly founded World Education Research Association (WERA) in its transition to permanent status as an organization. Gogolin will serve as Interim President, and Levine, as Interim Secretary General.

These two officers, elected by the founding members of WERA, have the responsibility and authority to lead the administrative, financial, and programmatic operations of WERA as defined by the Constitution from June 1, 2009, until the second meeting of the WERA Council directly after the 2010 AERA Annual Meeting in Denver. They will in function constitute the Interim WERA Executive Committee and preside over the first meeting of the WERA Council to be held directly before the Annual Meeting of the European Educational Research Association in Vienna, Austria, on September 26–27, 2009.

Ingrid Gogolin is on the faculty of the School of Education, Psychology and Human Movement at Hamburg University and is widely recognized for her research on the educational integration of children and adolescents from migrant backgrounds. She has served as President of the German Society for Educational Research and from 2004 to 2009 as President of the European Educational Research Association. Felice Levine is Executive Director of the American Educational Research Association and formerly was Executive Officer of the American Sociological Association. Her work has focused on research and science policy issues, research ethics, the academic and scientific workforce, and higher education. She has served as facilitator of WERA-in-formation since 2007.

Under the leadership of Chair Wim Jochems, a Nominating Committee elected in San Diego received nominations and

prepared a slate of candidates for the two interim offices. Each founding member cast one vote electronically, with voting closing on May 31, 2009.

Gogolin and Levine will also lead the process to elect the first full-term officers of WERA (President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary General). The election will occur in the fall 2009—with the first Executive Committee–Elect to be in place by January 2010 and to take office at the start of the second WERA Council meeting.

According to the AERA Council Resolution adopted in January 2009, effective June 1 Past President Lorraine McDonnell serves as the AERA representative to WERA for a 1-year transition until May 2010. After that time, every other Past President will serve as the AERA representative to WERA for a 2-year term. Current AERA President Carol Lee will begin her term of service at the second WERA Council meeting.