Dear LERA/ASSA Winter Meeting Session Chairs,

**ACTION ITEM 1:** Collect papers from session participants  
**ACTION ITEM 2:** Read LERA membership info at the beginning of your session

In less than a month, we will be meeting in San Francisco. I’m looking forward to seeing each of you.

Your session participants should have sent their papers to you at this point. If you have not received them, please contact them and collect their papers. You will find a listing of your program session (and session participants) here: [http://www.leraweb.org/2016-lera-assa-meeting-program](http://www.leraweb.org/2016-lera-assa-meeting-program).

Additionally, the Program Co-Chairs have requested that each session chair reads brief remarks about what LERA is and to encourage membership in the LERA at the beginning of each session. Please download/print and bring this to the conference. You can find it here: [http://illinois.edu/cms/794/session_chairs_intro.docx](http://illinois.edu/cms/794/session_chairs_intro.docx) (or see below for transcript).

*For Chairs – Please include this information at the beginning of your session with introductory remarks.*

Permit me to take a moment to strongly encourage you to become a member of LERA, the Labor and Employment Relations Association. LERA is unique in bringing together scholars, policy makers, and labor relations professionals. Our academic research is grounded in a commitment to fairness in the workplace and public policy to support that. Many members are economists but we are multi-disciplinary and include researchers from across the social sciences and law. It’s part of what makes us unique.

We hold our winter meeting jointly with the ASSA. We also hold an independent spring meeting that is more interdisciplinary. It will be held this May in Minneapolis.

There are a variety of member benefits explained on the LERA website, where you can sign up to become a member. There are reduced membership rates for students.

Thanks.

Here are three more important links you may need to refer your session participants to:

1. **Registration and housing** is run by the ASSA/AEA, and you can find all of that information at their website here: [https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/](https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/). All session participants should now be registered for the meeting, and should have confirmed their room arrangements (if they need accommodations).

2. **LERA Winter Meeting 2016 Home Page:** [http://www.leraweb.org/lera-assa-aea-meeting-jan-3-5-2016-san-francisco-ca](http://www.leraweb.org/lera-assa-aea-meeting-jan-3-5-2016-san-francisco-ca)

3. Lastly, all **session participant information** (for Chairs, Presenters, Discussants) can be found here: [http://www.leraweb.org/2016-lera-assa-participant-information](http://www.leraweb.org/2016-lera-assa-participant-information)

Please contact me at **eesmith@illinois.edu** if you have any questions.

Cordially,

*Emily Smith*

**Labor and Employment Relations Association**
Save the date! May 26-30, 2016, LERA 68th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN