

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Committee Description and Responsibilities

The major concern of this Committee is to connect, support, advise, and explore expansions of scholarly production (publications) for REA. It is the formal link between the REA Board, current publications (*Religious Education* journal and *Horizons* volumes), and any future publications REA may inaugurate.

This Committee seeks to enhance religious education by:

- Pursuing REA's mission to share, critique and encourage publication of substantive research, probing scholarship and practical approaches to religious education;
- Serving as a point of direct accountability for evaluating the journal, *Horizons*, any future publications, and their editors;
- Envisioning future publication efforts and addressing questions concerning publishing direction and/or policy;
- Encouraging cooperation among REA publications.

The Publications Committee is made up of the Chair, the editor of *Religious Education*, and one of the editors of *Horizons*. Editors of any future publications would be added to the Committee. The Chair is elected by the REA membership for a two-year term, renewable once. The Chair serves on the REA Board of Directors. The Committee will meet in person or virtually as needs arise but at least once each year.

Chair's Responsibilities and Requirements

- Represent the interests and activities of REA's publications on the Board.
- Conduct Committee meetings and oversee the fulfillment of the Committee's responsibilities.
- Arrange any meetings or conference sessions for publications at the annual meeting, e.g., editorial board meetings, session for students.
- Coordinate the peer review of submissions and make article recommendations to the Editor for the conference issue of the journal.
- Meet these expectations of all REA Board members:
 - Maintain current REA membership.
 - Attend Board meetings:
 - the spring Board meeting in February or March, lasting from Thursday dinner through Sunday noon. Board members are reimbursed for expenses to attend the spring meeting;
 - the Board meetings before and after the Annual meeting, on Thursday

evening and Sunday afternoon. Board members pay their own expenses.

- the REA Annual Business Meeting;
 - the Advisory Council meeting, held Sunday noon immediately after the Annual Meeting.
- o Attend REA annual meeting and assist with moderating sessions, hosting speakers, interpreting Board actions to members, taking notes, and similar activities.
 - o Serve on the Nominating Committee during the final year of one's term.
 - o Assist in articulating and communicating REA's identity and vision for a broad audience.