

**BYLAWS OF THE AERA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)
Invitational Education**

Article I: Name

The name of the organization is Invitational Education.

Article II: Affiliation

The organization (SIG/IE), is a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and, as such, pays annual dues to AERA and participates in the AERA annual meeting.

Article III: Governing Authority

The Special Interest Group (SIG), Invitational Education (SIG/IE, shall be governed by the bylaws and articles of incorporation of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). SIG/IE bylaws shall not conflict with the bylaws and articles of incorporation of AERA.

Article IV: Purpose

The purpose of the Special Interest Group (SIG), Invitational Education (SIG/IE), is to generate and disseminate knowledge of invitational education's theory of practice. Pursuant to these purposes, the SIG/IE may elect to publish its own journal, or hold occasional conferences supplementing AERA meetings.

Article V: Membership

Section 1—Eligibility. Membership in SIG/IE shall be open to any dues-paid AERA member who supports the purpose of the organization and who pays the specified SIG dues.

Section 2—Duration. AERA members may join SIG/IE by paying SIG/IE dues through the AERA Central Office using the appropriate AERA SIG Membership form. AERA members may join SIG/IE at any time, but SIG/IE membership expires coterminously with a given AERA membership. SIG/IE membership may be for either 1 or 2 years, but members joining SIG/IE for 2 years must coterminously be members of AERA for 2 years.

Section 3—Voting Rights. All SIG/IE members in good standing, fully paid in SIG dues, shall be entitled to vote for SIG/IE officers.

Section 4—Dues. The amount of SIG/IE dues may be modified by a majority of the SIG/IE members voting by e-mail or at the annual SIG/IE business meeting held during the AERA annual meeting.

Article VI: Officers

Section 1—General. Officers of SIG/IE shall be elected by a majority of SIG members voting each year at SIG/IE business meeting at the AERA annual meeting or by postal or e-mail balloting. The elected officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of SIG/IE and shall conduct all business of the SIG in the interim between the annual business meetings.

Section 2—Eligibility. All members in good standing with both AERA and SIG/IE shall be eligible for election as officers.

Section 3—Terms. The term of each office shall be for 1 year, expiring at the end of each year's annual AERA meeting.

Section 4—Offices. The following offices shall compose the executive committee of SIG/IDBR: (1) Chairperson; (2) Program Chair; (3) Secretary/Treasurer. Persons to assist these officers or to carry out other work of the SIG may be appointed by the Chairperson. Any office can have two members designated to share the responsibilities of the office, i.e., two members can be Co-Chairs of the SIG/IE.

Section 5—Election Procedures. Each year during the SIG/IE business meeting at the AERA annual meeting, elections will be held. Members may submit their names for the election at the meeting prior to the meeting if they are not able to attend the business meeting. The election results at the business meeting will determine the officers for the next year.

Article VII: Duties of Officers

Section 1—Chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible for the general administration of the SIG/IE and act as liaison between the SIG and AERA. The Chairperson shall preside at the annual business meeting. The Chairperson shall appoint ad hoc committees as needed.

Section 2—Secretary/Treasurer. The secretary/treasurer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all financial documents and any official correspondence and meeting minutes of SIG/IE. The two responsibilities of secretary and treasurer can be separated and assumed by two members.

Section 3—Program Chair. The program chair is responsible for organizing the SIG/IE programs for the AERA annual meeting and following the review process outlined by AERA.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1—Annual Meetings. There shall be a SIG/IE business meeting held each year in conjunction with the AERA annual meeting. Arrangements for the time and place of this meeting are the responsibility of the Program Chair.

Section 2—Governing Procedures. Issues of procedure not covered by these bylaws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (Revised).

Article IX: Ratification and Amendments

Section 1—Ratification. These bylaws shall take effect upon a two-thirds vote of those members voting at the business meeting or a two-thirds vote of the membership by postal or e-mail voting.

Section 2—Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of those members voting at either the annual business meeting or by e-mail.

Article X: Discontinuation

In the event that the purpose of SIG/IE is fulfilled by another organization, or it is unable to maintain membership in AERA, the organization may be discontinued by a vote requiring approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the SIG.