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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

*MARCH 27 - 28, 2008
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE &
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Economists:

Please make plans to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Association of Economists. This thirty-fifth Annual Meeting will be held on March 27 and 28 on the campuses of the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington. Both universities have assisted greatly in planning and logistical support and we look forward to enjoying the beautiful joint venue that they provide. Lodging will be available within a short distance of the meeting facilities. Details on lodging and parking will be included in the January mailing. As is our tradition, the annual William A. Sandridge lecture will take place on Thursday evening, March 27. Please plan to attend the dinner that precedes the talk. The name of this year's speaker will be announced in the near future.

You will find the Call for Papers below. We encourage you to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to share your research with your peers. You may also choose to organize a session, chair a session, or participate as a discussant. We also want to encourage those who may simply want to attend to see some of the economic research being conducted by colleagues in the Commonwealth. The organization is interested in involving undergraduate students in the meeting. So please consider urging promising students to submit papers based on senior projects, summer research, or other types of inquiry. Last year, we were able to schedule an entire session devoted to student papers and enjoyed participation from several different schools.

In 1993, the Board of Directors established the VAE Distinguished Fellows Award. Recipients must be a current or past member of the VAE and must have made significant contributions either to the VAE or to the field of economics. Please contact me if you would like to submit a nomination.

I would also like to remind you that the Virginia Association of Economists publishes the *Virginia Economic Journal*. The editorial board of the *VEJ* accepts manuscripts on a continuing basis. If you would like to have your research considered for publication, please see the information contained on the other side of this page. Previous editions of the *Virginia Economic Journal* may be purchased at a rate of \$10.00 per copy by contacting C. Barry Pfitzner. Keep in mind that all members who register for the annual meeting automatically receive a copy of the *VEJ*.

This year, in addition to the annual golf tournament, we are also planning an outing to Natural Bridge. Both of these events will take place on the afternoon of Friday, March 28. Look for more information in the January mailing.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me directly at abattle@yesvirginia.org or (804) 545-5773.

Sincerely,
Ann Battle Macheras

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Program Committee will consider a paper or a one-page abstract of your planned research on any economics related topic—theoretical or applied—and either national, regional, or local in scope. Papers may focus on any issue or industry or they may focus on methodology; the choice is yours. The Committee is also planning a session devoted to student research projects. Sessions on selected topics will also be scheduled. A friendly reminder—anyone choosing to participate in a session is required to register for the meeting and to remit the registration fee.

If you are interested in presenting a paper or organizing a session please submit your paper, abstract, or session idea no later than December 17, 2007 to the Program Committee chair, Tim Kestner, Virginia Employment Commission, 703 E. Main St., Rm. 302, Richmond, VA 23219. If you are willing to discuss a paper, please contact Tim and indicate your areas of specialization. Tim can be contacted via email at tim.kestner@vec.virginia.gov or by phone at 804-786-8014, if you have any questions.

Visit the VAE website at
www.VaEcon.org.

Look for more news regarding the 35th
Annual Meeting, including the
announcement of the
2008 William A. Sandridge lecturer.

Thursday evening, March 27, 2008

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Suggestions for nominations for officers of the VAE (President-elect and Members of the Board) are being solicited by the Nominating Committee. Please send your suggestions to Tim Kestner, Virginia Employment Commission, 703 E. Main St., Rm. 302, Richmond, VA 23219. You may also contact Tim at 804-786-8014 or tim.kestner@vec.virginia.gov.

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC JOURNAL

Selected papers may be published in the *Virginia Economic Journal*, a publication of the Association that is designed to encourage research in economics, business and allied fields. It is not limited, however, to Virginia related research or to Virginia scholars and researchers. Manuscripts should be submitted in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Virginia Economic Journal*. A copy of the *Guidelines* is available online at www.VaEcon.org or from Barry Pfitzner, Department of Economics and Business, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA 23005, bpfitzne@rmc.edu, (804) 752-7307. Questions concerning manuscripts submitted for publication should also be addressed to Barry.



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