

**Arts and Administration Program
New Policy Statement
on Departmental Professional Memberships
and AAD Department Representation at Professional Association Conferences**

General

The Arts and Administration Program encourages its tenure-related faculty to maintain memberships with relevant professional associations. The department also wishes to be appropriately represented at professional association conferences and meetings that hold national importance for general arts administration education.

AAD Policy Statement on Professional Association Memberships

The Arts and Administration Program maintains department memberships with two key national organizations: The Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAE), and Americans for the Arts (AFTA).

Effective fall 2012, each AAD tenure-related faculty member is to identify one professional association in each of the concentration areas for which we believe department-level membership is most important. The AAD office will pay for and maintain this membership. It is each AAD faculty member's responsibility to encourage broad AAD access to the benefits of these memberships.

AAD seeks to have representation each year at the AAAE and AFTA conferences, and pays for this representation at the department level. Because of voting, faculty relations/networking, and program administration matters, the AAD Program Director holds "first right of refusal" for the AAAE annual conference. Because of publicity, recruitment, and advocacy responsibilities, the AAD Managing Director holds "first right of refusal" for the AFTA annual conference. In each case, if this designated individual is unable to attend, other AAD tenure-related faculty will be recruited to represent AAD at these two gatherings based on faculty availability and equitable rotation of representation.

It is expected that AAD faculty members will pay for attendance at all other concentration area-specific gatherings that are relevant to the faculty member's research and teaching. Individually-designated AADCEC funds and university ASA funds are to be used for such travel. Travel to sub-groups of AAAE and AFTA (including regional or discipline-specific gatherings, or initiatives like Imagining America) are similarly to be paid for from individual faculty professional development funds.