



Dear IDEC Members,

The IDEC Board is making an official call for members interested in an evaluation of the annual conference *Proceedings*. Many of our members rely heavily on conference presentations and the *Proceedings* to advance their efforts toward tenure and promotion. We have slowly taken steps in that direction, but certainly more work needs to be done.

My charge to the task force will be to explore possible options that would result in a more revered “publication.” What would our Proceedings need to include? What processes are required in the review of abstracts or papers? How does creative scholarship fit into the discussion? How much volunteer power will be required to produce the desired outcomes? How can it become “searchable”? This is just a sampling of questions that come to mind; I am sure the task force will uncover more. We anticipate that the task force will not last more than one year at the most.

If you are interested in serving IDEC in this capacity, then please send me an email no later than Wednesday, April 22.

Sincerely,

John Turpin, IDEC President