

AAA pilot project for online submissions with SSRN

We are continuing a pilot project on electronic submissions started last year by the AAA and the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). You may be accustomed to using SSRN as a place for posting your working papers. If so, the midyear meeting online submission process will be familiar. Please note that even though SSRN is hosting our submissions website, your manuscript will NOT be automatically included in the SSRN eLibrary.

While opportunities to submit papers online, manage the review process electronically, and post abstracts and/or papers easily online are conveniences for our meeting, you may find related elements of the SSRN document management process to be valuable as well. For example last year's AAA Mid-Atlantic Region's meeting (the first group to pilot this online submissions and posting service) has had more than 1250 downloads of abstracts or papers accepted for that meeting, even though fewer than 200 people attended the meeting. The AAA is working with SSRN to explore ways to bring additional benefits to participants in both organizations. The heightened visibility and cross-disciplinary searching capabilities of SSRN are interesting new benefits for authors participating in our midyear meetings.

Here's how the submissions process will work:

- When you click the submit button on the Call for Papers, you will link to an SSRN manuscript submission page that carries the appropriate meeting label. Then just follow the directions for submitting your abstract and the full-text of your paper for review.
- Papers submitted for the a Midyear Meeting will NOT become part of the SSRN eLibrary. You will have the option to simultaneously submit your paper to SSRN if you so choose.
- Papers submitted for the midyear meeting will only be available to reviewers until acceptance decisions are made.
- During the submissions process, you can choose whether just the abstract or the full-text of your accepted paper eventually becomes available for online viewing. This choice will be in force both before and after the meeting dates.
- Before the meeting, only people registered for the meeting will have access to the online collection of accepted papers and abstracts.
- After the meeting the accepted abstracts and papers (as designated by the authors) will be included in an electronic "proceedings" listed in the SSRN (Accounting Research Network) database under AAA meetings. The proceedings will be available online for at least one year.
- You can see an example of how the midyear proceedings list will appear by viewing the Mid-Atlantic Region archive at the link below (click on the triangle in front of Accounting Research Network, then ARN Meetings, then AAA Meetings until you find it) --
<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/DisplayJournalBrowse.cfm> .