

Dear FARS Members and Visitors,

The Financial Accounting and Reporting Section was created in 1993 with 49 members as a provisional section of the AAA. The section has since grown to around 1,500 members from around the world!

As we head into our 30th year, this is truly an exciting time to be involved with FARS. In just the past few years, the section has launched initiatives with a focus on (1) integrating research and practice, (2) mentoring junior faculty, and (3) prioritizing diversity and inclusion. This year we will continue these initiatives and look for ways to expand them further in order to best serve our section members.

The mission of FARS is enduring, and calls for us “to give greater attention to financial accounting and reporting, and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of education, research, and professional practice by: (1) disseminating and evaluating teaching methods and materials; (2) encouraging, facilitating, and publicizing research interests and projects; and (3) creating opportunities for interchange and cooperation between academics and practitioners.”

The section relies on the efforts of the terrific AAA staff, but also you, our members. As we head into the 2023-2024 year, I encourage you to get involved with the section! We have so many exciting initiatives in place – find the ones that you are passionate about and volunteer your efforts.

Here are just a few possibilities:

- Attend a conference (and consider volunteering as a reviewer or discussant)
- Volunteer for a committee that interests you.
- Nominate colleagues for one of the many awards that we present.

If you still don't know where to get started or how to be involved, don't hesitate to contact me for some help.

I hope to see all of you at our midyear meeting in Denver from January 18-22, 2024!

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