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webaddress: <http://www.neaecon.org/index.htm>Listserve: [nea-1@lists.fsu.edu](mailto:nea-1@lists.fsu.edu)**To:** President Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong (University of South Florida)**From:** Committee on the Current Status and Future of the RBPE -- Chair: Philip N. Jefferson (Swarthmore College),  
Members: Bernard E. Anderson (University of Pennsylvania), Cecilia A. Conrad (Pomona College  
and Editor of the RBPE), Patrick L. Mason (Florida State University)**Date:** 11 December 2006**RE:** Recommendation on the Review of Black Political Economy (RBPE)

The Committee was appointed by the NEA President in Fall 2006. Its *charge* was to develop a plan to determine how the RBPE can generate more submissions and if the RBPE should implement a new strategy to appeal to more readers by changing its focus. Its mandated *timetable* was to bring its recommendation by 20 December 2006 so that the NEA Board can discuss it at the January 2007 NEA Annual Board Meeting.

The Committee began its deliberations on 12 November 2006 and concluded them on 8 December 2006. The deliberations were conducted by written electronic correspondence and via conference call. Our deliberations converged on the following recommendation that received unanimous support from the committee.

The Committee's recommendation for the RBPE is two pronged –

**Prong One** focuses on the immediate and intermediate future. The recommendation: Keep the name of the journal the same and reduce the number of issues to three a year. Time period: 5 years. During this time, at its annual meetings, the Editor of the RBPE will update the NEA/RBPE Boards on whether the reduction in issues along with other outreach efforts (cross-discipline solicitation, direct solicitation of conference participants, and more timely publication) are having the desired effect of generating more submissions.

**Prong Two** focuses on the long run. The recommendation: If the fifth annual report of the Editor to the Boards does not clearly indicate a turnaround for the RBPE, then the RBPE will be discontinued. At that time, the NEA/RBPE Boards will appoint a joint committee whose mandate will be to explore the creation of a new vehicle for the dissemination of progressive and original research on economic and social issues that relate to people of color that reflects the concerns of the membership of the NEA and policymakers.

Its charge now satisfied, the Committee proclaims itself disbanded. Some Committee members will be in attendance at the 2007 NEA Annual meetings in Chicago. Do not hesitate to consult with them at that time, if desired. The Committee acknowledges the honor bestowed upon its members as a result of serving the NEA in this capacity. Our sincere hope is that this recommendation aids the NEA in advancing its vital mission.

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