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Member Newsletter — May 2026

Welcome to the May edition of the ARNOVA newsletter. This month brings an important update about our new membership platform, the final call for ARNOVA 2026 abstracts, an upcoming Governance Section dialogue, and news from the Teaching Section and the Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Section.

ARNOVA 2026 Call for Submissions — Final Deadline May 7



The final deadline to submit an abstract for **ARNOVA 2026 in Philadelphia (November 19–21)** is **Thursday, May 7**.

Not sure where to start? A few ideas:

- A recent study or research project

- A program evaluation or case study
- A dissertation chapter
- A big question you're exploring

If your work connects to nonprofit organizations, civic engagement, or voluntary action, it's a great fit.

[Submit Your Proposal](#)

ACTION REQUIRED: New ARNOVA Membership Site Is Live

Our updated Membership Management System is now live — and we need every member to log in and update their information.

What you need to do:

- Visit the new platform and reset your password (passwords from the previous system did not carry over).
- Review your member profile and update any details that have changed.
- Use the "Remind Me" link if you've forgotten your username, or "Forgot Password" to start a reset.

If your membership has recently expired, this is a good moment to renew or reinstate. Questions or trouble logging in? Reach out to info@arnova.org and we'll help you get set up.

[Login Here](#)

Governance (GOV) Section: May 6 Dialogue + 2026 Call for Case Studies

Join the ARNOVA Governance Section for the next *Innovation in Nonprofit Governance* National Dialogue

Shifting Power in Nonprofit Governance: A Deep Dive Into Class Dynamics  Wednesday, May 6  12:00–1:30 PM EDT

This highly interactive, participant dialogue is **free of charge and open to everyone** — no

Governance Section membership required.

The session examines the often-overlooked roles of power and class in nonprofit governance. While power dynamics remain underexplored, class dynamics are even less discussed — despite governance structures often reflecting the interests of economically privileged groups, even in organizations serving working-class and marginalized communities. This research-informed dialogue will explore how class shapes governance, why systems often prioritize charity over redistribution, and what it takes to advance equity and shared power.

Featuring an interview with three leaders in the field of power dynamics, followed by robust participant discussion:

- **Patricia Bradshaw, Ph.D.** — Professor Emerita, Saint Mary's University, Canada
- **Mia Henry, M.S.** — Founder and CEO, Freedom Lifted, Chicago
- **Dipendra KC, Ph.D.** — Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan

[Register Here](#)

Call for Case Studies — Partnership with JNEL

The Governance Section is excited to continue its partnership with the **Journal of Nonprofit Education and Leadership (JNEL)** with this year's call for case studies on the theme:

"Nonprofit Governance Under Pressure: Executive Orders, Attacks on DEI, and Action-Oriented Governance."

We're looking for **3–4 case studies** that show governance in action — how boards, governance systems, and executive leaders assess risk, exercise oversight, communicate with stakeholders, and decide whether to defend, adapt, or retreat when their mission, funding, programs, stakeholders, or public legitimacy are challenged. New this year: all selected cases will go through peer review.

We're also pleased to share that two of our Leadership Team members, **Jeff Aulgur** and **Nara Yoon**, will serve as co-editors.

Key dates:

- **Abstracts due:** Wednesday, July 1, 2026
- **Selection decisions:** August 1, 2026
- **Initial draft:** October 31, 2026
- **Final cases to JNEL:** March 31, 2027

To submit: Email your abstract (PDF, two pages max) to co-editors Jeff Aulgur (jaulgur@atu.edu) and Nara Yoon (yoonnx@jmu.edu).

Interested in serving as a peer reviewer? Reach out to the co-editors directly.

[View the full Call for Proposals](#) for complete requirements, teaching note guidelines, and the full timeline.

Teaching (TEACH) Section: Two Funding Opportunities — Deadline May 15

On behalf of the ARNOVA Teaching Section, we are pleased to announce a call for two awards under the Teaching Enhancement Fund (TEF), both due **Thursday, May 15, 2026**:

1. **TEF Research Grant — \$1,500.** Supports qualitative, quantitative, or historical research on teaching that promises to advance nonprofit education. Proposals run 5–7 pages and may come from individual scholars or research teams; national, international, and multi-institutional studies are especially encouraged.
2. **Educational Stipend for Faculty — \$750.** Professional development support for assistant professors, instructors, lecturers, and adjuncts to attend a conference or educational program (e.g., AFP workshops, NSF Chautauqua) that will enhance their nonprofit teaching. Requires a supporting letter from the applicant's department or institution.

The TEF was established through royalties from the Sagamore Nonprofit Book Series, reflecting the vision of co-editors Norman A. Dolch, Roseanne Mirabella, Heather Carpenter, and Helen Wise to advance teaching quality within our community.

To apply: Email your proposal and CV to Amml Hussein, Chair, ARNOVA Teaching Section, at amml@ssw.rutgers.edu with the subject line "Research proposal for Teaching Enhancement Fund." Funding decisions will be communicated by June 15, 2026.

Want the full proposal requirements and review criteria? [Click Here](#)

Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Section (SEES) Update

The SEES leadership team is currently organizing a panel submission for **ARNOVA 2026 in Philadelphia** focused on the evolving role of social enterprise in innovation and civic action amidst disruption.

We are also planning a webinar the **week of June 15th** on the state of social enterprise research, education, and practice, given today's global challenges, with additional details to be shared soon.

Want details on the late-May webinar and ways to plug into the ARNOVA 2026 panel? Join SEES to receive updates and get involved as the section's programming takes shape. *Link to join below.*

Find Your Community: Join an ARNOVA Section

ARNOVA Sections are where members go deeper — sharing research, hosting dialogues, and building working relationships around the topics they care about most. If a section featured in this newsletter caught your eye, you can add it to your membership in just a few clicks. Join as many as you like.

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