

## **Conference Scholarship Committee**

Report to the 2009 Summer Meeting of the Policy Council

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### **Availability**

As we have done for several years there were 10 conference scholarships available. These include a waiver of the registration fee and a shared hotel room for the 4 main conference nights. The hotel rooms have been generously donated by the Hotel Albuquerque. Unlike previous years we did not strictly limit scholarships to people with accepted papers. We also considered papers submitted only for the PhD colloquium, rejected papers and papers submitted for scholarship review but not the conference. The intent is not to exclude worthy recipients who, for whatever reason, do not have a paper at the conference.

For 2009 only there is also a K-12 scholarship available to cover part of the conference registration fee. This is being supported from a special \$3778 fund collected by selling memorabilia at the 2007 conference in Boston. It will be adjudicated externally probably by the Creative Learning Exchange. To date, 18 educator registrants have taken advantage of this funding. This fund now contains \$1803. These funds will also be used to support day-pass registration fees for approximately 6 high school students that will be presenting at the conference. After the conference, if this program was considered successful, we can look into finding funding for future conferences.

The 2009 conference will hold a silent auction to raise scholarship funds for future conferences. Twenty-seven items have been donated.