



2007 ARNOVA Annual Report



A YEAR OF CHANGE AND PROGRESS

ARNOVA is a community of people dedicated to fostering through research the creation, application and dissemination of knowledge on voluntary action, nonprofit organizations and philanthropy.

President's Message

For over 35 years, ARNOVA has remained steadfast in its commitment to support research and teaching on voluntarism, philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, and civil society. Moreover, the membership of ARNOVA, since its inception, has been international and interdisciplinary, providing an opportunity for individuals to present and develop cutting-edge and innovative research on important conceptual, policy and practice concerns affecting the nonprofit sector.

ARNOVA is also an evolving organization comprised of an extraordinarily dedicated staff and membership. We are adapting to a rapidly changing environment for our association and its membership.

The nonprofit sector has grown rapidly in the U.S. and abroad in recent years, creating a rising demand for education and training in the nonprofit sector. Further, the growth of the sector has generated a host of knotty policy and practice issues related to accountability, performance, revenue development, and governance. The sector's role in promoting and developing citizenship and community building continues to attract broad attention throughout the world. The membership of ARNOVA is deeply immersed in investigating these important social, organizational and political concerns in order to inform scholars, policymakers and practitioners.

To further the research mission of the association, we have expanded the schedule for our annual research conference and increased the direct participation of the membership in the conference. We are also engaged in a number of partnerships and collaborations with other key

associations serving the nonprofit and philanthropic research community including the Council on Foundations, the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC), the Independent Sector, and the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). Further, we are strengthening the association's support for teaching, executive education and training in the nonprofit sector through adaptations to the conference schedule and ongoing support for the teaching section of ARNOVA.

For the board of directors of ARNOVA, the past few years have witnessed significant transition and change including significant revisions to the by-laws, new elections procedures, and even an expansion of the board. These structural changes reflect the enduring resolve of the board to develop an organizational structure and financial model that ensures the continued growth and vitality of ARNOVA. It is with great satisfaction that the board of ARNOVA celebrates the past accomplishments and success of the association and it is with much anticipation and enthusiasm that it looks forward to more change and evolution. As the president of the board, it has been a great honor to serve the association and I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation, given the exciting research of our members, the amazing dedication and involvement of our members in associational activities, the many new partnerships underway, and our excellent executive director, staff, and board.



Steven Rathgeb Smith, President



The Year's Accomplishments

The past year has been a full one for ARNOVA. In 2006, we went through a number of major transitions in staff and governance. In 2007, with many organizational changes still unfolding, the Association remained focused on its mission (see below) to serve its members, the nonprofit sector, and the wider society.

At the heart of our work are our Annual Conference and our journal, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* [NVSQ]. The Conference offers researchers and practitioners from across the U.S. and around the world the opportunity to share and learn from the latest research on nonprofit organizations, voluntary action and philanthropy in its many forms. This free exchange of information and ideas expands knowledge and improves practice across the diverse fields and activities of the nonprofit sector. NVSQ is another vehicle for sharing important research findings and generating helpful dialogue around crucial issues for the

Beyond these core operations, ARNOVA has been engaged in other activities to strengthen and extend our service to the field. We redesigned and enhanced our website this past year, and plan to add new features in 2008. The Board has given careful attention to creating more ways for members to participate fully in the life of the Association, and especially to efforts to make our work more inclusive of people from all backgrounds. We saw the fruits of this in the increased diversity of persons involved in the planning of the conference and in the conference itself.

Another approach we have taken to extend our service to the field – and make our limited financial resources go farther – is to seek collaborations around issues of common interest with other organizations that serve the sector. Some of these are small or just beginning. For example, each year we have American Humanics present a session at our conference, and this year we presented the

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field. It plays a key role in advancing needed research and disseminating results.

Judging by the attendance and evaluations, the 2007 Conference was one of our most successful ever. More than 600 people from around the world came to Atlanta to hear a wide range of presentations and explore the conference theme: “The Global Pursuit of Social Justice: Challenges to Nonprofits & Civil Society.” Participants commented frequently on the high quality of the papers and the value of the dialogue in the sessions. The energy in the halls, at meals, and around the many and varied sessions was very positive.

Meanwhile, NVSQ has continued to see an increase in subscribers, with the total number of institutional subscribers up by 28 percent since 2006. In addition, the growing citation rate reflects the growing use and status of the journal. The significance of the journal to the field of nonprofit studies seems to grow every year.

Hodgkinson Prize (for the best book on nonprofit practice and policy) with INDEPENDENT SECTOR. But other efforts are more ambitious. We are most excited, for instance, about a joint project we began this year with the Council on Foundations and the Foundation Center to create a “Research & Practice Think-Tank” to explore and address different aspects of foundation practice where researchers might be able to work collaboratively with grantmakers to improve that practice.

Of course, **simply sustaining the basic operations of a small membership Association** presents a variety of challenges. In all that we do, ARNOVA is grateful for the support of its members, donors, and other funders. [A list of donors and funders follows.] We operate with limited resources, and endeavor to be the best stewards of those resources that we can be. Over the last two years, we have reduced the size of our staff while upgrading our technology in hopes of being able to

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provide the same (or a greater) level of service at less cost. We are glad to be able to say that, so far, we have been able to do this. Indeed, overall our financial health is good. [A summary financial report follows, and a full report and our 990 is available from our office.] We are delighted to note that individual donations are up substantially, which we take as an affirmation of the changes we are making and the directions we have set.

Good governance is also crucial to our success.

Recent changes in our board and committee structure and revisions to our by-laws are allowing us to

increase member participation, and broaden the diversity of the group(s) participating, and so should strengthen our governance.

So, as we begin 2008, we are grateful to be able to report on significant improvements and accomplishments for our Association. We are thankful for the support of our members and others for the important work we have done. And, we invite the support and participation of anyone who is interested in the work ahead.



Thomas Jeavons, Executive Director

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Financial Summary

(From 2006/'07 Audit)

Statement of Activities Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007 (With Comparative Totals for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006)

| | 2007 | | | 2006 |
|--|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total | Total |
| Support and Revenue | | | | |
| Grants * | \$ -0- | \$180,000 | \$180,000 | \$-0- |
| Membership dues | 114,093 | -0- | 114,093 | 111,325 |
| Conference revenue and sponsorships | 130,555 | 23,375 | 153,830 | 163,444 |
| Publications | 62,045 | 10,000 | 72,045 | 49,199 |
| Contributions | 14,200 | 73,100 | 87,300 | 70,763 |
| Interest income on cash and cash equivalents | 1,800 | 852 | 2,652 | 4,023 |
| Other | 10,154 | -0- | 10,154 | 7,031 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 293,790 | (293,790) | -0- | -0- |
| Total support and revenue | 626,637 | (1,563) | 625,074 | 405,785 |
| Expenses ** | | | | |
| Program: | | | | |
| Conference | 177,329 | -0- | 177,329 | 132,503 |
| Publications | 118,472 | -0- | 118,472 | 124,845 |
| Member services | 75,095 | -0- | 75,095 | 61,530 |
| Scholarships and awards | 28,200 | -0- | 28,200 | 13,856 |
| Other | 21,194 | -0- | 21,194 | 17,332 |
| Management and general | 134,239 | -0- | 134,239 | 127,892 |
| Fundraising | 14,098 | -0- | 14,098 | 5,645 |
| Total expenses | 568,627 | -0- | 568,627 | 483,603 |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations | 58,010 | (1,563) | 56,447 | (77,818) |
| Other Income (Expense) | | | | |
| Investment return, net | 39,499 | -0- | 39,499 | 25,925 |
| Change in net assets | 97,509 | (1,563) | 95,946 | (51,893) |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Period | 722,680 | 314,839 | 1,037,519 | 1,089,412 |
| Net Assets, End of Period | \$820,189 | \$313,276 | \$1,133,465 | \$1,037,519 |

* The figure here represents two new grants received in spring 2007, which will be spent over the next two to three years respectively. The total is shown here per accounting standards.

** Expenses figures are significantly lower for 2005-'06 than 2006-'07 because two out of three staff positions were open for significant periods in 2005-'06.

Financial Information Excerpted From the Audited Financial Statements
Provided by Blue & Co., LLC

At Right: Joel Fleishman, Professor of Law and Public Policy at Duke University, Durham, N.C., was the recipient of the 2007 ARNOVA Award for Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research. Michael Hall presented Fleishman with an engraved clock during the 2007 ARNOVA Conference.

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2007 and 2006

Assets

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$209,589 | 128,760 |
| Cash held by others | 12,467 | 16,849 |
| Investments | 850,175 | 838,556 |
| Grants receivable | 95,000 | 95,000 |
| Other receivables, net | 32,968 | 32,918 |
| Prepaid expenses | 10,831 | 10,860 |
| Property and equipment, net | 10,403 | 5,273 |
| | <u>\$1,221,433</u> | <u>\$1,128,216</u> |

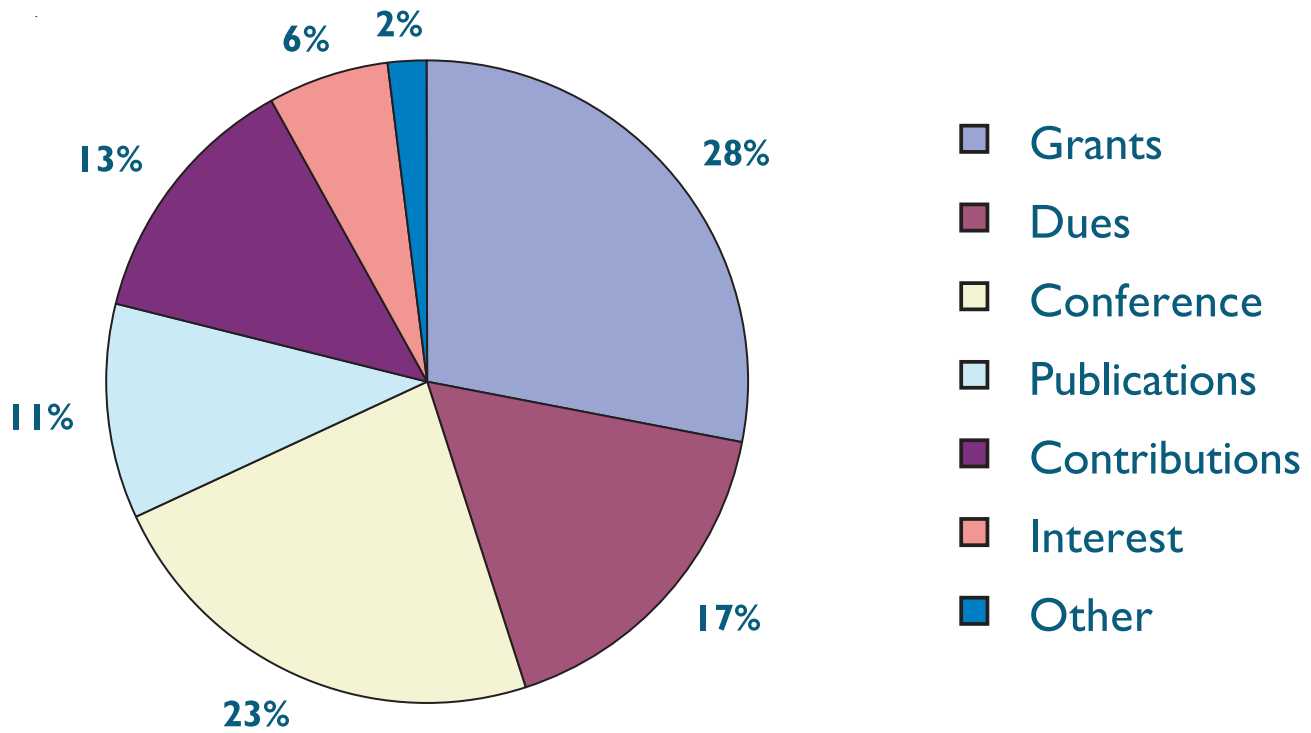
Liabilities and Net Assets

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$22,014 | \$23,898 |
| Accrued payroll and benefits | 14,241 | 4,176 |
| Deferred member dues | 51,713 | 62,623 |
| Total liabilities | <u>87,968</u> | <u>90,697</u> |
| Net Assets: | | |
| Unrestricted: | | |
| Undesignated | 502,197 | 397,680 |
| Board designated | 317,992 | 325,000 |
| | <u>820,189</u> | <u>722,680</u> |
| Temporarily restricted | 313,276 | 314,839 |
| Total net assets | <u>1,133,465</u> | <u>1,037,519</u> |
| | <u>\$1,221,433</u> | <u>\$1,128,216</u> |

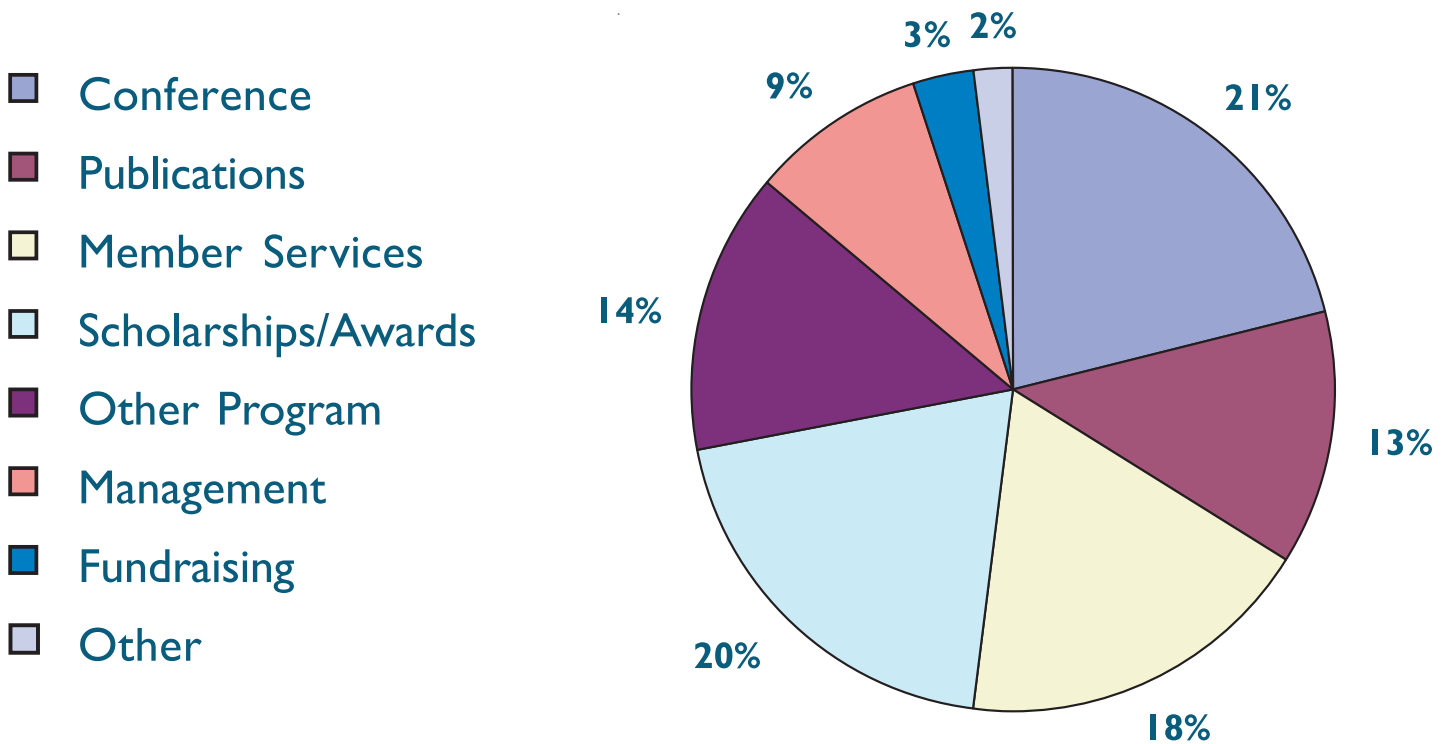


Financial Summary

Sources of Revenue (2006-'07)



Expenses (2006-'07)



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