From Rick Hirsch, committee co-chair:

Maggie and I wanted to provide a quick update on the work of the Academic Committee / subcommittees:

-- Our student chapter subcommittee held an Access Fest session last week on how to start a student chapter, led by Maggie with an assist from Andy Lehren. It was recorded for reference going forward, a good thing since attendance was a zero. Sigh.

On the better news front, the CUNY chapter (Andy's group) held its kickoff meeting with about 30 attendees for a presentation of IRE award-winning work.

And the University of Florida student IRE chapter held its first meeting, and is moving forward. The president is The advisor is Ted Bridis.

-- Our resources subcommittee, led by Nausheen Husain, is working with staff on populating a student/faculty section of the IRE website with training and resources. Good work happening there. There is also interest in establishing a student/faculty oriented newsletter.

-- Our conferences subcommittee will be working on a field trip program for students attending NICAR. We've also talked to the Student Press Law Center about pitching a legal workshop for NICAR specifically geared to student publications. They are interested. More to come on that soon.

Regards,

Rick and Maggie