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To: LERA Dispute Resolution Interest Section Members
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Thank you, all, for attending the dispute resolution section meeting in Baltimore and sharing your ideas for moving the section forward.

Regarding **purpose**, you expressed a number of interests for the section, including:

- Mentoring
- Sharing best practices for arbitration and mediation
- Practice informed by scholarship, strengthening the academic-practitioner connection

We brainstormed a number of **actions** the section might pursue, including:

- Organize ½ day pre-conference program or propose one or two conference sessions, focus on arbitration linking practice and research (2019 Cleveland)
- Maintain current practice-leader structure – need to fill vacancies and think more about how to tap practice leader expertise
- Use listserv to communicate with the section -- share ideas, best practices, papers – perhaps a quarterly newsletter? Need to establish listserv guidelines, work with Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld
- Survey section to learn more about membership – who belongs, what are the interests, who's willing to help out?

A number of you volunteered to help with developing a proposal for a preconference program for Cleveland, or perhaps one or two conference sessions. We talked about the importance of **connecting with the Ohio chapters** to find out if there's interest in an arbitration focused program and to solicit their help in getting turnout. We will be organizing a **conference call or zoom meeting** with those of you who volunteered with this in the coming weeks.

Dick Fincher and I will serve as section co-chairs for 2018-19. If you have ideas for the section, please feel free to share them with me and Dick. Additionally, Christine Newhall and I will be working on a brief survey for section members to provide another avenue for feedback. I hope to have that survey out in the next month.

Thanks for your participation. More soon!

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