

Summary of the AFA Board Meeting

January 3, 2026

Philadelphia, PA

The Board of Directors of the American Finance Association met at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia on January 3, 2026. This report summarizes the non-routine decisions and reports made at the meeting.

1. JF: Insights and Perspectives submission portal opened on December 18, 2025.
2. Approved revisions to the Editorial Committee Guidelines, including three-year terms and updated eligibility guidelines.
3. Approved the creation and implementation of the Future of Finance Award to recognize early-career researchers who have written a paper that is both innovative and creative, and that challenges existing approaches in financial economics.
4. Approved revisions to the Nominating Committee Policy that improve clarity of criteria, balance considerations of academic excellence, leadership, and service, and provide additional review of potential candidates.
5. Approved updates to Fischer Black Prize policies strengthening conflict-of-interest rules and committee procedures.