

## **NAFA is “Up and Running” - News Release from NAFA, November 25, 2008**

As some of you might or might not know, the North American Feuerstein Alliance (NAFA) is now an official corporation. We have elected officers, established our organization legally through the Department of Revenue Services with the state of Connecticut, applied for 501-C, tax-exempt, status, written our Mission Statement and our By-Laws, purchased a URL domain name, and have sent an initial mailing to all our members. We started out in January 2008 with 27 Founding Members and have grown to 41 members as of November 1, 2008. The officers have been having conference-call meetings and have been communicating weekly through email. We expect to have a website in place some time next year. We hope to host our first biennial conference of all members sometime in 2009 at a time when Rafi Feuerstein might be in North America. Both the website and conference will facilitate the sharing of best practices, theoretical developments, and communications among NAFA membership and other organizations and individuals interested in Feuerstein’s theory and applied systems in North America. NAFA’s official objectives are as follows:

1. Encourage the collection and dissemination of research or applications of the theory and applied systems.
2. Promote the development of multi-media materials, manuscripts, and book publications which further communicate Feuerstein’s theory and applied systems.
3. Build a community of learners in North America among the NAFA membership and others interested in the promotion of Feuerstein’s theory and applied systems in North America.
4. Collaborate with the International Center for the Enhancement of Learning Potential ( ICELP ) for the advancement of Feuerstein’s theory and applied systems in North America.

We hope to grow significantly in the coming years and become a powerful national voice in North America for improving the lives of today’s youth and adults through the programs of Reuven Feuerstein.

The [NAFA Membership Application Form](#) is available online. Cost of membership is \$50 per year. We encourage you to join our organization, benefit from the networking opportunity, and help us move NAFA forward.

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