

Association for Cultural Economics International

General Meeting
May 30, 2000

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 by John O'Hagan, President.
2. Announcements (Gray)
3. Report of the Treasurer (Alper)
 - a. The fiscal health of the Association is just fine. Not much change since Barcelona.
 - b. The membership in the Association is down from last year even though it is a conference year. On the positive side there are some new countries represented among the members, India and Saudi Arabia.
4. President's Report (O'Hagan)
 - a. Reviewed President's reports in recent Newsletters.
 - b. Announced the Executive Board was searching for an editor for the Newsletter.
 - c. Announced the re-appointment of Neil Alper as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
 - d. Announced the establishment of the prizes for the best papers in the *Journal of Cultural Economics*.
5. *Journal of Cultural Economics*' Editors' Report (Schuster, co-editor)
 - a. Reviewed the relationship between the ACEI, Kluwer and the *JCE*.
 - b. Announced that Volume 24 (2000) of the *JCE* is complete with all the articles selected.
 - c. The editors are looking for people willing to be paper referees.
6. Questions
 - a. M. Hutter asked what the Executive Board was doing to further develop the ACEI and whether it was planning on staying the same or becoming a "market leader." Seaman responded that initial contacts had been made with the Media Economics group but that it is tricky to identify the boundaries for the Association, especially as it relates to arts managers. He indicated that during his presidential term expanding membership and conference attendance will be important goals. B. Kolb seconded Hutter's concerns and cautioned on the difficulty of broadening the membership while being welcoming. M. Schuster suggested perhaps the Executive Board should consider coordinating conferences with STPA or AIMAC.
 - b. A. Klamer asked why there no longer were sessions on cultural economics at the AEA meetings. R. Towse indicated it takes a special degree of

entrepreneurship to get a session either at the AEA or the European Economic meetings. Seaman indicated he'd explore the possibility of a session at the next AEA meetings in New Orleans.

7. President's (O'Hagan) Thankyous and Recognitions
 - a. Thanked those present for their participation at this meeting after a long day of concurrent sessions.
 - b. Thanked all the editors (Rushton, Schuster, and Towse) of the *Journal of Cultural Economics* for the greatly improved standing of the *Journal*.
 - c. Recognized D. Throsby for his long service to the ACEI as a member of the Executive Board, President-elect, President, and Past-president. Also recognized M.V. Felton, B. Frey, and J. Heilbrun, the three Executive Board members whose terms are up this year, for their valuable service on the Executive Board.
 - d. Recognized the transition of the Presidency to Bruce Seaman as of the end of this meeting.

8. New President's Thankyous
 - a. Thanked N. Alper, T. Bille, and A. Burke for the work they did as members of the program committee for the conference.
 - b. Thanked J. O'Hagan for his service to the ACEI.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Alper
Executive Secretary
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