

Association for Cultural Economics International

General Meeting
June 5, 2004
Chicago, IL, USA

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Victor Ginsburgh, President.
2. President's Report (Ginsburgh)
 - a. Thanked Tom Smith and the local arrangements people in the Department of Economics at the University of Illinois, Chicago, for the fine job they did.
 - b. Thanked Neil Alper for his service as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.
 - c. Thanked Bruce Seaman for his work for the Association of the six years he's been an officer of the Association.
 - d. Thanked Xavier Castañer, Gillian Doyle and Steven Tepper for their report to the Executive Board.
 - e. Thanked Mel Gray for the fine job he did organizing the program for the conference and turned over the gavel to him as the new President.
3. Bruce Seaman, Immediate Past President, announced the winner of the Presidents' Prize for the best graduate student paper at the conference. It was awarded to Jeanette Snowball (Rhodes University, South Africa) for "Art for the Masses? Justification for the Public Support of the Arts in Developing Countries: Arts Festivals in South Africa". It was selected from eight papers received by Gray.
4. Neil Alper, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, provided a brief report on the health of the Association's finances and membership.
5. Mark Schuster gave a brief report on the status of the *Journal of Cultural Economics*.
 - a. Apologized for the delay in refereeing of papers submitted this year due to the personal difficulties of both co-editors over the past year.
 - b. Encouraged the submission of papers to the *Journal* from the conference participants.
 - c. Invited people to contact him if they are interested in being a guest editor for an issue of the *Journal*.
6. David Throsby gave the report of the Nominating Committee.
 - a. Thanked the other members of the Nominating Committee for their work in developing nominees for the three vacancies on the Executive Board and for the position of President-Elect.

- b. There are eight (8) names being put forward as nominees for the positions on the Executive Board. The names will be vetted for interest and eligibility prior to being publicly announced.
 - c. Ruth Towse is to be the nominee for President – Elect.
7. Mel Gray made two announcements.
- a. The availability of up to \$2000 in seed money from the ACEI to support off-year meetings/workshops/conferences. Guidelines for applications will be developed and placed on the ACEI's Web site shortly.
 - b. The awarding of the Pommerehne and Horowitz Prizes will be made later in the year and announced in the August Newsletter.
8. Monika Mokre (FOKUS) gave a presentation on the current plans for the 14th International Conference on Cultural Economics to be held in Vienna.
- a. The conference will be held early in July 2006 at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna.
 - b. The conference will be a joint conference with STP&A (Social Theory, Politics and the Arts).
 - c. Planning is underway for a banquet/dinner and other cultural events, and housing.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Alper
Executive Secretary
June 16, 2004