

Minutes
Kentucky Economic Association Board
Friday, October 12, 2007

The meeting began at 3:00 pm at the Hoiiday Inn North in Lexington, Kentucky. Board members in attendance included Michael Jones, Tom Creahan, Talina Mathews, Chris Phillips, David Eaton, Bob Houston, Jeff Florea, Bruce Sauer, Monica Greer, Cathy Carey (KEA Journal Editor) and Amy Watts. Members unable to attend included Bruce Johnson, Gail Hoyt, Richard Crowe, Stephen Lile, Chuck Martie, and Ali Ahmadi.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: no official report yet. Michael Jones informed us that fundamentally we are in good shape financially, but can't say whether or not we made money. We had no expenses for the distinguished economist. The Holiday Inn is a value comparatively speaking.

Voting in of Program Chair

Chris Phillips voted as Program Chair.

Nomination of Board Members:

Losing Chris Phillips as a member. Chuck Martie is relocating to Connecticut. We have 6 positions to fill. David Eaton, Gail Hoyt, Richard Crowe, and Bruce Sauer rotating off the Board.

Amy Watts and Michael Jones rotating off as Treasurer and Secretary.

Michael Jones re-elected as Treasurer.

Jeff Florea elected as Secretay, which leaves his position open on the Board and 7 positions total to fill.

Discussion of recruiting new board members to bring in new people. This might be a good segue into branching out and trying to increase our numbers.

David Eaton: A big concern that bringing in new people may not actually inspire loyalty and participation.

Michael Jones: Since 3 of our spots are short term, that might change our strategy in who we ask to fill each of those spots.

Davie Eaton asked if he would like to renew his term on the Board and he accepted.
Bruce Sauer asked if he would like to renew his term and he declined.

Martin Milkman has expressed interest in being on the board and David will canvas his department to see who can serve on the board.

Tom asked for nominations. Cathy suggested Claudia Strow. David Eaton suggested Nancy Lumpkin or someone from Georgetown. Bob Houston suggested Daniel Vazanna at Georgetown and his wife at Berea. Tom suggested Michael Nicholson from Transylvania. Monica Greer suggested Jeff Johnson at Sullivan in Louisville. With Gail rotating off the Board there will be no representatives from UK. Mike Clark from LRC suggested.

Bob will call Daniel V. at Georgetown and Jeff Johnson at Sullivan to see if they would like to serve.
Cathy will ask Claudia Strow.
Tom Creahan will call Michael Nicholson.
Michael Jones will ask Mike Clark to serve.

Chris Phillips can ask Dan Bell or Paul Watro if needed.

Old Business
By-Laws

Discussion of officers and board members.

David Eaton moved to add the KEA Journal Editor as an ex-officio member, motion seconded. Motion to add the KEA Journal Editor as an ex-officio member passed.

The numbers of board members have changed because we split the Treasurer and Secretary into two positions, we added the past-President, and the KEA Journal Editor.

The by-laws were updated to reflect these changes.

Also, the Treasurer and Secretary were recognized as 3-year terms in the by-laws rather than the current one-year term currently noted.

Deleted the sentence that said we would notify the general membership by mail for the purposes of electing offices.

Motion to approve these changes, seconded and passed.

Mailing Issues: Tom said we should make an effort to get a centralized list of members and participants so that we can keep them current on what's happening.

Website: Bob suggested that we keep a list of the Departments and their contact info with a note of which ones have grad programs.

Date and Location of next Conference:

The Holiday Inn North on Oct 10, 2008. Chris Phillips will reserve the space today.

Date and Location of next Board Meeting:

Friday, December 14, 2007 at 1 pm at Corky's in Hamburg.

Suggestions for 2008 Distinguished Economist

Cathy Anderson at Vanderbilt, she went to the University of Kentucky as an undergraduate. Gail Hoyt to send out CV to the board.

Brady Deaton, UK grad, well-known Ag Economist, native of Somerset, Chancellor at the University of Missouri.

Michael Jones suggested that we look at the CV's again and then come to the next meeting with our rank order choices along with other suggestions.

Tom asked everyone to look around for possible nominations for Distinguished Economist.

Update of KEA Journal

Tom recognized the high quality of the KEA Journal website that Cathy Carey maintains.

Cathy’s report: Came on as editor on July 1. Three papers in the pipeline when she came on in July, one has been accepted. She has received 6 papers since then. She’s made a change of online submission and welcomes feedback as we visit and check it out. Advantage of the site...clearly lays out expectations. She’d like to have a proceedings and a journal that has peer-reviewed papers.

Tom noted that there might not be a need for proceedings.

Cathy: We don’t have enough submissions for two editions yet, so possibly get rid of the proceedings and have one edition per year.

Proposal: Remove the link for proceedings and just get rid of that edition. Consensus of the group to support this proposal.

Cathy has looked into a print edition. One estimate was \$3,000 for 100 copies.

Adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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