

CANADIAN ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION • ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

DATE HELD: Sunday June 2, 2019: 12:00–13:00 MT

LOCATION: Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Kinnear Centre Room 101

In Attendance: Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel, Isabelle Amano, Werner Antweiler, Victoria Barham, Eugene Beaulieu, James Brander, Bob Cairns, James Chapman, Katherine Cuff, Ana Dammert, Elizabeth Dhuey, Md. Abdul Halim, Nicole Fortin, Sonya Marion, Pierre-Carl Michaud, Krishna Pendakur, Angela Redish, Francisco Ruge-Murcia, Brandon Schaufele, Andrew Sharpe, Scott Taylor, Frances Woolley

Chair of Meeting: Angela Redish, CEA President

Notice has been given to start the meeting. The required quorum of at least 15 members was present at the start of the meeting.

1. **Approval of the agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda
Moved: Brandon Schaufele / Seconded: Bob Cairns **CARRIED**
2. **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2018 meeting
Moved: Victoria Barham / Seconded: James Brander **CARRIED**
3. **Report of the President (Angela Redish)**
Angela thanked Scott Taylor and the conference committee for organizing this year's meetings.

New Board Structure: It was the first year as a Board of Directors under the new bylaws and not a council. Angela recognized that most of the work of the board is done by the committees; she thanked the committee members for their many contributions.

CJE Publisher Contract: The CEA has renewed our contract with Wiley for a three year term. The CJE will be moving from EditorialExpress to ScholarOne for the journal management. Thank you to the CJE publisher contract renewal committee members: Werner Antweiler, James Brander, Katherine Cuff, and Francisco Ruge-Murcio.

IT Committee: Thank you to the IT committee for their work on selecting the new IT platform. The goal is to engage with members and the wider community. The CEA will have two separate vendors. The board has chosen SilkStart, a Canadian company in British Columbia, as the vendor for the website and for the Association Management System (AMS). The conference management vendor will

be selected next. Work on migrating to the new AMS will take place over the summer.

Incoming directors: Each year the newly elected Board elects the President, Vice President and Deputy Vice President, however the nominating committee identifies an individual willing to serve in that series of roles in the proposed slate of candidates. In addition, unlike in the past when the President-to-be was nominated about 5 years before serving as President, the current process is more streamlined while still allowing the Vice-President who will be organizing the Conference program to have a two year planning window which is particularly useful in attracting the invited lectures. That 'identified' person this year is Francisco Ruge-Murcia (McGill) and Angela is delighted to welcome him to the Board, as well as Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel (Dalhousie), James Chapman (Bank of Canada) and Pierre-Carl Michaud (HEC, Montreal). Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

Outgoing directors: Angela thanked the outgoing board members. Angela thanked our outgoing CEA Past President, Frances Woolley especially for her work in creating the new bylaws. Sylvie Goncalves, Nick Schmidt and Denise Young are also leaving the Board after four years of service where their input on those 'thorny issues' and on so many other questions, was much appreciated.

Awards: The Association is happy to award prizes for a number of outstanding contributions to the discipline. Angela thanked those who served on the selection committees and who made some difficult choices. The awards and their recipients are:

Doug Purvis Memorial Prize is awarded annually to the authors of a highly significant, written contribution to Canadian economic policy. This year's winner is Lars Osberg for: *The Age of Increasing Inequality: The Astonishing Rise of Canada's 1%*. Thanks go to Herb Emery for chairing the committee, and Jen Baggs and Shelley Phipps for serving on the committee.

Harry Johnson Prize is awarded for the best paper published in the *CJE* the preceding year. This year's winners are Joel Rodrigue and Kunio Tsuyuhara for: "On the job search, wage dispersion and trade liberalization" published in the May 2018 issue, Volume 51, of the *CJE*.

Robert Mundell Prize is awarded to a "young" author or authors of the paper judged to be the best paper published in the *CJE* the previous year. This year's winner is Walter Steingress for "The causal impact of migration on US trade: Evidence from political refugees" published in the November 2018 issue, Volume 51(1), of the *CJE*.

John Vanderkamp Prize is awarded annually by the *Canadian Public Policy* for the best paper in the preceding year. This year's winner is Vincent Chandler of the

Université du Québec en Outaouais for his paper "Do evaluators prefer candidates from their own gender?" that appeared in the December 2018 issue. An honorable mention is given to Zong Jia Chen and Mikal Skuterud (both of the University of Waterloo) for their paper "The Relative Labour Market Performance of Former International Students: Evidence from the Canadian National Graduates Survey" that appeared in the September 2018 issue.

Mike McCracken Award for Economic Statistics recognizes theoretical and applied contributions to the development or use of economic statistics in Canada and this year's winners are (jointly): Jane Badets (Statistics Canada); Ted McDonald (UNB); Sylvie Michaud (Statistics Canada).

Angela recognized Fred Purvis, whose generosity has made possible an increase in the value of the Purvis Prize to \$15,000. Angela also thanked the McCracken family, whose donation will secure the funding of the Mike McCracken Award for Economic Statistics for years to come.

Being President has been a pleasure. Thank you to the CEA officers for everything you do for the Association, and for giving me the opportunity to serve.

4. **Report of the Treasurer (Werner Antweiler)**

Werner thanked the various committee members as well. Our financial statements are prepared by our external accountants, Truster Zweig LLP. For 2018, the CEA had a surplus of \$40k. Our financial situation is healthy. There are no significant changes on the expenses. We did lose our SSHRC grant (Aid for Scholarly Journals), since we did not make the journal open access. At year end, our investments had a small loss in unrealized gains. We are in compliance with our various tax requirements. We file a T2 return but do not pay income taxes. We have filed our HST/GST, and our QST reports for the 2018 year. Conference attendance at Banff was 1001 people. Next year, the conference will move to Toronto and the contribution from the conference is expected to be strong.

Motion to appoint Truster Zweig LLP as the Public Accountant pursuant to section 13.1 of the Bylaws (Werner Antweiler)

Moved: Werner Antweiler / Seconded: Nicole Fortin

CARRIED

5. **Report of the Secretary (Ana Ferrer)**

Angela Redish acknowledged the recently deceased father of Ana Ferrer. As such, Ana was not able to attend the annual meeting in Banff.

6. **Report of the Managing Editor of CPP/AdP (Michael Veall)**

A summary report was read by Angela Redish since Michael Veall was not able to attend in person. The Journal submissions are down slightly, due to falls in submissions from other disciplines besides Economics. The journal continues to sponsor or co-sponsor the Vanderkamp Prize for best article, the Mike McCracken

Award for Economic Statistics and the Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politiques Lecture (award winners listed in Presidents' report). For 2018, we chose Livio di Matteo (Lakehead University) as the first CPP/AdP Referee of the Year. All articles are freely accessible online to CEA members on the University of Toronto Press website through the CEA website. Mike sends his best wishes.

7. **Report of the Managing Editor of CJE/RCE (Katherine Cuff)**

Katherine thanked Francisco Ruge-Murcio who helped with the transition for the managing editor position. She also thanked the editorial board, journal manager, copy editor, referees & contributing authors. The winners of this year's CJE prizes were announced at last night's Presidential address (included in President's report above). The prize committee members will now be given a gratis membership.

The journal's submissions were down slightly but are in-line with previous years. The CJE Journal Manager's contract will be renewed for two years. For the next year, the focus will be on the transition to ScholarOne. The data policy will be included in the ScholarOne platform. The CJE Editorial Report is to be included in the new CEA website platform.

8. **Election of New CEA Directors (Angela Redish)**

The new directors are elected to the board by acclamation following section 5.7 of the Bylaws. The newly elected directors are Francisco Ruge-Murcia, Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel, James Chapman, and Pierre-Carl Michaud.

The board appoints the officers of the corporation including the incoming deputy-vice president. Francisco Ruge-Murcio is the director recommended for the presidential cycle and to serve as the chair for the 2021 conference.

9. **Concluding remarks from Scott Taylor, Conference Chair**

Scott thanked everyone for attending the conference. The venue allowed for people to connect easier than in big cities where people disburse. Scott thanked all the speakers, study groups, sponsors, the local organizers, the conference committee, and the Banff Centre.

10. **Other Business**

The new Fellows of the CEA were acknowledged: Martin Browning, George Dionne, and Larry Epstein. They have been awarded the highest honour of the CEA. The inductions took place during the Past Presidents' dinner.

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Victoria Barham / Seconded: Eugene Beaulieu

CARRIED