

ATLANTIC CANADA ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (ACEA)

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, October 27, 2024 11:00am-12:30pm
Sobey 255, Saint Mary's University

1. Call to Order
 - 11:10am Atlantic
 - 24 members in attendance (quorum present; 24/86 members = 28%)
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to adopt agenda by Stephen Law, seconded by Fariba Solati, no discussion, all approve
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (October 22, 2023)
 - Motion to adopt minutes by Barry Watson, seconded by Melvin Cross, no discussion, all approve
4. 50th Annual Conference hosted by Saint Mary's University October 25-27, 2024 – Maryam Dilmaghani
 - In total, 86 people registered for the conference. In addition to the two keynotes (i.e., Professor Kitt Carpenter and Professor Philip Oreopoulos), there were 64 presentations in 15 parallel sessions. Maryam noted the quality and variety of the presentations, as well as the unprecedented number of student presentations.
 - Maryam acknowledged financial support from Saint Mary's University, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, McGraw Hill and the 2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada Project (funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).
 - Maryam thanked her colleagues at Saint Mary's University for their efforts, especially the organizing committee (i.e., Stephanie Thomas, Bidyut Talukdar, Yunsang Kim, Hui Xiao) and Ather Akbari. She also thanked Angela Daley and Burç Kayahan for their support in organizing the conference.
 - The assembly thanked Maryam and everyone else who contributed to the excellent conference.
5. Student Prize and Travel Grants
 - There was a record number of student presentations this year (24/64 student presentations = 38%). The judges commended all students for their excellent work.

- As approved by the ACEA Executive Committee, the judges opted to award two prizes in each category given the large number of excellent presentations. Congratulations to the winners: Bela Georgiev, Toronto Metropolitan University (Senior), Zihao Sheng, Dalhousie University (Senior), Michael Adu-Gyamfi, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Junior) and Moriam Khanam, Dalhousie University (Junior).
 - The assembly thanked the following people for serving as judges: Alan Chan (Chair), Murshed Chowdhury, Yunsang Kim, Cory Langlais, Nick Manuel, Bidyut Talukdar and Barry Watson.
 - Angela Daley will contact the winners via email about their prize and the opportunity to publish their abstract and/or preprint in the Atlantic Canada Economics Review/Revue d'Économie du Canada Atlantique.
 - Angela Daley will contact all students via email about the travel grants.
6. Tentative Conference Hosts in 2025 and 2026
- The 2025 conference will be hosted by Memorial University of Newfoundland.
 - The 2026 conference will be hosted by Acadia University.
7. ACEA Finances – Burç Kayahan
- The ACEA is in good financial standing.
 - There is \$21,372.37 in the savings account. The chequing account is in flux due to ongoing conference revenues and expenses. However, we are expecting a surplus from the conference.
 - The assembly thanked Burç for his efforts as ACEA Treasurer.
8. Incorporation of ACEA – Didier Tatoutchoup and Alan Chan
- The assembly discussed the importance of incorporation, tax implications, province of incorporation and language requirements in New Brunswick.
 - The assembly thanked Didier and Alan for their efforts on this initiative.
- Motion: Amendments to the ACEA Constitution and Bylaws (Enclosed)
- Motion to adopt the enclosed amendments to the ACEA constitution and bylaws, with the following additions to the first page: (1) “(ACEA)” after the Association’s name as suggested by Didier Tatoutchoup; and (2) French translation of the Association’s name and the corresponding acronym after the English version as suggested by Melvin Cross. Moved by Burç Kayahan, seconded by Jim Sentance, no further discussion, all approve
 - Motion to incorporate the ACEA in New Brunswick in late 2024 or early 2025. Moved by Burç Kayahan, seconded by Emmanuel Yiridoe, no further discussion, all approve

9. Atlantic Canada Economic Review/Revue d'Économie du Canada Atlantique – Patrick deLamirande and George Jia
 - On behalf of George Jia, Angela Daley discussed branding efforts (e.g., logo, template), the increase in submissions from last year, and plans to publish abstracts and/or preprints of student prize winners. Angela also said that George kindly asks people to respond to reviewer requests in a timely manner, even if they are unable to do the review.
 - The assembly thanked Patrick and George for their efforts as Editors of the journal.
10. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – James Sawler
 - Angela Daley updated the assembly on behalf of James Sawler.
 - The Committee continues to engage in research; the climate survey of current economists is complete and a new study on culturally responsive teaching is underway (i.e., supporting the pipeline of future economists). The Committee will be contacting people who teach introductory courses about participating in the study. In terms of outreach, the Committee hosted a mentoring session for students and early career economists during the conference. The session was well-attended and well-received for the second consecutive year. The Committee also continues to produce a biannual newsletter that features the work and accomplishments of economists from equity-deserving groups. Going forward, the Committee is also considering the possibility of hosting an online event in the winter/spring to bridge the annual conferences (e.g., seminar, panel, training).
 - The assembly expressed support for a winter/spring online event (noting that a Friday might be best) and thanked the Committee for their efforts.
11. ACEA Website – Burç Kayahan
 - The website is hosted by Acadia University and contains relevant information about the ACEA (conference, student prize, etc.). It's updated regularly and suggestions are welcome.
12. Other Business, Announcements
 - On behalf of David Chaundy, Angela Daley announced that the Atlantic Association of Applied Economists Student Panel will be held as a hybrid event on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 12 to 1pm Atlantic. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, February 4, 2025.
 - Melvin Cross noted that the ACEA conference typically starts on a Friday afternoon. He commended the conference organizers for the “bold” decision to start on Friday morning, noting the great turnout.
13. Adjournment
 - 12:15pm Atlantic

Minutes prepared by Angela Daley

DECLARATION OF THE FOUNDATION
OF THE
ATLANTIC CANADA ECONOMICS
ASSOCIATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE THAT WE HAVE FORMED THE ATLANTIC
CANADA ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL PROCEED ACCORDING TO
THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES ATTACHED HERETO.

Atlantic Canada Economics Association Constitution and Rules

I Introduction

- Art. 1) The name of the organization is the Atlantic Canada Economics Association, herein after referred to as the Association.
- Art. 2) The purpose of the Association is to promote the acquisition, creation and dissemination of economic and policy research taking place in and/or of particular interest to Atlantic Canadians. ~~the improvement and application of economies in Atlantic Canada.~~
- Art. 3) For this purpose the Association will
- a) organize a conference at least once each year
 - b) publish written material
 - c) maintain liaison with other appropriate professional organization
 - d) and use other means appropriate to the purpose

II Memberships

- Art. 4) Those interested in the study and use of economics can become members.
- Art. 5) The Association has three categories of members
- a) Regular members are those who have paid their annual fee or who have been admitted by the Executive ~~and have paid their fee.~~ Regular membership will cease if the annual fee is not renewed.
 - b) Honorary Life members are those who have been invited and so declared by the association. Honorary life membership continues for the lifetime of the member and annual fees do not apply.
 - c) Student members are those who have ~~been admitted by the executive and have paid their~~ annual fee ~~or who have been admitted by the Executive.~~ Application for student's membership must be accompanied by eConfirmation of student's status in the institution in which they are registered may be requested. Student membership will cease if confirmation of student status is not received upon request and/or if the annual fee is not renewed.
- Art. 6) Fees shall be paid in accordance with the association.
- Art. 7) Both regular and life members have the right to vote and to hold administrative office in the Association. A member may hold only one administrative office at one time.

III The General Meeting

- Art. 8) The General Meeting holds the Ultimate authority of the Association. Its particular functions are:
- a) to hear the report of the Executive and the reports of the committee responsible to the annual conference.
 - b) to elect the members of the Executive and the committee responsible to the annual conference.
 - c) to adopt and amend the constitution and bylaws.
 - d) to decide on any matter brought before it.
- Art. 9) The General Meeting is called by the Executive and held at least once each year.
- Art. 10) The Executive may call a General Meeting whenever necessary and must call a General Meeting on written demand signed by at least ten members of the Association.
- Art. 11) The Executive must announce any General Meeting at least fifteen days before it is held. The announcement must be accompanied by an agenda.
- Art. 12) Unless the bylaws state otherwise, decisions will be made by majority vote.
Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- Art. 13) Twenty five per cent of members constitute a quorum for the General Meeting.
- Art. 14) Any General Meeting will discuss only those matters put on the agenda.
- Art. 15) Minutes will be taken at each meeting.
- Art. 16) At each annual General Meeting, the meeting will set the place for the next annual General Meeting.

IV The Executive

- Art. 17) The Executive of the Association is composed of a President, a Vice-President, A Secretary-Treasurer, the Chief Editor of the Atlantic Canada Economics Review, and at least three Directors. The past President as such is a member of the Executive. The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council will appoint a member of the Executive. All members of the Executive serve without remuneration.
- Art. 18) The quorum for meetings of the Executive is four.
- Art. 19) The Executive has the following powers and responsibilities:
- a) presentation of the reports to the General Meeting
 - b) administration of the properties and monies of the Association
 - c) surveillance of observance of bylaws

- d) execution of the decisions of the General Meeting
- e) appointment of special committees according to the needs of the Association
- f) calling the General Meeting
- g) Overseeing the publication of the Atlantic Canada Economics Review
- h) conducting ongoing business

Art. 20) The President presides at the General Meetings, maintains order, leads the discussion, signs official documents, and is ex-officio a member of all committees.

Art. 21) The Vice-President takes the President's place in ~~his~~their absence. The Secretary-Treasurer takes the ~~Vice~~Vice-President's place in ~~her~~his~~their~~ absence.

Art. 22) The Secretary-Treasurer keeps the registers, letters, papers and effects of the Executive and of the General Meetings;~~he~~ they records the minutes of the Executive and of the General Meeting and sees to their approval at the following meeting; ~~s/~~he~~they~~ expedites the correspondence; ~~s/~~he~~they~~ keeps an up-to-date list of members. ~~S/~~he~~They have~~has the responsibility for all monies, signing all cheques conjointly with a designated signing officer or officers, submitting on demand from the Executive an account of all revenues and expenditures, presenting to the General Meeting an annual financial report, managing the funds of the Association under direction of the Executive.

Art. 23) The decisions of the Executive are taken by simple majority vote. The President does not exercise ~~her~~his~~their~~ vote except in the case of a tie.

Art. 24) In the case of a vacancy in one or several positions the Executive itself may nominate replacements who retain office until the next General Meeting.

Art. 25) The members of the Executive are elected at an annual General Meeting ~~each~~ year and stay in office for two years. A member of the Executive may be removed by a two thirds vote of the Executive at any time.

Art. 26) The Executive must meet at least twice each year.

V Nominations

- Art. 27) ~~The Executive must appoint a nominating committee each year. The Committee will be made up of at least three members of the Executive. This committee will report to the Executive prior to the annual General Meeting. Nominations will be put forth at a meeting of the Executive prior to the annual General Meeting.~~
- Art. 28) The List of candidates for election presented by the ~~nominating committee~~Executive shall be announced prior to the discussion of any other business at the General Meeting. All candidates must be members of the Association and consent to the nomination.
- Art. 29) If a member wishes to nominate other candidates ~~hethey~~ may do so in writing ~~in a sealed envelope~~ to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the annual General Meeting. The written nomination must include an affirmation that the candidate is a member of the Association, consents to the nomination and must carry the signatures of ~~three~~one members. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor of the annual General Meeting. A member nominated from the floor must be present, must be a member of the Association, and must consent to the nomination. A call for such nominations shall be made before any election of any member of the Executive. If no further nominations are received, nominations shall be declared closed.

VI The Elections

- Art. 30) The President will read the names of the nominees to the General Meeting, both those nominated by the ~~Committee~~Executive and those nominated by the regular members.
- Art. 31) If there is a vote it will be by secret ballot. The General Meeting will appoint two scrutineers for the counting of votes.
- Art. 32) The President will be elected first, the Vice-President second, the Secretary-treasurer third, the Chief Editor fourth, and the Directors last. ~~The new President will receive the results of the elections from the past President and announce them to the General Meeting.~~

VII Amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws

- Art. 33) Requests for modifications to the Constitution and Bylaws must be made in writing by at least three regular members outside the Executive. The Executive may on its own initiative propose a change in the Constitution and Rules. Every proposed amendment must be written into the agenda of a

General Meeting whether it is a special meeting or the regular annual meeting. The entire text of the amendment must be included in the agenda.

All amendments to the Constitution must be approved by at least two thirds of the members present at a General Meeting. An amendment to the Bylaws requires a simple majority of the members present.

VIII Dissolution and Liquidation

Art. 34) In the case of dissolution of the Association its funds will be disposed of by the Executive at its discretion.

~~IX Special Procedures~~

~~Art. 35) The Founding Meeting~~

~~After the founding declaration has been signed the founding meeting will constitute a General Meeting. All those who have signed the founding declaration and have accepted the present text may participate in the ensuing election according to Art. 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws.~~

- ~~a) The General Meeting will elect a President and a Secretary for the purpose of conducting an election of the Executive.~~
- ~~b) A list of candidates will be presented by the President of the election.~~
- ~~c) Additional nominations will be made verbally by members of the General Meeting.~~
- ~~d) The election of members of the Executive will be made by secret ballot if the meeting demands it.~~
- ~~e) The election will take place according to the procedure outlined in Article 32.~~

~~Art. 36) Elections following the Founding Meeting~~

~~Prior to the first election following the founding meeting the Executive will choose by lot the names of three of its members who will retire from office for the sake of that election.~~

ATLANTIC CANADA ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

FEES

- 1.1 Fees will be ~~twenty five~~fifty dollars for regular members and ~~one dollar~~zero dollars for student members, annually.

RULES OF ORDER

- 2.1 Roberts rules of order will apply to all Association meetings.

BANKING ~~AND CORPORATE SEAL~~

- 3.1 The account of the Association will be held in the Bank of Nova Scotia.
- 3.2 All cheques must be signed by the Secretary-treasurer and any one of the other designated signing officers.
- ~~3.3 The Association may only borrow money as approved by a special resolution of the members.~~
- ~~3.4 The Association shall not make loans, guarantee loans or advance funds to any Director or member, except to support activities and initiatives of the Association (e.g., conference planning).~~
- ~~3.5 The Association may have a corporate seal in the form approved by the Executive. If a corporate seal is approved by the Executive, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall be the custodian of the corporate seal which may be affixed to any document upon resolution of the Executive.~~

JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.1 The association shall create and maintain a journal for the dissemination of academic research and analysis pertaining issues of economic import~~ance~~ to the Atlantic Provinces.

- 4.1.1 The name of the Journal shall be “Atlantic Canada Economics Review/~~Review~~ ~~Revue d’Économie~~que ~~dude~~ Canada Atlantique” (ACER/RECA).

- 4.2 The operations of the journal shall be overseen by the Chief Editor.

~~4.2.1 The Executive of the Association shall select a nominee for the post of Chief Editor.~~

~~4.2.2 Nominations for the post of Chief Editor shall also be taken from the floor of the AGM.~~

~~4.2.3 The Chief Editor shall be elected to a term of two years by a simple majority vote at the AGM.~~

~~4.2.4 The Chief Editor shall be a member of the Executive of the Association.~~

~~4.2.5 The Chief Editor may be removed by a two thirds vote of the Executive at any time.~~

4.2.6 In the instance that the Chief Editor is unable to perform their duties, the Executive shall appoint an Acting Chief Editor who will serve until the next AGM.

4.3 The Chief Editor will be advised on matters pertaining the operation and academic standing of the Journal by no more than twelve Associate Editors.

4.3.1 Associate Editors may be nominated by any of: the Chief Editor, the Executive of the Association, or the AGM.

4.3.2 Associate Editors shall be approved by the Executive of the Association for a term of two years.

~~4.3.4~~ All submissions to the journal shall be peer reviewed prior to a final publication decision of the Chief Editor.

~~4.3.4.1~~ Associate Editors of the Journal shall, at the discretion of the Chief Editor, oversee the peer review process for submissions to the journal.

~~4.3.2 The Chief Editor shall nominate Associate Editors of the Journal.~~

~~4.3.3 Associate Editors shall be approved by the Executive of the Association for a term of three years.~~

~~4.4 The Chief Editor will be advised on matters pertaining the operation and academic standing of the Journal by an Editorial Board of no more than twelve members.~~

~~4.4.1 Members of the Editorial Board may be nominated by any of; the Chief Editor, the Executive of the Association, or the AGM.~~

~~4.4.2 Members of the Editorial Board will be elected to a term of three years.~~

4.5 The method and frequency of publication of the Journal shall be at the discretion of the Chief Editor.