

ATLANTIC CANADA ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (ACEA)

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Patterson Hall, Acadia University

1. Call to Order
 - i. 12:35pm Atlantic Time
 - ii. 32 members in attendance (quorum present; 32/60 members = 53.33%)
2. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion to adopt agenda by Emmanuel Yiridoe, seconded by Andrew Davis, no discussion, all approve
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (October 19, 2025)
 - Available Online: <https://economics.acadiau.ca/annual-general-meeting.html>
 - i. Motion to adopt agenda by George Jia, seconded by Jim Sentence, no discussion, all approve
4. Nominations and Elections for Vice Present, Secretary- Treasurer
 - i. The Executive put forward a slate of candidates. With no nominations submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and no nominations from the floor, the nominations were considered closed.
 - ii. There was no vote required, with just one nominee per vacant position. Thus, the following people have been elected to serve in Derek Messacar (Vice President); Cory Langlais (Secretary-Treasurer). Thank you and congratulations!
5. Annual Conference hosted by Acadia University
October 2-4, 2026 – Burc Kayahan, Andrew Davis, Barry Watson
 - i. Andrew Davis thanked all participants, and he reported that there are 85 registrants with 63 present papers. He also acknowledged the conference sponsors and members of the organizing committee: Burc Kayahan, Barry Watson and a student manager. The assembly echoed Andrew's thanks and further acknowledged his leadership of the organizing committee in planning and executing an excellent conference.

6. 2027 Conference at Mount Allison University – Cory Langlais
 - i. Next year's conference will be hosted by Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Cory Langlais is the conference organizer. He looks forward to welcoming everyone to Sackville next year.
7. ACEA Finances – Burc Kayahan
 - i. Cory Langlais reported that we are in the progress of transiting from Burc to him as the treasurer of the association.
8. ACEA Website – Burc Kayahan
 - i. Alan Chan, on behalf of Burc Kayahan, reported that the website is going well and updates will continue to be made upon completion of the conference.
 - ii. Alan Chan thanked Burc Kayahan for his ongoing service to be the website administer of the association.
9. Atlantic Canada Economic Review/Revue d'Économie du Canada Atlantique (ACER/RECA) – George Jia, Barry Watson
 - i. Barry Watson reported that there is currently one paper accepted for publication, 1 in the process of first review and 1st in the process of 2nd review.
 - ii. George Jia would outreach to student prize winners of the conference for abstract to be included in the next publication.
10. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – James Sawler
 - i. James Sawler reported that the DEI committee is functioning well with newspapers distributing regularly.
 - ii. The committee is updating their study on culturally responsive teaching. The Committee wanted to perform campus visits and asks that faculty strongly consider participating in this study, along with their students in introductory courses.
 - iii. Alan Chan thanked the Committee for its continued commitment to these initiatives in support of diversity, equity and inclusion in the economics profession in Atlantic Canada.
11. Student Prizes
 - i. In addition to student travel grants, which will be paid after the conference, ACEA offers prizes for the best presentations by a junior and senior student, respectively.
 - ii. There were 8 undergraduates, 5 master's students, and 4 Ph.D. students' presentations. The winners will receive a nominal cash prize

(\$100 for each category to be paid after the conference), as well as the opportunity to publish their abstract or preprint in ACER/RECA.

- iii. Didier Tatoutchoup announced the winners on behalf of the judging panel: Undergraduate: Joel Varughese, Crandall University and Dawn McDonald, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Master: Ma. Alliah D. Antig, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Ph.D.: Bela Georgiev, Toronto Metropolitan University
- iv. Alan Chan thanked the panel of Judges: Burc Kayahan, Didier Tatoutchoup and George Jia.

12. Other Business, Announcements

- i. There were no other business arising.

13. Adjournment

- i. 12:55pm Atlantic Time

Minutes prepared by Alan Chan