

**Minutes of the
Society of Labor Economists
Executive Board**

Annual Meeting, May 6, 2017

8:00AM-9:30AM

Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh NC

Present:

Henry Farber (President)
Marjorie McElroy (President Elect)
Joseph Altonji (Vice President)
Katharine Abraham (newly elected Vice President, by courtesy)
Jennifer Hunt (via Skype) (2016-18 Board)
Chinhui Juhn (2016-18 Board)
Jeff Smith (newly elected to the 2017-19 Board, by courtesy)
Paul Oyer (ex officio, JOLE Editor)
Dan Black (ex officio, NORC liaison)

It was noted that minutes and tax returns should be posted online.

1: JOLE

Paul Oyer gave a brief report on the status of JOLE. Circulation is down; submissions are up.

JOLE has instituted a new Prior Review option which is described at <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/journals/jole/prior-review>.

There was discussion of the feasibility of publishing longer nontechnical summaries of articles at sites, not specified, à la NBER.

There was discussion regarding submission fees, ultimately rejected. Dan Black states the revenue eventually coming to SOLE from this would be negligible.

Paul described the new system of pairing editors with associate editors, mentioning that the increase in submissions may necessitate one or more new editors.

Paul announced his intention to step down as Editor-in-Chief on November 1, 2019. Therefore, the President of SOLE should encourage the JOLE Editorial Board to appoint a search committee for his replacement no later than the 2018 SOLE meeting.

2: BYLAWS

Hank Farber submitted language for two changes to the Bylaws:

- a. Making the Mincer prize annual

- b. Changing the second round of Fellows nomination procedure to reduce the threshold in the final round election to appearance on “more than 50 percent of the ballots” to “at least 45 percent.”

The Executive Board unanimously approved submitting these changes to the membership for ratification.

3: 2021 VENUE for SOLE Meeting

The Board chose three sites for this venue. This is a straddle year – the meetings could be either April 30-May 1, 2021 or May 7-8, 2021. The Board did not express a preference about this. The cities chosen were

Denver
Minneapolis
Philadelphia

Maggie will begin sending RFPs and have proposals to consider by July 31.

4: PRINTED PROGRAM; MOBILE APP

The Board agreed unanimously to discontinue the use of a printed program at the annual meetings and upgrade the mobile app (particularly to include a search function). Maggie will research vendors.

5: NEW BUSINESS 2018

The timetable for Maggie’s upcoming transition/retirement will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Margie and Hank will jointly contact the relevant people to remind them of the upcoming transition and the need for an orderly transition. Dan Black will let them know whom they should contact.