

Report of the Secretary for 2010

This report is confined to those items likely to be of interest in connection with the discussion at the annual meeting. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports will be published in the printed *Proceedings* issue of the *American Economic Review* (May); reports of the journal editors and committee chairs will be included in the electronic version of the *Proceedings* issue and published on the Association's website.

Annual Meetings. The next annual meeting will be held in Chicago, January 6–8, 2012. Placement Service will open for business one day earlier than the meetings. The schedule for subsequent meetings is: San Diego (2013), Philadelphia (2014), Boston (2015), San Francisco (2016), Chicago (2017), and Atlanta (2018).

Elections. In accordance with the bylaws on election procedures, I hereby certify the results of the recent balloting and report the actions of the Nominating Committee and the Electoral College.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Thomas Sargent (Chair), David Card, Anne Case, Amy Finkelstein, Peter Klenow, Michael Kremer, William Nordhaus, and James Poterba, submitted its nominations for Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Committee. The Electoral College, consisting of the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee meeting together, selected the nominee for President-elect. No petitions were received nominating additional candidates.

President-elect
Christopher A. Sims

Vice-President
Timothy F. Bresnahan
John Y. Campbell
Lars Peter Hansen
Mark W. Watson

Executive Committee
Glenn Ellison
Monika Piazzesi
Christopher R. Udry
Michael Woodford

The Secretary prepared biographical sketches of the candidates and distributed ballots in August. On the basis of the canvass of ballots, I certify that the following persons have been duly elected to the respective offices:

President-elect (for a term of one year)
Christopher A. Sims

Vice-Presidents (for a term of one year)
Timothy F. Bresnahan
Lars Peter Hansen

Executive Committee (for a term of three years)
Monika Piazzesi
Michael Woodford

In addition, I have the following information:

Number of valid ballots	2,831
Number of invalid envelopes	203
Number received after deadline	47
Number of envelopes received	3,081

One Hundredth Anniversary of the American Economic Review. Year 2011 is the 100th anniversary of the *American Economic Review*, first published in March 1911. To recognize its centenary, the *AER* Editor has organized six special papers to be published in February 2011. (Note that after 100 years of publishing as a quarterly, starting February 2011 the *AER* will be published bimonthly.) The first special paper, by Kenneth Arrow, Douglas Bernheim, Martin Feldstein, Daniel McFadden, James Poterba, and Robert Solow, features “the 20 most important articles from the *AER*'s first 100 years of publishing.” This paper will be posted on the Association website with open electronic access to each of the 20 articles. In the second paper, Robert Margo has prepared a history of the *American Economic Review*. The third paper is a reprint of the inaugural issue's lead article (on the common property resource problem as applied to water in the western United States) by Katharine Coman, followed by papers by Elinor Ostrom, Gary Libecap, and Robert Stavins, contemporary scholars working on similar problems. The 2011 issues of the *AER* will also contain a gold leaf border to commemorate the anniversary.

TABLE 1—MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS
(End of November)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Class of membership					
Regular	15,629	15,179	15,171	15,113	15,127
Junior	1,327	1,137	1,108	1,143	1,430
Life	234	231	223	218	217
Family	302	271	267	261	262
Total paid members	17,487	16,818	16,769	16,735	17,036
Honorary	37	37	37	37	33
Complimentary	287	288	290	172	165
Total members	17,811	17,143	17,096	16,944	17,234
Subscribers	3,945	3,910	3,726	3,383	3,038
Total members and subscribers	21,756	21,053	20,822	20,327	20,301

New Membership Program. A new membership management program was introduced in August 2010. It does many things that the previous system could not do, including activating new member accounts immediately upon enrollment, permitting the resetting of forgotten passwords online, and synchronization with the Membership Directory. Over the next year a subscriber (library) interface will be added, so that those libraries that purchase journals from us directly can do so more conveniently.

Website Remodeling and Other Technology Improvements. The Association's websites continue to evolve and improve. An upgrade to the journal web pages was completed in January 2010, when the journals were migrated to the Atypon Premium hosting service. The new site streamlines access for members using library web services, and improves the interface and reporting features for libraries. We are currently upgrading the *JOE* platform to simplify use of the interface by employers, and to improve the search and download features for job candidates. Through persistent communication with

members, over the past several years we have successfully reduced our e-mail communications bounce-back percentage from about nine percent to a current 2.2 percent of members for whom we have an e-mail address. The latest electronic project, completed in December 2010, is the merging of the two websites the Association has operated for many years—an "administrative" site in Nashville, and a "publications" site in Pittsburgh. They are now integrated in both appearance and servers.

Membership. The decade-long decline in membership has ended. Paid membership has been flat for three years, at about 16,800. The number of Association members and subscribers at the end of November is reported in Table 1.

Staff. My primary responsibility is to retain our loyal, gracious, and efficient staff in the Nashville office. I am indebted to them for helping make my job as easy as it is. They are: Bonita Anderson, Terra Dailey, Kristine Etter, Barbara Fiser, Linda Hardin, Marlene Hight, Susan Houston, Ellen Lee, Gwyn Loftis, Julia Merry, Regina Montgomery, and Violet Sikes.

AEA COMMITTEES 2010

Ad Hoc Committee on the Annual Meetings

Andrew Abel, Chair
Jonathan Gruber
Lars Peter Hansen
Joseph Quinn

Robert Parker (2011)
Amil Petrin (2011)
Chad Syverson (2011)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Job Market

Alvin E. Roth, Chair
John H. Cawley
Peter Cole
Phillip B. Levine
Muriel Niederle
John J. Siegfried, ex officio

COSSA-Liaison Committee

Sidney G. Winter (2010)

Committee on Economic Education

Michael Watts (2011), Chair
Sam Allgood (2010)
David Colander (2010)
Ken Elzinga (2010)
Wendy Stock (2010)
Doug Bernheim (2011)
William Greene (2011)
Randall Kroszner (2012)
Tisha Emerson (2012)
Benjamin Friedman (2012)
Kim Marie McGoldrick (2012)
William Walstad, ex officio

*Ad Hoc Committee to Review Association**Honors and Awards*

Angus Deaton, Chair
Orley Ashenfelter
Steven Levitt
Emmanuel Saez
Vincent Crawford

Committee on Economic Statistics

Matthew Shapiro (2010), Chair
Jack Triplett (2010)
Barbara Fraumeni (2011)
Jonathan Parker (2011)
Charles Schultze (2011)
Mark Bills (2012)
Dennis Fixler (2012)
David Johnson (2012)
Randall Kroszner (2012)

*Advisory Committee on Editorial**Appointments*

Susan Athey (2011), Chair
Anne Case (2010)
Daron Acemoglu (2012)
Jonathon Gruber (2013)

Audit Committee

Janice Eberly (2010), Chair
Marianne Bertrand (2011)
Valerie Ramey (2012)

Committee on Government Relations

Katharine Abraham (2011), Chair
Angus Deaton (2010)
Robert Hall (2010)
Robert Moffitt (2010)
James Smith (2010)
Charles Plott (2011)
Catherine Eckel (2012)
Richard Schmalensee (2012)
Charles Schultze (2012)

Budget and Finance Committee

John J. Siegfried, Chair, ex officio
Robert Hall (2010)
Orley Ashenfelter (2011)
Janice Eberly (2010)
Marianne Bertrand (2011)
Valerie Ramey (2012)

Census Advisory Committee

Michael Riordan (2009)
Joel Waldfogel (2009)
Paul Thomas (2010)
Chris Varvares (2010)

Committee on Honors and Awards

Douglas Bernheim (2011), Chair
Charles Manski (2010)
Abhjit Banerjee (2012)

Pinelopi Goldberg (2012)
 Caroline Hoxby (2012)
 Vincent Crawford (2013)
 David Card (2014)

Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession

Ngina Chiteji (2010), Chair
 Maria Mora (2010)
 Susan Collins (2011)
 Janice Shack-Marquez (2011)
 Sue Stockly (2011)
 Mark Lopez (2012)
 Lisa Saunders (2012)
 Doug Steigerwald, ex officio
 Patrick Mason, ex officio

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession

Barbara Fraumeni (2011), Chair
 Deborah Barbezat (2010)
 Julie Hotchkiss (2010)
 Amy Schwartz (2010)
 Kaye Husbands Feeling (2011)
 Donna Ginther (2011)
 Ronald Oaxaca (2011)
 Rohini Pande (2011)
 Linda Goldberg (2012)
 Susan Averett (2012)
 Jennifer Imazeki (2012)

Terra McKinnish (2012)
 Joan G. Haworth, Membership Secretary

2010 Nominating Committee

Thomas Sargent, Chair
 David Card
 Anne Case
 Amy Finkelstein
 Pete Klenow
 Michael Kremer
 William Nordhaus
 James Poterba

2011 Nominating Committee

Avinash Dixit, Chair
 Joseph Altonji
 Anne Case
 Janice Eberly
 Gregory Hess
 John Shoven
 Richard Thaler
 Halbert White

Committee for Oversight of Operations and Publishing

Janice Eberly (2011), Chair
 Robert Hall (2010)
 Lawrence Katz (2010)
 Dennis Epple (2011)
 David Autor (2012)

COUNCIL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sec. K, Social, Economic, and Political Sciences Representative (3 years)

Charles Manski (2012)

American Council of Learned Societies Delegate

Charlotte Kuh (2012), Delegate
 John J. Siegfried, Council of Administrative Officers, ex officio

Consortium of Social Science Associations Delegate (COSSA)

Sidney G. Winter (2010), Delegate
 John J. Siegfried, ex officio

Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics Representative (COPAFS)

Jack Triplett (2010)
 Barbara Fraumeni (2012)

International Economic Association Representative

Daron Acemoglu (2010)

National Bureau of Economic Research Director

John J. Siegfried (2011)

JOHN J. SIEGFRIED, *Secretary*