

## Report of the Secretary

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. I am glad to answer questions at the meeting on any matters that have been omitted.

*Annual Meetings.*—The next annual meeting will be held in Chicago, January 6–8, 2017. Placement Service will open for business one day earlier than the meetings. The locations for subsequent meetings are: Atlanta (2018), Philadelphia (2019), San Diego (2020), Chicago (2021), Boston (2022), New Orleans (2023), and San Antonio (2024).

*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 Christopher Sims (Chair), James Andreoni, Stefano DellaVigna, Erica L. Groshen, Justine Hastings, N. Gregory Mankiw, Rosa Matzkin, and Paul Milgrom 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*  
Alvin E. Roth

*Vice-President*  
Daron Acemoglu  
Marianne Bertrand  
Susan M. Collins  
David I. Laibson

*Executive Committee*  
John Y. Campbell  
Mark G. Duggan  
Hilary W. Hoynes  
Matthew O. Jackson

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)  
Alvin E. Roth

*Vice-Presidents* (for a term of one year)  
Daron Acemoglu  
Marianne Bertrand

*Executive Committee* (for a term of three years)  
John Y. Campbell  
Hilary W. Hoynes

In addition, I have the following information:

Number of valid ballots	
(paper and electronic)	8,372
Number of members choosing to opt out	203

*Electronic Election.*—The annual election for officers included an electronic voting option for the fifth time in 2015. The Association contracted with Intelliscan, Inc., a fully managed independent elections service provider to conduct the elections. Electronic voting opened on August 3 and remained open through September 30. Paper ballots were sent to members who had not voted or opted out by August 12. Paper ballots could be returned by mail or individuals could use a code to sign on and vote electronically. After the initial electronic invitation to vote, five reminders were sent to members who had not voted or chosen to opt out. Intelliscan received 7,799 electronic and 573 paper ballots for a total of 8,372, and 203 members opted out. This represents a 41.1 percent participation rate among the 20,375 eligible members, a near

TABLE 1—MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS  
(End of November)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Class of membership						
Regular	15,127	14,544	17,574	18,043	19,313	19,909
Junior	1,430	1,726	20	0	0	0
Life	217	217	192	184	178	171
Family	262	198	44	12	1	0
Total paid members	17,036	16,685	17,830	18,239	19,492	20,080
Honorary	33	36	41	40	39	37
Complimentary	165	181	190	190	181	177
Total members	17,234	16,902	18,061	18,469	19,712	20,294
Subscribers	3,038	2,893	3,016	2,789	2,606	2,453
Total members and subscribers	20,301	19,795	21,077	21,506	22,318	22,747

doubling over 2014 (a year with some challenges involving electronic processing) and a 42.6 percent increase over 2013.

*Change in Dues Structure.*—The most significant change in the Association’s dues structure occurred in 2012, when default membership status changed from including the three legacy print journals (*AER*, *JEL*, and *JEP*) to electronic-only access to all seven of the Association’s journals. Regular membership dues were reduced to \$20, \$30, and \$40, depending on income. The default electronic-only option was taken by 71 percent of new and renewing members in 2015 as of November 30, in contrast to 66 percent

in 2014, 61 percent in 2013, and 55 percent in 2012, which saves both paper and printing costs. Paid memberships stand at 20,080 at the close of November 2015, an increase of 3 percent from the same time in 2014 and 20.3 percent since the end of 2011 when the change began to phase in.

*Staff.*—I am indebted to the gracious and efficient staff in the Nashville office for helping to make my job as easy as it is. They are: Bonita Anderson, Kristine Etter, Barbara Fiser, Linda Hardin, Marlene Hight, Susan Houston, Ellen Lee, Gwyn Loftis, Julia Merry, and Regina Montgomery.

PETER L. ROUSSEAU, *Secretary*

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David Autor (2018)  
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Rachel Kranton (2017)

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