

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 *AEA Papers and Proceedings* in May 2019; 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 San Diego, California, January 3–5, 2020. Job Placement Services will open one business day earlier than the meetings. The locations for subsequent meetings are: Chicago (2021), Boston (2022), New Orleans (2023), San Antonio (2024), San Francisco (2025), Philadelphia (2026), and Washington, DC (2027).

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 Richard Thaler (Chair), Katharine Abraham, Marianne Bertrand, Rachel Kranton, Alan Krueger, Paul Milgrom, Thomas Philippon, and Valerie Ramey 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
Janet L. Yellen

Vice-President
Maureen L. Cropper
Lawrence F. Katz
R. Preston McAfee
David H. Romer

Executive Committee
Martha Bailey
Susanto Basu
Raymond Fisman
Roland G. Fryer, Jr.

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)
Janet L. Yellen

Vice-Presidents (for a term of one year)
Lawrence F. Katz
David H. Romer

Executive Committee (for a term of three years)
Martha Bailey
Susanto Basu

In addition, I have the following information:

Number of valid ballots	
(paper and electronic)	9,173
Number of members choosing to opt out	190

The annual election of officers included an electronic voting option for the eighth time in 2018. The Association contracted with Intelliscan, Inc., a fully managed independent elections service provider to conduct the elections. Electronic voting opened on August 1 and remained open through September 30. Paper ballots were sent to members who had not voted or opted out by August 13. Paper ballots could be returned by prepaid 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 6,650 electronic ballots, 1,755 electronic ballots via paper ballot code, and 768 paper ballots by regular mail for a total of 9,173. This represents a 43.8 percent participation rate among

TABLE 1—MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS
(END OF NOVEMBER)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Class of membership							
Regular	17,574	18,043	19,313	19,909	19,760	20,291	20,344
Junior	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Life	192	184	178	171	164	161	158
Family	44	12	1	0	0	0	0
Total paid members	17,830	18,239	19,492	20,080	19,924	20,452	20,502
Honorary	41	40	39	37	37	35	33
Complimentary	190	190	181	177	191	453	496
Total members	18,061	18,469	19,712	20,294	20,152	20,940	21,031
Subscribers	3,016	2,789	2,606	2,453	2,302	2,170	2,035
Total members and subscribers	21,077	21,258	22,318	22,747	20,301	23,110	23,066

the 20,923 eligible members, a slight increase of 1.3 percent compared to 2017.

Changes in Dues Structure.—A 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 of the Association's journals. Regular membership dues were reduced at that time to \$20, \$30, and \$40, depending on income. Dues will rise in 2019 to \$22, \$32, and \$42 by vote of the Budget and Finance Committee and as permitted by the bylaws. The default electronic-only option was taken by 79 percent of new and renewing members in 2018 as of November 30, up from 76 percent in 2017,

74 percent in 2016, 71 percent in 2015, 66 percent in 2014, 61 percent in 2013, and 55 percent in 2012. Paid memberships stand at 20,502 as of November 30, a slight 0.2 percent increase over 2017, and 23.6 percent higher 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: Allison Bridges, Jonnda Burner, Kristine Etter, Barbara Fiser, Linda Hardin, Susan Houston, Ellen Lee, Lauren Lewis, Gwyn Loftis, Julia Merry, Melissa Smith, and Tracy White.

PETER L. ROUSSEAU, *Secretary*

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