

To: AAEA Board  
From: Fred J. Hitzhusen, Sec-Treas., IBES  
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RE: Report on IBES for FY 04

The Institutional and Behavioral Economic Section (IBES) of AAEA has had a year of solid accomplishments including the necessary effort to build a solid foundation for this relatively new section of AAEA. Our track at the 2003 AAEA meetings in Montreal was multifaceted and well attended. The IBES business meeting on July 28, 2003 in Montreal was attended by 20+ members and the Secretary reported 77 dues paying members and an account balance of \$789.17. Our membership is stable, with 78 current members, and continues to be relatively diverse by age, field of specialization, geographic location and type of employer. For example, business management, marketing, international economic development and community development are all represented and 20 percent of the members work for NGOs, the government or in the private sector.

The IBES Executive Committee held several phone conferences since the meetings in Montreal to:

1. Discuss changes in the by-laws particularly regarding the nomination of and e-mail election of officers prior to the AAEA meetings each year.
2. Develop our track for the AAEA Denver meetings.
3. Make adjustments for the resignation of our vice chair, Lindon Robison to take an international assignment in his church.
4. Discuss new programming and communication ideas and formats and continue our effort to involve more of the younger members of AAEA.

The IBES membership approved the proposed by-law changes for e-mail elections, so we are currently finalizing a slate of officers and will conduct the electronic election in July. The intent is to have the new slate of officers installed at the conclusion of our next business meeting in Denver.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Secretary-Treasurer, IBES