

**Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section (IBES)  
American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA)  
Report on the 2004 IBES Election Process  
Gary Lynne, Chair, Nominating Committee  
August 2, 2004, Denver Meeting**

It was proposed at the 2003 Business Meeting that the Bylaws be amended to facilitate e-mail voting, as described below:

*ARTICLE V. Nominations and Elections*

*Section 2. Elections. Elections shall be conducted by e-mail prior to the annual business meeting so that the new slate of officers of IBES can assume office at the conclusion of the business meeting. Tie votes for any position shall be resolved by lot by the chair of the nominating committee.*

This proposed change was e-mailed to the IBES Membership on June 16. Members were given the choice of responding to Nancy Rekart, Office Supervisor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by either e-mail or regular mail by June 30. The amendment passed unanimously on June 30, 2004.

The Nominating Committee, composed of the current IBES Executive Committee then elicited nominations for the President-elect position and the Member-at-Large position. The Committee proposed a slate of James A. Sterns with a write-in option for Chair-elect; Mary Ahearn and Paul Barkley were proposed to stand election for the Member-at-Large position. The ballot was circulated to the IBES Membership on July 7, with members given until July 21 to respond. In the interim, the AAEA sent a new membership list. The list was checked, and new members of IBES were also given the opportunity to vote.

The e-mail votes were received by and counted by Nancy Rekart. James Sterns is the new President-elect and Mary Ahearn the new Member-at-Large (2-year term). This rounds out the incoming Executive Committee starting immediately after the 2004 Business Meeting with Frederick Hitzhusen as Chair; Gary Lynne as Secretary; and George McDowell, Member-at-Large (1-year remaining).