

To: AAEA Board

From: Gary D. Lynne, Sec-Treas., IBES

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RE: Report on IBES for FY 05

The Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section (IBES) of AAEA has had still another year of many accomplishments with continued work on building a solid foundation for this relatively new section of AAEA. Our track at the 2004 AAEA meetings in Denver was multifaceted and well attended. The IBES business meeting on August 1, 2004, in Denver was attended by about 20 members. The Secretary reported 89 dues paying members and an account balance of \$1703. Our membership is stable, 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, natural resources, 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 Denver to:

1. Develop our track proposal for the AAEA Providence meetings.
2. Develop a request to the AAEA Selected Paper Committee to give the Sections the capability to solicit, review, and develop their own Selected Papers Sessions as part of the Section Track; this request was approved for the Providence meeting. A total of 21 abstracts were submitted to the IBES Selected Papers Committee, with 12 (57%) accepted. Every abstract was reviewed by three IBES reviewers.
3. Discuss new programming and communication ideas and formats and continue our effort to involve more of the younger members of AAEA.

We have also continued to maintain the IBES website at <http://ibesection.unl.edu>. This site includes the bylaws, a concept paper on IBES, minutes of past meetings, past reports to the AAEA Board, and material relating to IBES Track programs at the annual AAEA meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

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