

## HES Executive Meeting – January 2023

### Action Points

#### 1) Secretary

- a) Long discussion about initiatives to increase and engage membership culminated with the creation of an Outreach Committee consisting of Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak, Maria Pia Paganelli, Sandra Peart, Jimena Hurtado, and Pedro Garcia Duarte.
- b) Multiple members suggested the desirability of putting together events with HES prize winners, either during the conference or in some other format.
- c) The Vancouver Executive Committee meeting will be split in two, to accommodate the late arrival of the President. The first half will take place online in the week before the conference, to settle ordinary business for the membership meeting. The second half, reserved for more time consuming topics, will be held on Sunday, June 24, 1pm-4pm.
- d) The President and Secretary will confer with the Office Manager to discuss possible alternatives for a virtual program during the Vancouver conference.

#### 2) President

- a) The Executive Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Joe Persky as the Society's Ombudsperson. It also approved a motion to offer Joe reimbursement for his travel expenses to the summer conference. We will ask Joe for a statement about how to implement the office, as groundwork for an official announcement in Vancouver.
- b) Ross will inquire about childcare arrangements for the Vancouver conference.
- c) The Conference Planning Committee is now fully reconstituted, with a mandate to prepare a strategic report on long-term opportunities/challenges for the Society's annual conference.

#### 3) JHET

Editors expressed their intention to bring a draft call for a new editorial team for discussion during the June meeting.

#### 4) Treasurer

John Berdell and Ross Emmett will look into the possibility of substituting an internal auditing group for the (expensive) external auditing service.

#### 5) Early Career Scholars

- a) Recommendations received from the Early Career Scholars Research Fund Committee approved.
- b) A motion was approved to require ECSRF grantees to attend at least one HES conference in the two years following their award.

6) New Initiatives

- a) The Executive Committee decided to amend the recommendations received from the New Initiatives Committee on a project submitted by Valentina Erasmo and Paolo Santori. The Secretary will clarify the program does not fund Open Access publications and ask proponents for more information about the budget for online speakers. [Update: after being informed about the unavailability of funds for Open Access publication, the proponents decided to withdraw their applications].
- b) Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak and Tom Stapleford will work on a revision to the language of the NIF program, highlighting projects that benefit the history of economics community and foster engagement with both members and non-members.
- c) A broad overhaul of the NIF program will be discussed during the June meeting.

7) Strategic Planning

The Executive Committee should consider strategies for diversifying the source of HES funds, including institutional partnerships.