

Secretary's Report  
Business Meeting  
June 2019

1. This year's election occurred in early March. Roughly 100 members voted (roughly 1/2 of our membership). Positions for election include vice president and one new member to the executive board. We thank Tiago Mata and Evelyn Forget for their service and welcome José Edwards (Exec) and Maria Pia Paganelli (VP) to the Executive Committee.
2. Membership is down from previous years, but this is most likely due to (a) the virtual conference in 2020, (b) the delayed conference in 2021, and (c) other ongoing pandemic effects.

One important issue discussed in the Executive meeting this week is what we can do to make membership more attractive. We anticipate adding the option for automatic membership renewal to website along with changing memberships to a 365-day membership rather than calendar-year membership. We also plan to make the benefits of membership more visible on the website and to promote membership on most HES messages and at events.

Year	End-of-May Membership	Year-End Membership
2015	?	229
2016	186	290*
2017	197	202
2018	266	284
2019	245	265
2020	219	223
2021	188*	

3. There have been many changes this year as the society has hired the services of a professional management company – we now have professional accounting and are undergoing our first audit. We are working with the Todd Mann Management Group on attracting more conference sponsors. We also have implemented several official policies to bring us into compliance with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization guidelines.
4. The HES Cocktail Reception at the AEA/ASSA meetings in Boston will be Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 6 to 8:30pm. We hope to see you there.
5. We continue to seek archival documents related to the HES in anticipation of the rapidly approaching 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Of particular need are documents and materials relating to the early 1990s.