

IAEE ENERGY FORUM



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I begin by reporting on our transition to a new Association Management Company (AMC). After an exhaustive search, we have contracted with Talley Management Group (TMG) to be our next AMC. The transfer of our physical and electronic records should be complete well before the end of the year.

IAEE has been extremely well-served by its AMC for more than 30 years, Administrative Management Services (AMS), headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, and its Executive Director, Dave Williams. Many IAEE members were dismayed to hear that Dave would be retiring when the current contract with AMS expires at the end of 2022. Not only was the Association used to extraordinarily responsive service. Dave also had extensive knowledge of the history of IAEE and key players not only in IAEE but also the energy industry more generally. He also had very valuable contacts in the AMC and international conference organizing industries.

IAEE Council formed an AMC Vetting Committee, headed by former IAEE President Christophe Bonnerly, to work with AMS to produce an RFP for AMC's interested in taking over from AMS, and to vet the applications. The vetting committee has worked diligently for more than six months on behalf of IAEE members to find the very best replacement AMC for our needs consistent with our budget.

Vetting Committee members independently scored the written responses to our RFP; the answers to questions at several online sessions with candidate AMCs; and presentations, questions and answers, and informal discussions with representatives of three finalists invited to our recent international conference in Tokyo. We evaluated the AMC's on a wide range of criteria: general headquarters support, executive director support, financial management reporting and procedures, and support in the functional categories of membership and subscription, communications, publications, technology and conferences. I am pleased to report that, among five semi-finalists, TMG was ranked highest in all but one category, and only slightly lower than the highest ranked candidate in the remaining category.

We also are very pleased that Rebecca Lilley is going to transition from AMS to TMG to continue working with IAEE. Rebecca has a wealth of knowledge about our history, past procedures, and key players in IAEE. The continuity that she can bring to the new operations greatly reduces the risks of the transition for IAEE.

Since our last newsletter, we held a very successful 2022 International Conference in Tokyo, with simultaneous participation online by many members around the world. We are extremely grateful to the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) for allowing us to use their facilities, to the Institute for Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ) for organizing the program and providing many of the excellent speakers and audience members, and the many sponsors who supported the



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conference financially while also providing excellent presenters. I would like to especially thank Past President of IAEE Yukari Yamashita for her tireless efforts, and for handling with equanimity difficulties associated with unexpected travel restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

IAEE Council is also very grateful to the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics for hosting the 17th European Conference in Athens from September 21–24, and the US Association for Energy Economics for hosting the 39th North American Conference in Houston from October 23-26. Both conferences are taking IAEE back to normal with full in-person sessions and a full schedule of student events including PhD days, poster sessions and best student paper competitions. The North American Conference is also featuring a Case Study competition and Student Mentoring Breakfast. The IAEE is also assisting our Latin American Members in hosting the 8th ELAEE conference in Bogota, November 20-22.

As you can see from the above examples, IAEE is very much getting back to normal conference business. I urge those of you who have been yearning to catch up with old friends, and meet new colleagues, but have been anxious about international travel, to come join us. Your next opportunity will be our 44th International Conference to be held February 4-9, 2023 in Riyadh. It will be hosted on the campus of the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC). Many of you may not have caught up with recent reforms in Saudi Arabia that have relaxed rules for foreign visitors, including opening many unusual and interesting sights to foreign tourists. The Saudi delegation presented a very exciting video to the closing session of the Tokyo Conference and announced at the end of it, to great applause, that Registration at the Riyadh conference would be complimentary.

Last, but no means least, as this is my last newsletter as IAEE President, I would like to end by welcoming Jean-Michel Glachant as our incoming President for 2023. Jean-Michel is well-known to many of you as the founding editor of the *Economics of Energy and Environmental Policy*, a frequent and insightful contributor at our conferences, an avid user of social media who has done much to promote IAEE in that medium, and, of course, a well-regarded academic economist. He also is an enthusiastic supporter of IAEE, and we look forward to him taking us to new horizons in cooperation with TMG.

Peter Hartley
IAEE President, 2022

Careers, Energy Education and Scholarships Online Databases

IAEE is pleased to highlight our online careers database, with special focus on graduate positions. Please visit http://www.iaee.org/en/students/student_careers.asp for a listing of employment opportunities.

Employers are invited to use this database, at no cost, to advertise their graduate, senior graduate or seasoned professional positions to the IAEE membership and visitors to the IAEE website seeking employment assistance.

The IAEE is also pleased to highlight the Energy Economics Education database available at <http://www.iaee.org/en/students/eee.aspx>. Members from academia are kindly invited to list, at no cost, graduate, postgraduate and research programs as well as their university and research centers in this online database. For students and interested individuals looking to enhance their knowledge within the field of energy and economics, this is a valuable database to reference.

Further, IAEE has also launched a Scholarship Database, open at no cost to different grants and scholarship providers in Energy Economics and related fields. This is available at <http://www.iaee.org/en/students/ListScholarships.aspx>.

We look forward to your participation in these new initiatives.