

Executive Director Message

Baptism by fire. That phrase has profound meaning for me as I continue my initial year serving on behalf of professionals concerned with energy and related issues throughout the global community as Executive Director of the International Association for Energy Economics. The common definition for baptism by fire, an employee that learns the craft by being immersed in their field of work, would certainly apply to my first few months on the job. As our members are well aware, IAEE never takes a breather in terms of delivering superior services while also consistently striving to develop innovative programming that will enhance knowledge that furthers the understanding of energy economics to inform best policies and practices in the utilization of energy resources.

By consistently engaging with IAEE's dynamic team of members, volunteers, and professional staff, I'm reminded every day of the purpose of our association: To provide worldwide information flow and exchange of ideas on energy issues, high quality research, as well as the development and education of students and energy professionals. Challenging objectives indeed, particularly when demands on time and resources are at a premium. Fortunately, as an association governed by volunteer leaders, it has become abundantly clear that IAEE has an incredibly robust pool of dedicated individuals from the field of energy economics that are more than willing to share their professional acumen for the betterment of their industry.

Upon arriving to IAEE last fall, I quickly realized that regardless of whether I was learning about our leading-edge publications and electronic media, understanding our international and regional conferences, or networking among energy-concerned professionals, the association's ability to help students and energy professionals succeed is what motivates every decision made by IAEE representatives. To that end, IAEE's seventeen-member council of elected and appointed members in conjunction with staff have been working hard to continue providing multiple forums for professional, multi-national, multi-disciplinary discussion

and the means of professional communication and constructive dialog. In addition to publishing *The Energy Journal*, *Economics of Energy & Environmental Policy*, as well as the IAEE Energy Forum, our organization recently concluded a very successful International Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Please consider joining with industry colleagues for IAEE's 2023 European Conference this July in Milan, Italy and/or our 2024 International Conference in Istanbul, Turkey in June of next year.

I am honored to work within the energy economics industry and will continue to execute comprehensive initiatives to transform the goals of volunteer leaders into organizational benchmarks and sustainable deliverables. In the near term, a blueprint for students and energy professionals to realize significant advancements in the field is in the process of being strategically developed by your IAEE member peers. To achieve long-term benefits, maximizing IAEE member services allows for a competitive edge to be realized, particularly among the global challenges of our industry that lie ahead. Members of IAEE gain a broader understanding of energy economics, policymaking, and theory. Members are kept well informed by IAEE publications and conferences, while also afforded the opportunity to network within the largest Association of energy professionals. Anyone with an active interest in the field of energy economics is eligible for IAEE membership and will benefit from belonging. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to join this thrilling ride.



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