

Minutes (unapproved) of Annual Membership meeting
National Association of Forensic Economics
January 3, 2004
San Diego, California

1. Stephen Horner welcomed everyone to San Diego and thanked them for their time and effort to attend.
2. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2003 Annual Membership meeting in Washington D.C. be approved. Motion passed unanimously.
3. George Schieren presented the financial statements for 12/01/2002 – 12/01/2003. It was noted that 2003 seemed to be a typical year in terms of revenues and expenses with the exception of the interest income reflecting interest actually earned in previous years, but credited in 2003.
4. Schieren announced that the results of the elections in the fall of 2003 were: President-elect – Frank Tinari; At-large Vice-President – Elizabeth Gunderson, Southern Vice-President – Kurt Krueger. Horner thanked Bob Male and David Ciscel for their work as Vice-Presidents during the last three years.
5. Bob Trout announced that 55 binders had already been distributed at the San Diego meetings and there were additional people still asking for them.
6. Bob Male reported that the Special Programs Committee had organized the session in San Diego with Steven Hefler.
7. Tyler Bowles reported that the NAFE sessions at the Western Economic Association meeting in Vancouver would be on July 1 and 2. He will schedule the Board luncheon, membership meeting, and membership meeting. He still needs papers for the sessions.
8. Horner reported for Ciscel that the Southern Economic Association meeting in San Antonio went very well. There were about 25 in attendance at each session, and the papers were good technical papers. He recommends that NAFE continue to participate in the SEA meetings.
9. Rick Gaskins reported that the demand for the Eastern Economic Association meetings is growing again. On February 20 and 21 NAFE will have four sessions with two for papers, one special program from the BLS and one panel discussion.
10. Jim Rodgers reported that the NAFE winter meeting will be in Hawaii February 6 and 7.
11. Jack Ward reported that the first ever NAFE meeting in Scotland will be May 27 and 28, with about 14 participants, including some from Great Britain.
12. Ward reported that the Editors of the *JFE* will continue to appoint Associate Editors for a two-year renewable term. He also reported that the *JFE* was ready to go to two issues a year after doing all the catching up on back issues that they could. This should take place within the next one and half years.

13. Beth Gunderson summarized the final report from the Committee on the Participation of Women in NAFE. The female percentage of NAFE has remained fairly stable over time, but the participation in meetings has declined. The Committee recommends the following:
- a. Have designated greeters at conferences and meetings to make newcomers feel welcome and informed
 - b. Have the newsletter carry a summary and highlights of each conference
 - c. Make an effort to overcome the perception that papers presented at conferences are “too” technical and for “old-timers”
 - d. Need to have an effective brochure for public relations
- The entire report of the Committee on the Participation of Women in NAFE will be put on the NAFE web site.
14. Horner presented the Past Presidents’ Outstanding Service Award to Robert Male.
15. Comments concerning the proposed Statement of Ethical Principles and Tenets of Practice were received. Schieren agreed to check with the ASSA leadership to ensure that the new statement is not in conflict with the Allied Social Sciences Association. There was discussion about the desirability of including written pros and cons in the balloting on the new statement. The following resolution was moved and seconded:
- The Board of Directors of NAFE, or its appointees, compose a statement of pros and cons to be included in the mail ballot on the SEPTP.
- The motion failed with 11 – yes, 14 – no, 1 – abstain.
16. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Schieren
Executive Director
February 13, 2004