

Membership Committee Report
IAFFE 2019
June 4th

Over the past year (2018/19), the following people served on the membership committee: James Heintz (chair), Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (previous chair), Nata Duvury, Alma Espino, and Barbara Hopkins.

The most significant development that will impact the work of the membership committee is the \$300,000 3-year grant IAFFE received from the Hewlett Foundation in 2019. The three main components of the grant are: (a) funding for travel grants to the IAFFE annual conference, (b) funding for a short-term hire of a specialist who could assist IAFFE with a membership development and engagement strategy, (c) funding for additional staff time/staff position for membership development and engagement.

Since the grant was received by Hewlett earlier in 2019, it has been administered by an ad hoc committee made up of Andrea Collins, Mieke Meurs, Barbara Hopkins, and James Heintz. This committee developed a request for proposals, evaluated candidates (five proposals were received), and selected Amanda Kaiser as the specialist to assist with the membership development and engagement strategy. She began working with IAFFE in May 2019 and will continue to do so for the next several months.

At the board meeting during the Glasgow conference, the IAFEE committee responsible for the administration of the Hewlett will be reviewed. A process will be put in place for the selection of the person to fill the additional staff position funded by the Hewlett grant.

At the board meeting during the ASSA annual meetings in January 2019, it was decided that the membership committee would develop and administer a second membership survey. The committee will take this forward in 2019/2020.

Other issues that the membership committee considered during the past year included:

- Switching to rolling membership renewals (so that people's membership would start on the day they paid their membership dues and would be renewed on that date in subsequent years).
- A commitment to making a new and interest membership orientation event happen at the 2020 ASSA meetings.
- Undertaking efforts to reach out to other academic fields (other than economics), such as women, gender, and sexuality studies, sociology, public policy, development studies, and anthropology.