

CHINESE ECONOMIST SOCIETY

Academic Publication Council (APC)

Minutes of APC Meeting

Topic: Co-hosting¹ *China Economic Journal* (CEJ) with The National School of Development at Peking University (NSD)

January 26, 2021 (via video conference)

Attendees: Orn Bodvarsson, Gan Li, Ding Lu, Jinlan Ni (Chair), Zhuo Chen (Alternate); Li Qi (Current CES President), Yang Yao (NSD)

Regrets: Wing Thye Woo

Council members discussed the reform of the editorial board of CEJ, and exchanged the ideas with Yang Yao from NSD. Two parties reached a consensus that there will be two chief editors, with one nominated by NSD in Mainland China and another by APC locating somewhere else. Each party pledges to contribute \$5,000/year to compensate the two chief editors for their services. NSD will continue its current sponsorship of an office with secretary. Currently the publisher supplies \$15,000, earmarked for journal promotion (such as invited papers or speakers for related conferences). The newly pledged arrangement is subject to both parties' internal approval procedures, with APC submitting a request to Finance Committee of CES.

Upon approval from Finance Committee, APC will proceed with the search of a chief editor. APC discussed the criteria for recruiting the chief editor who is: tenured, an expertise in China-related fields, dedicated with sufficient time to CEJ, not located in mainland China, and not heavily engaged with Chinese institutions. APC members will start to discuss nominations in next meeting. An open call for the chief editor is also suggested.

Appendix

(Applicable CES by-laws):

Contracts

Any contract or agreement regarding academic publications, with any party including publishers and journal editors, and not excluding those with any other party, must be approved by the APC by majority vote. Such a contract or agreement must also be approved by the CES Board of Directors, and it must be co-signed by the CES President and APC Chair. Any contract or agreement as described above in this paragraph that does not satisfy these conditions shall be deemed invalid.

New Journals

Any initiation of new CES journals must be approved by a vote of at least two thirds of the APC members and by at least two thirds of the CES Board of Directors. An initiative for a

¹ Note CEJ follows CER model that Publisher owns the journal and NSD is currently the only affiliation. Co-host means that NSD and CES will jointly be the affiliation.

new CES journal that has been approved by both the APC and the Board of Directors must be submitted to the entire CES membership for a period of three months for comments. At the conclusion of this comment period, the Board of Directors shall call for a vote of the membership on the initiative of the new journal by the CES membership. To become effective, the new journal must be approved by at least two thirds of membership votes.

CEJ: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=rcej20>.