Abt, Harper and Parker Join EPS Board

At the annual Fellows’ Meeting during the AEA/ASSA 2006 conference in Boston, three new members were elected to the EPS Board of Directors.

Dr. Clark Abt, member-at-large, is Chairman Emeritus and past President of Abt Associates Inc., a research and consulting firm in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Abt is also an Associate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University; and a founding Director of the Roxbury Entrepreneur’s Club. Dr. Abt was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1937. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1957. From 1957 to 1964 he held engineering and management positions at the Raytheon Company, including managing its advanced systems department. He founded Abt Associates in 1965.

Dr. Abt has a Ph.D. in Political Science from MIT and has taught at Boston University, Columbia University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, State University of New York (Binghamton), the University of California Business School, and the University of Massachusetts. From 1991 to 1993, Dr. Abt directed the Center for the Study of Small States at Boston University.

Dr. Alan Harper, treasurer-elect, is past president of the New York Association for Business Economics, a chapter of the National Association for Business Economics. Dr. Harper will assume his duties as treasurer upon the completion of EPS’s most recent audit.

Dr. Harper will take over the role of treasurer from John Tepper Marlin, who has served EPS in that capacity for ten years. Dr. Tepper Marlin has expertly guided EPS through financial difficulties and we are all grateful to him for his service.

Dr. Richard Parker is Lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow of the Shorenstein Center. An economist by training, he is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Oxford University. He has worked as an economist for the UNDP, as cofounder of Mother Jones magazine, and as head of his own consulting firm, serving congressional clients, including Senators Kennedy, Glenn, Cranston, and McGovern, among others. Parker has held Marshall, Rockefeller, Danforth, Goldsmith, and Bank of America Fellowships. His books include The Myth of the Middle Class, a study of U.S. income distribution and Mixed Signals: The Future of Global Television News. His most recent book is the intellectual biography of one of EPS’s founding trustees. John Kenneth Galbraith: The Making of American Economics has been critically claimed as “splendid, immensely readable,” “literate and fascinating.” His articles have appeared in numerous academic anthologies and journals and in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, New Republic, Nation, Harper’s, Le Monde, Atlantic Monthly, and International Economy, among others.

Following a recent revision of the EPS by-laws, the Board of Directors cannot seat more than ten people. The purpose of this change is to ensure that the Board can meet quarterly, rather than yearly as it used to do, and to guarantee strong oversight of EPS’s financials and program of activities.

The Board also voted to create two new members of the Trustees, an honorary board shared by all thirteen EPS affiliates. Dr. Clive Granger, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2003, has been an EPS member for several years. Richard Jolly, knighted in the UK for his distinguished service to UNICEF and the UNDP, moves from the Board of Directors to the Board of Trustees.
Economists for Peace and Security
http://www.epsusa.org