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December 4, 2002

Dear ASCE Members and other Colleagues,

It is a pleasure and a challenge to be serving as ASCE's President. I appreciate your confidence and hope that together we can continue to contribute to the body of knowledge already available so at the right moment we can help Cuba transition to democracy and a market economy.

In addition to ASCE's traditional activities and its well-known Annual Conference, held in Miami in early August, the ASCE Board is planning to improve services to its members. *We are in the process of conducting a survey and encourage you to provide us as much feedback as possible.* Within our capabilities and resources, we want to be responsive to your ideas and needs. Results of the survey will help us improve current activities and develop new ones. For example, we are in the process of establishing Study Groups in different areas of interest to ASCE members. If you are available to help secure funds for ASCE programs or can volunteer your services, we welcome your commitment and efforts.

Our Thirteenth Annual Conference will be held at *the Colonnade Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida on August 7-9, 2003.* Please set aside the dates so you can join us. We will soon announce a call for papers. Our conference program and registration information will be posted on this website, so check periodically.

You may contact ASCE through our website. We want to hear from you.

Best regards,

**Beatriz C Casals
President of ASCE**

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ANNUAL MEETING OF ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

January 3-5, 2003, Washington, DC

Day: Friday, 10:15 AM

Date: January 3, 2003

Room: Convention Center – Room 3

Association: Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy- (ASCE)

Session Title: The Cuban Economy

Preliminary Program:

Presiding: Luis Locay, University of Miami

Papers **Jorge F. Perez-Lopez**, U.S. Department of Labor – **Sugar in the Cuban Economy in the 21st Century**
 Carlos Seiglie, Rutgers University – Newark – **Emigration, Racial Strife and Crime in a Post-Castro Cuba**
 Pere Gomis-Porqueras and **Luis Locay**, University of Miami – **Cuba’s Informal Sector since the fall of the Soviet Union**

Discussants: **Nicolás Sánchez**, College of the Holy Cross
 Jorge Sanguinety, DevTech Systems Inc.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Miami, August 7-9, 2003

Omni Colonnade Hotel, Coral Gables

Cuba’s External Sector: Developments and Challenges

The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE) will be holding its Thirteenth Annual meeting in Miami, Florida, on August 7-9, 2003. ASCE invites papers on a variety of subjects related to the Cuban economy and society, including: macroeconomics; banking and finance; agriculture and the sugar industry; tourism; social and political aspects of economic development; education; health; environmental policy; law and legal institutions; civil society; gender issues; governance; infrastructure; and civil-military relations. The **main theme** for this year’s meeting will be “**Cuba’s External Sector: Developments and Challenges**”. Papers dealing with this topic will be particularly welcome. Proposals for panels, roundtables or individual papers should be sent to **Jorge Pérez-López**, Chair, Program Committee, 5881 6th Street, Falls Church, VA 22041, jperezlopez@cox.net, as soon as possible, with more detailed abstracts by **March 1, 2003**. Persons interested in serving as discussants,

session chairs or participants in roundtable discussion should also communicate with the Chair of the Program Committee.

PRELIMINARY WORK SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY-AUGUST 2003

January

- 3-5 AEA Annual Meeting**
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 21 Materials due for Winter Newsletter**
- 28 Distribution of Winter Newsletter**

February

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 18 First dues notice for July 2003-June 2004**

March

- 1 Detailed Abstracts due for Annual Meeting Papers**
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 18 Materials due for Spring Newsletter**
- 19 25 Distribution of Spring Newsletter**

April

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting**

May

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 15 Second notice due to members and advance registration form**

June

- 10 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 15 Papers for student prize due**
- 17 Materials due for Summer Newsletter**
- 24 Distribution of Summer Newsletter**

July

- 3 Advance Registration for Annual Meeting closes**
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 10 Distribution of Tentative Annual Meeting Program**

August

7-9 Thirteenth Annual Meeting**IN MEMORIAM****EVALDO A. CABARROUY (1945 – 2002)**

On August 9, 2002, Evaldo A. Cabarrouy, Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Puerto Rico. The recipient of a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Texas, Evaldo was a long-term member and supporter of ASCE, as well an esteemed friend and colleague. He joined the University of Puerto Rico in 1985, after serving as director of the MBA Program at the Univerdad del Turabo. He also was a Visiting Professor at the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies under the City University of New York-University of Puerto Rico Academic Exchange Program during the 2001-2002 academic year. From 1990 to 1991, he was Program Economic Advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development in El Salvador and in 1992 Advisor to the Governor of Puerto Rico on economic development. Earlier in his career, he was a Latin American Teaching Fellow, a Fulbright Scholar in Colombia, and a participant in the U.S. Information Agency Overseas Speakers Program. Evaldo's research on Cuba centered on fiscal and monetary issues and more recently on the role of small and medium enterprises. He presented several papers at the annual meetings and frequently served as discussant or session chair. Evaldo had just participated in the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Association a few days before his untimely death. Those of us who study the Cuban economy and knew Evaldo will miss not only his professional contributions, but also his friendship, generosity and good humor. May our esteemed colleague rest in peace.

ASCE's WEB SITE

Thanks to the efforts of Joaquín Pujol and Rolando H. Castañeda, ASCE's web site (<http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/la/cb/cuba/asce/>) located at the University of Texas Latin American Information Service, is being updated and expanded. It will include new information on: (1) the History of ASCE, (2) WHO is WHO in ASCE, (3) ASCE's Executive Boards, (4) Names and Affiliations of Persons Presenting Papers Published in "Cuba in Transition" Volumes I to XI and (5) An Index of Papers Published in Cuba in Transition, Volumes I to XI, Grouped by Subject Matter and Authors.

QUESTIONNAIRE

As indicated by our President Beatriz Casals, ASCE is conducting a very important survey. We urge you to provide us your response with detailed comments and recommendations as soon as possible. Results of the survey will be summarized in our next Newsletter to be published in January 2003.