Dear Member:

I hope this letter finds you well. As the summer approaches, the Board is increasingly focused on finalizing the preparations for ASCE’s 23rd Annual Meeting this summer.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Reforming Cuba?” – with a focus on evaluating the progress and overall viability of the economic reforms enacted to date under President Raúl Castro. We have an exciting conference program taking shape and hope that all of you can attend.

We anticipate a record number of conference attendees from the island itself this year, including the economists Armando Nova (Centro de Estudios de la Economía Cubana) and Karina Gálvez (Convivencia magazine), computer science professor José Luiz Leyva Cruz (University of Camagüey), Lenier González and Roberto Viega co-editors of Espacio Laical, the independent lawyer Laritza Diversent (Jurisconsulto de Cuba), and the mathematician and Estado de Sats coordinator Antonio Rodiles. We are still hoping for the participation of a number of other potential invitees, including Mayra Espina Prieto, Armando Chaguaceda, Yociel Marrero, René Gómez Manzano, and two Cuban students completing a summer course in Georgetown. We are also expecting long-distance participation or submissions from Cuba from economists such as José Perelló (University of Havana) and long-time ASCE member Oscar Espinosa Chepe.

Following a very successful and well-attended Carlos Díaz-Alejandro lecture by Alejandro Portes at the New School on May 6, we are proud to have as our conference Keynote Speaker this year Jorge Borjas the eminent Harvard economist and scholar on immigration and labor economics. Borjas’ presence at our gathering this year is particularly timely as Cuba and its diaspora gage the impact of the migration law that recent took effect and as the US considers enacting its own immigration reform.

We also want to report that ASCE recently partnered once again with NYU to co-host the four young Cuban academics Armando Chaguaceda, Elaine Díaz, Yasmin Portales, and Yudivian Almeida for a panel hosted by ASCE President Ted Henken on “Internet, Social Media, and Cuban Society Today.” The panel took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at noon at the King Juan Carlos Center (53 Waverly Place on Washington Square Park) at NYU and was followed by a lively discussion and reception hosted by NYU’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. We would especially like to thank CLACS director Jill Lane and Sisa Holguin for their help in coordinating the event.

We very much look forward to your participation as well, and hope that you can join us. As a reminder, the meeting is in Miami from August 1–3, 2013, at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel on Biscayne Boulevard (where the last few meetings have been held). Please take a moment and sign up for the conference and renew your membership online at www.assecuba.org or using the attached single form for Conference Registration and Membership Renewal. Your early registration helps our planning and allows you to take advantage of the lower conference and hotel rates (which is attached). I hope to see you soon in Miami.

Best regards,

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