

Meeting of Trustees, European Historical Economics Society

Thursday, September 1st, 2011, 17:30-19:00

IIS Seminar Room, 6th floor, Arts Block, Trinity College Dublin

Present: Steve Broadberry (President-Elect), Herman de Jong, Ingrid Henriksen, Pedro Lains (Sec. Gen.), Kevin O'Rourke (President), Jaime Reis (Editor, EREH), Blanca Sanchez-Alonso, Max Schultz (Treasurer), Nathan Sussman, and Joachim Voth (Editor, EREH).

Apologies: Stefano Battilosi, Maristella Botticini, Greg Clark (Editor, EREH), Albrecht Ritschl, Lennart Schon, Paul Sharp (Webmaster), and Nikos Wolf.

1) Matters arising from the minutes of the Trustees and Assembly General Meetings in Evanston, 2010.

The Minutes of the meetings held to coincide with the Economic History Association Meetings at Evanston were approved.

2) Report of the Editors of the Review

Joachim reported that the Review was receiving on average 85 submissions per year and that it is booked up to numbers 3 or 4 for 2012; the number of submissions increases during summer; average turnaround of papers is 43 days. The Review is moving to Oxford University because of better marketing and higher revenues, which are expected to increase from about 6,000 to 18,000 £ yearly. OUP will also consider moving to 4 issues per year. Joachim added further that the fast track meetings in Paris in 2008 and in Lisbon in 2010 were good for paper turnover. The Review has now a Scientific Advisory Board. Finally, Joachim mentioned the decline in the ISI impact factor from 0.89 in 2009 to 0.59 in 2010, implying also a decline in the ranking amongst the top economic history journals from the 2nd position to the 4th. He also stated that annual impact factors are erratic and that we need to wait for the 3-year evaluation to reach any conclusion about the Review's impact.

3) The 2011 Warwick Summer School.

The report by Steve Broadberry was approved and praised.

4) Next round of Summer Schools.

Kevin and Steve will look for ways of sponsoring next events, namely the Institute for New Economic Thinking. Jaime said that Summer Schools should try to attract students from the Americas.

5) The 2013 Conference in London.

Steve proposed that the next conference will be held in September 6 and 7, 2011 and that the fee is about 120-125£ and both suggestions were approved.

6) The Annual Report and Accounts for 2007-08

The Report by Max was approved and praised. It was decided that the Society will spend 5,000 € every two years in scholarships for PhD students to attend the Society's; 10,000

€ every two years to subsidise EREH fast track meetings; and 3,500 € annually to subsidise FRESH meetings.

7) **President elect.**

Giovanni was proposed as next President Elect and was approved with applause.

8) **Trustees and officers**

Greg Clark was welcomed as the new Review editor and trustee ex-officio, replacing Cormac who was praised for his valuable contribution to the Society and the Review. It was also announced that negotiations with a replacement for Jaime Reis were at an advanced stage. This stimulated a discussion about a possible role for trustees in making suggestions for future editors. It was agreed that in future, trustees would be given a chance to suggest names, but without binding the hands of the editors and president, much along the lines currently used by the Economic History Society.

Pedro recalled that his term as Secretary-General will end in 2012 and Herman de Jong was proposed as the new Secretary-General and approved with praise. Pedro also suggested that the replacement of trustees should be concentrated in the years of the Society's conferences so that a larger number of trustees could vote, adding that at the Geneva meeting, in 2009, a short list of candidates (up to 25) was set, the names were voted, and the two names with more votes were then invited to join the Board.

Pedro Lains, Secretary-general, September, 2011