

June 21, 2019
Faculty House Columbia University
HES Business Meeting
5:15 to 6pm

1. President's Welcome and Overview of the Agenda (Marcel Boumans)

Started 15 minutes late. Welcome everyone to the business meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 2018 (Marianne Johnson)

3. Secretary's Report (Marianne Johnson)

A. This year's election occurred in early March. We had 93 people vote (roughly 1/3 of our membership). Positions for election include vice president and one new member to the executive board. We thank Scott Scheall for his service and welcome Tom Stapleford and Ross Emmett to the Executive Committee.

B. Membership numbers continue to hold steady.

Year	End-of-May Membership	Year-End Membership
2015	?	229
2016	186	290*
2017	197	202
2018	266	284
2019	245	

* We are not fully confident in this number.

C. The HES Cocktail Reception at the AEA meetings in San Diego will be Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 6 to 8:30pm.

4. Treasurer's Report (Spencer Banzhaf)

A. The HES finances are strong. Income has exceeded expenses again this year. Membership collected is solid as are investment gains. We have not yet received last year's CUP payment which will be about \$67,000.

B. The HES broke even on the 2018 conference. We are not fully allocating New Initiative Funding because of a lack of proposals. The 2019 conference in New York City has been extremely expensive, and we will lose a lot of money. However, if we average conference expenses over 3 years, we are still on target.

C. In terms of our assets, things are good and we are in line with targets, with investment returns of about 3.4%.

5. SHOE Report (Humberto Barreto)

SHOE report: the good news is that there are no costs. The bad news is that there are no revenues. SHOE has over 1100 members from about 40 countries. The list is in good shape and is active. There have been a decline in total messages but SHOE remains mature and stable. Welcome suggestions and feedback.

6. Digital Information Manager (Erich Pinzon-Fuchs)

The HES continues to expand our digital presence, including live streaming of this meeting. Over the past year, we have seen an increase of engagement of 23% on Twitter and 8% on Facebook. The plan is to become more active on you tube and Instagram over the next year. Suggestions are welcome.

7. JHET Editor's Report (Jimena Hurtado and Pedro Duarte)

- A. The editors would like to highlight a few changes from their first year. First we have moved to single blind review as of October 2018 with the hope this will make reviewers more cognizant of diversity issues in authorship. They also added some language on diversity and English as a second language.
- B. We have begun a project of interviewing distinguished fellows of the society. The first one is coming out in December.
- C. A last important issue is that we have an impact factor again after being suppressed last year. The impact factor is very solid = 0.76 for last year. About 0.7 for the 5 year window.
- D. We would like to thank our referees, board, and submitters. We would like to especially thank Maria Paganelli for her work as book review editor. She did a wonderful job. JHET's new book review editor is Catherine Herfeld.
- E. Reporting on submissions: the queue is about 12 to 18 months to publication, and the acceptance rate is about 46%. We try to find best quality papers we can, and match them with the best reviewers. Most submissions come from a few countries, and there are many countries we would expect to receive more papers from but do not. We want to encourage more people to submit to the journal and to promote the society's journal. Language barriers are a problem.
- F. We are also expanding JHET social medial to reach a wider audience, and we are trying to promote papers with author interviews.

8. Outgoing Vice President's Report & Introduction of New Vice President (Marcel Boumans)

This was my second year as vice president. I was happy to see more proposals for sessions at the ASSA meetings. I selected proposals based on how close they were to our core business – those for which historical analysis is most prominent. I received 8 proposals and selected

4. In addition, we also have joint sessions, one with the ACE and the other with ASE and INET.

9. Outgoing President's Report (Evelyn Forget)

I am handing over the office to Marcel who will do a wonderful job. My term has been an opportunity to make lots of errors during the transition to the new constitution. Things are now running more smoothly and we are heading in the right direction. Thanks to Spencer and Marianne.

10. Diversity Initiative (Rebeca Gomez-Betancourt)

This year the Diversity Initiative organized a lunch and conducted a survey on issues in the field. The main results: women, young scholars, and non-native speakers feel underrepresented in the field and we need to find more inclusive activities as relate to the conference, grants, and reviewers, as well as who represents the society. We will continue to work on issues and possibly create a diversity committee. Very excited and optimistic and engaged. Any comments/suggestions/questions.

11. Thank you to 2019 Conference Planners and Request for Future Proposals (Marcel Boumans)

Conference is going well. If not, please let us know. We would like to thank the organizers of the conference – Jeff Biddle, Carl Wennerlind, Clara Mattei, Haaro Maas and Jose Edwards. Also like to thank the shadow committee to make this possible is Amy Hardy, office manager, Marianne and Spencer.

12. Announcement of the 2020 conference location (Marcel Boumans)

Utrecht, the Netherlands – the conference will be in the ancient city center of Utrecht. It will be lovely. It is easy to get there – fly to Amsterdam and then take a 30 minute train which will drop you off within walking distance of all the buildings and hotels. Hotel prices should be 100 to 150 euros. The conference venue is a beautiful old building that is nearly 600 years old. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Dates – are June 18 to 21, 2020.

13. New Business and Announcements

Announcement – Latin American conference submissions are open until end of June. Will be in Brazil in November.