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HES Business Meeting
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June 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

Topic: 3B HES Business Meeting

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Meeting Recording:

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Attendance ~ 40 at any given time.

1. President's welcome and overview of the agenda (Marcel Boumans)
2. Special Guest Bruce Caldwell's statement on the passing of Vincent Tarascio, the first president of the HES.
4. Treasurer's Report (Spencer Banzhaf)

Overview of profit and loss statement. Despite market turmoil, the HES remains in a solid financial position. Summary of conference income that carried over from 2019, memberships collected, investment returns. Payment from CUP for the journal is late again, a recurring problem.

Note that we lost quite a lot of money hosting the NYC conference, which was much more expensive than usual. If we think of a three-year average, we are ok. But we shouldn't plan events like NYC on a regular basis. (See documents)

5. Minutes from June 2021 approved though common consent with objections registered in the chat. No objections. Also accept secretary's and treasurer's reports.
6. Secretary's Report (Marianne Johnson)

Membership is going to be low this year, and without an in-person conference, we expect fewer renewals and lower membership over the entire course of the year. The election went smoothly though only about 1/3 of members voted. We have a scheduled reception at the ASSA meetings, but this is tentative given the on-going pandemic. (See documents)

Q&A – regarding ASSA sessions. Ross will take up shortly.

5. Vice President's Report (Ross Emmett)

ASSA 2021 sessions summary. Projection of the 4 sessions – perspectives on women, inequalities in the Progressive era, economic pluralism and methodology, DSGE-Macro

models. But hoping that INEM will sponsor the methodology session and plan to add something on race and economics.

Nice range of sessions and topics. But note for future – not enough sessions proposed until the very last minute. Would be helpful in the future to alert VP that you plan to put together a session.

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

Covid disruptions to physical issues. On-line writing workshops sponsored by NIP and HES has been very successful so far. Some updates for contributors, including a word count suggestion, ethics commitment, and new copyright transfer form. Meet the authors JHET series is popular and continuing.

Summary of submissions, countries submitting, acceptances and rejections. The acceptance rate is higher this year and last, at about 38%. The queue remains about 18 months.

7. Social Media updates (Erich Pinzón-Fuchs) – Twitter reach, Facebook, videos estimates. Some efforts for an online/virtual seminar series using Zoom. Hoping to get proposals for sessions next year.

8. President's Report (Marcel Boumans)

Sad that the physical conference is not possible. Hope to reschedule in Utrecht in 2021 in June 24 to 27. Then Minneapolis will move to June 2022.

9. New Business (Marcel Boumans) – Anti-racism statement by HES.

Much discussion on what a statement would entail, our goals, and what the end result would look like.

Conclusion for now is that the HES will put together a session at the ASSA meetings (as INEM takes the methodology session) related to the history of economics and race and racism.

Statement will be considered over the next few months.

Meeting adjourned at 1 hour 33 minutes.