

Agenda
HES Business Meeting, East Lansing
June 27th, 2015
Room 112 Brody Complex, Michigan State University
5 to 6pm

1. President's Welcome from Jeff Biddle
2. Approval of minutes of the 2015 HES Business Meeting, Montreal.
3. Introduction of new HES Secretary (Marianne Johnson)
4. Treasurer's Report – prepared by Neil Niman and presented by Spencer Banzhaf.

The HES is in sound financial position with significant assets. Noted that Cambridge University Press overpaid the society for the Journal for the History of Economic Thought this year.

Brief discussion of transition between treasurers, establishment of the investment committee, and long term planning.

The Society hopes to thank Neil Niman for his excellent stewardship at a future meeting.

5. SHOE List Moderator's Report (Humberto Barreto).

The SHOE list passed 1000 members this year (1049), by adding 66 new members. There has been a slight decline in messages, but still averages 40 to 60 per month. The list is in good shape. Avi Cohen thanks Burt for his great efforts to moderate the list.

6. JHET Editor's Report (Stephen Meardon)

Over 100 submissions last year. This is evidence of an upward trend, which is expected to continue. The journal, through Cambridge University Press, is subscribed to by a large number. The five year impact factor is estimated at 0.3 to 0.5. This compares favorably to other history of the social sciences journals and other history of economics journals. The editor believes the quality of the journal remains high and thanks the authors and referees for their contributions.

However, with so many submissions, the queue has been getting longer, up to 1.5 years from acceptance to publication. Last year, JHET negotiated with CUP to expand the page count, which will continue through 2015 and should reduce the queue to one year.

Meardon also notes that the workload of the editor has increased and states that he will be proposing both an associate/co-editor along with a managing editor to the exec to consider.

7. Out-Going Vice President's Report (Marianne Johnson)

HES Cocktail reception will be January 4, 2016 from 6 to 8pm. The HES Exec Committee meeting will be January 4, 2016 from 12:05 to 3pm.

The HES will host 4 sessions at the ASSA meetings in January in San Francisco. Dates and times should be available in September. People are strongly encouraged to attend as headcount matters.

(a) "200 Years of Women in Economics," submitted by Bob Dimand and co-hosted with the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP).

(b) "Public Choice: Origins and Perspectives," submitted by Manuela Mosca and Richard Wagner.

(c) "Becoming Applied: The Transformation of Economics After 1970," submitted by Beatrice Cherrier and Roger Backhouse.

(d) "Ruling the Market: Neoliberal Reasoning in Germany and Beyond," submitted by Floris Heuckelom and Stefan Kolev.

8. President Elect's Report (Mauro Boianovsky)

Next year's meeting will be at Duke University from June 17 to 20, 2016. An official announcement and details will be forthcoming.

9. Report on Committee to Consider Possible Constitutional and Procedural Reforms (Jeff Biddle and Kevin Hoover).

Two big changes to the HES over the past 5 to 10 years. (a) Half of HES attendees now come from outside North America. (b) We are now a much wealthier society, largely due to the outstanding stewardship of Neil Niman. However we have continued to operate with the same constitution and the same procedures. Problem with Executive Committee structure is that even when there are ideas for change, they are often difficult to follow through given the two meetings a year and the general running of the society. This spring sixteen past presidents signed a letter asking the exec to consider changes to the society. The exec asked them to form a committee to recommend constitutional and procedural changes to the exec in January. These will be considered by the society as a whole in June 2016.

Kevin Hoover is chairing the committee. He emphasizes that he's been attending HES meetings for 40 years. The issues are not chronic; no immediate major concerns. But, the question is about how to move forward, with changing demographics and changing situation. Will consider the role of the society, kinds of communications (e.g. we used to come to know what people are doing, but now we already know via internet). Hopes for this to be an interactive process to feedback from members is very important to the

reform committee (Hoover Committee). We want to create a more useful and robust society. Please send ideas and suggestions by email to Kevin Hoover (preferred) or any other reform committee members. Phone and direct conversation also encouraged.

General discussion about CUP membership services, investment strategies, workload of exec committee, Young Scholars fund, New Initiatives Proposals.

10. New Business? None

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm.