Secretary's Report Executive Committee June 2020

1. Membership numbers remain stable.

Year	End-of-May Membership	Year-End Membership
2015	5	229
2016	186	290*
2017	197	202
2018	266	284
2019	245	265
2020	219	223

As expected, memberships are low this year. Generally, quite a lot of members renew when they register for the conference, and between the uncertainty with Covid-19 and the eventual virtual conference format, many regular attendees did not renew/register.

2. We continue the transition with the Todd Mann Management Group. The set up with the accountants was a little bumpy, partly because of a lot of turnover with the accounting firm and partly because we have not had professional accounting. The big test will come with the expenses and receipts for the June 2021 conference.

As you know, at the encouragement of the accountants, we approved three policies regarding whistle blowers, conflict of interest, and document retention. These have been posted to our website, under the society button.

https://historyofeconomics.org/hes-policies/

We also added since the June 2020 conference, a button on Diversity Initiatives that includes the anti-racism statement and a link to different initiatives.

https://historyofeconomics.org/diversity-initiatives/

3. We had an unusual number of electronic votes in the second half of the year. They are listed here.

Туре	Date	Name
Schedule	10/14/2020	2021 Exec Meeting Dates
Schedule	10/19/2020	CUP Contract Renewal Meeting
Vote	8/31/2020	VOTE: Official Audit Policy
Vote	10/9/2020	VOTE: Acting Treasurer
Vote	11/23/2020	VOTE: Approve HES Policies
Vote	11/30/2020	VOTE: HES Auditors for FY 2021-2023

- 4. The Spengler Prize received nominations for 22 books from at least 10 different publishers. Unusually, we received quite a few nominations from individuals who read books and liked them not just editors or self nominations.
- 5. The next meeting will take place starting at noon on Thursday, June 24 in Utrecht (we hope).