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Plenary Auditorium, Universidad del Desarrollo

HES Business Meeting

**July 2024 Business Meeting** **Agenda**

1. President’s welcome and overview of the agenda (Maria Pia Paganelli)

1. Review of minutes from 2023

No amendments were made to the minutes.

1. Secretary’s Report (Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak)

We have seen a recent increase in membership numbers, which brought the Society closer to pre-covid levels. This resulted in part from a series of measures and initiatives put in place by the Executive Committee since June 2023. The HES website recently underwent a comprehensive technical revision and now features a section where members can access documents pertaining to the Society’s governance (reports, minutes, budgets, etc.).

1. Treasurer’s Report (John Berdell)

The 2024 conference did not require a deposit, a departure from our usual procedure. The Society approved a 2024-25 budget that includes US$30,000 for the new Growth and Outreach Fund. Several initiatives at the Santiago conference were funded using the resources allocated to this program. The income stream from Cambridge University Press is on a downward trend. A new arrangement for internal auditing by a Financial Review Committee, composed of HES members, has been approved by the Executive Committee and is now being implemented. We are taking steps to slowly move the Society’s portfolio to a higher equity position – returns are more volatile but hopefully larger in the long run.

* 1. Financial Review Committee

The Treasurer read the mandate of the new Financial Review Committee to the assembled membership.

1. Social Media Report

The President read the report on the behalf of the Digital Information Manager, who could not attend. Question about whether we have a presence on TikTok. The President explained we do not have a TikTok account yet. The Vice President informed the membership that HES discontinued its institutional Zoom subscription.

1. JHET Editor’s Report (Jimena Hurtado)

The editors are currently working on the Society’s 50th anniversary celebrations. Two sessions were organized during the Santiago conference; recordings will be made available later. Humberto Barreto will be asked to write something about the SHOE list as well. Paul Dudenhefer has done a tremendous job with the writing workshops, a very important service, especially for young scholars who are not native speakers. The (long) transition to the new editorial board has now begun. The new editors will be integrated into the team as associate editors until June 2025. The Executive Committee approved a new award for early career scholars, an initiative designed to further encourage them to participate in the community.

The incoming editorial team is completely engaged in continuing the work begun by Pedro and Jimena, especially with respect to their new initiatives. They are also committed to diversity, which is reflected in the composition of the editorial team itself. This will provide balanced treatment for different types of submissions. The impending move to open access will pose new challenges.

Paul Dudenhefer thanked Pedro and Jimena for their tremendous job as editors.

1. SHOE List Report (Humberto Barreto)

The list relies on old technology. Its messages reach over 1,100 people around the world. It has been running since February 1995. If not the first academic mailing list, at least one of the first. It used to have more discussion and argument, which does not happen so often anymore. The moderator hopes that all conference participants will consider joining the list. It features regular postings of calls for papers, announcements, etc. Most users are from the United States, but otherwise participation is rather spread out. The JHET editors convinced him to write something about the SHOE list. What would you like to know?

Multiple suggestions from the floor: an overview of the arguments over time; stories about how people have used the list as a resource in their own research; some content analysis; the origins and technical challenges.

1. Vice President’s Report (Cristina Marcuzzo)

The ASSA conference no longer serves as a job market hub. There is a steady decline in attendance. The Vice President expected this to be an easy job, but did not receive any spontaneous submissions. Resorted to personal networks to put a program together. Asked the assembled membership to consider submitting proposals next year.

1. President’s Report (Maria Pia Paganelli)

The Santiago conference seems to be going well, with over 150 registered participants. It is likewise on track to be on budget. The program comprised three sessions co-sponsored with other societies. HES also partially funded the ALAHPE Winter School organized prior to the conference.

Nicolás Dvoskin spoke on behalf of the ALAHPE Winter School organizers. Thanked the Growth and Outreach Fund and the INET Young Scholars Initiative for funding the event, which brought 20 early career scholars to the conference, many of whom had no previous knowledge of HES. Several of the participants also presented their work during the conference. Thanked HES for allowing ALAHPE to participate as a partner institution.

1. Revisions to HES Code of Conduct (Maria Pia Paganelli)

The President showed the recent modifications to the HES Code of Conduct approved by the Executive Committee to the assembled membership.

1. Update on 2025 Conference (Sandra Peart)

Next year’s conference will be held on 27-30 June at the University of Richmond, Virginia. Richmond has recently been named #1 city to visit in America. Masazumi Wakatabe and Bart Wilson will be plenary speakers.

1. New Business

The Vice President explained how the Conference Planning Committee had recently prepared a strategic report based on a survey of the history of economics community. Thanked other societies for their help implementing the survey. The committee would like to receive feedback on this report, which will be made available to HES members.

Sandra Peart thanked Juan Pablo Couyoumdjian for organizing the conference. The President thanked Katherine Tilly and Amy Hardy for their assistance, as well as the Center for the Study of Public Choice, the University of Richmond, the Centro de Estudios Públicos (CEP) and Faro for financial support.

The Vice President thanked the President for the brilliant idea of bringing HES to Chile.