

Secretary's Report
Business Meeting
June 2025

1. As foreseen by the HES Constitution, elections occurred in early March, once again using the ElectionBuddy platform. We received 112 votes from 237 eligible voters, for a participation rate of 47% (slightly lower than last year). We welcome Pedro Garcia Duarte as the new Vice President, David Andrews as the new Treasurer, and Andrej Svorenčík as the new at-large member of the Executive Committee.

Year	Eligible Voters	Participation Rate
2024	223	50%
2025	237	47%

2. We have seen a new dip in membership numbers following the recovery that started in late 2023 and continued in 2024. Much of this can be attributed to newcomers to the Santiago conference who did not renew their memberships a year later. The Richmond conference likely builds more heavily on the HES core constituency than Santiago. We will implement a new campaign for bringing back relapsed members starting in September.

Year	Conference Location	End-of-May Membership	Year-End Membership
2015	Michigan State	?	229
2016	Duke	186	290*
2017	Toronto	197	202
2018	Chicago	266	284
2019	New York	247	265
2020	Virtual	219	223
2021	Utrecht (Virtual)	188	263
2022	Minneapolis (Hybrid)	270	276
2023	Vancouver	196	237
2024	Santiago	246	245
2025	Richmond	217	

* 290 is likely an overestimate as this was the year that we switched from CUP to managing membership through our own website. Several shadow accounts were created to test aspects of the website.

3. An institutional outreach campaign initiated in Jan 2024 led to a partnership with the International Society for Intellectual History through which three early-career scholars received travel support to attend the Richmond conference. We now plan to reciprocate this initiative by funding the participation of up to three early-career scholars to next year's ISIH conference. We also have ongoing conversations with the European Society for the History of Science, the Social Science History Association, the Scottish Economic Society, and the Economic History Association which will hopefully bear fruit in the near future.

4. We prepared a concise and up-to-date description of the structure and mandate of all existing HES committees, which is now available on the HES website alongside a list of their current members. This is another step in our effort to facilitate access to important information about the Society's governance and increase the transparency of our administrative practices.
5. Building on a successful experience in San Francisco this year, the Executive Committee decided to collaborate with other societies (IAFFE, URPE, ASE, and AFEE) to organize a joint reception during the ASSAs in Philadelphia.