



The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT THE

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

Thursday, 25th May 2017

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2016 AGM (Attached)
2. Treasurer's Report (To Follow)
3. Secretary's Report (Attached)
4. Election of Council Members and Officers of the Society (Attached)



Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Irish Academy on the 19th May 2016

The President, Prof. John FitzGerald, was in the chair.

Minutes

The President proposed that the minutes be taken as read and this was agreed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the year ended 30th September 2015 by the Treasurer, Dr Christopher Sibley. He noted memberships were slightly lower but the Society's financial position was essentially unchanged. The Treasurer's report was approved by all present.

Secretary's Report

Honorary Secretary Mr Martin O'Brien reported on the proceedings of the Society for the current session. The Secretary's Report was approved by all present.

Elections

John FitzGerald was retiring from his position as President and Miriam Hederman O'Brien was retiring from her position as a Vice President. The President thanked Dr Hederman O'Brien for her contribution to the Society.

The Council's recommendations were adopted for election to Council, being proposed by Mr Gerry O'Hanlon and seconded by Mr Paul Sweeney. The eight members retiring under Rule 8 and seeking re-election were returned: P. Lane, D. De Buitleir, J FitzGerald, P. Dalton, R. Watt, N. O'Gorman, M. Sherlock and K. Walsh. No further nominations had been received for consideration.

Frances Ruane was elected as President, having been proposed and seconded by Paul Walsh and Donal de Buitleir, respectively. John FitzGerald was elected as a Vice-President, having been proposed by Seán Lyons and seconded by Noel O'Gorman. To summarise, the following were duly elected as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for the 2016/2017 session:

President: **F. Ruane**
Vice Presidents: W. Keating, A. Punch, B. Whelan, D. de Buitleir,
P. Sweeney, and **J. FitzGerald**.
Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley.
Honorary Secretaries: N. Caven, P. Walsh, M. O'Brien.



Secretary's Report
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First Meeting

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 19th October 2016, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The Vice-President, Dr Donal de Buitléir, was in the Chair.

Mr Karl Deeter (Irish Mortgage Brokers) and Mr Francis Quinn (Blackrock Further Education Institute) presented their joint paper with Dr David Duffy (Property Industry Ireland) titled "Dublin house prices: A history of booms and busts from 1708-1949". The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Ronan Lyons (TCD) and seconded by Professor John FitzGerald (TCD). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof Seán Lyons, Mr Colm Fitzgerald, Mr Colm McCarthy and Mr Noel O'Gorman. The chair invited the authors to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed.

Second Meeting

The second ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 10th October 2016, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Mr Timothy Linehan (CSO) presented his paper titled "Towards an Irish Recorded Crime Index". The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Gurchand Singh (An Garda Síochána Analysis Service) and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr David Crowe, Mr Aidan Gormley, Dr Charles Larkin Mr Noel O'Gorman and Mr Martin O'Brien. The President invited the author to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed.

Third Meeting

The third ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 19th January 2017, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Dr Rebecca Stuart (Central Bank of Ireland) presented the Barrington Lecture titled "70 Years of Personal Disposable Income and Consumption in Ireland".

Contributions from the floor were made by Prof. Sean Lyons, Dr Reamonn Lydon, Prof. Ronan Lyons, Dr Patrick Quill, Mr Joe Durkan, Mr Feargal Ó Brolcháin, Mr Bill Keating, Prof. Frances Ruane, Mr Michael Tierney and Mr Noel O'Gorman.

The President invited the author to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed and making the presentation of the Barrington Prize to Dr Stuart.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 23th February 2017, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The Vice President, Prof John Fitz Gerald, was in the Chair.

Prof Frank Barry (TCD) presented his paper on “*The Irish Single-Currency Debate of the 1990s in Retrospect*”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof Patrick Honohan and seconded by Mr Colm McCarthy. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Dan O’Brien, Dr Finola Kennedy, Mr Rafique Mottiar, Mr Noel O’Gorman, Mr William Scally, Ms Mary Doyle, Mr Cormac Lucey, Prof. Sean Barret, Mr Joe Durkan, Prof John Fitz Gerald and Dr Rory O’Donnell.

The President invited the author to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 3:30pm on Thursday, 30th March 2017, at the Central Statistics Office, Skehard Road, Cork. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Prof Tim Callan and Dr Claire Keane (ESRI) presented their joint paper with colleagues on “*Income-Tested Health Entitlements: Microsimulation Modelling Using SILC*”. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Terrence Hynes (Dept. of Health) and seconded by Mr Brian Ring (CSO). Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Patrick Foley, Mr Martin O’Brien, Mr Richard McMahon, Mr Damien Linehan and Prof Frances Ruane.

The President invited the authors to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed, especially colleagues from the CSO for hosting the meeting.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:00pm on Thursday, 30th March 2017, at the Central Bank of Ireland, North Wall Quay, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

The meeting was the Society’s Annual Symposium, with the theme being “*Globalisation, Inequality and the Rise of Populism*”. Presentations were given by Prof Brian Nolan (Oxford), Dr Theresa Reidy (UCC) and Prof Richard Layte (TCD-ESRI). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof Christopher Whelan, Mr Ian Hughes, Mr Austin Hughes, Mr Denis Murphy, Prof Patrick Honohan, Ms Mary Doyle, Dr Laura Flannelly, Prof Frances Ruane and Dr Thomas Conefrey.

The President invited the speakers to respond and brought the meeting to a close thanking those who had contributed, especially colleagues from the Central Bank for hosting the meeting.

Additional meetings

A seventh meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 25th May 2017, 5:30pm at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. This will be the Society’s AGM and will be followed by a paper by Mr Diarmaid Smyth (Central Bank of Ireland) on “The Recovery in the Public Finances in Ireland Following the Financial Crisis”.

It is envisaged that a further meeting of the Society is scheduled to take place in the offices of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency on Thursday 22nd June 2017.

Martin O’Brien
Honorary Secretary
25th May 2016



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Election of Council Membership and Officers of the Society 2017/2018

William Keating and Aidan Punch are retiring as Vice-Presidents.

Council

Nine members must retire from Council under Rule 8 of the Society, in order of longest time since last elected. The nine are:

W. Keating
A. Punch
N. Caven
P.P. Walsh
N. Brennan
P. Honohan
C. Sibley
T. McCarthy
D. McCoy

Council recommends that the following six members retiring under Rule 8 be re-elected:

N. Caven
P.P. Walsh
P. Honohan
C. Sibley
T. McCarthy
D. McCoy

Council also recommends that the following be added to the Council as new members:

Jasmina Behan (IGEES)
Siobhan Carey (NISRA)
Ronan Lyons (TCD)

President and Honorary Officers

Council recommends that Patrick Honohan and Noel O’Gorman be nominated for election as Vice-Presidents. To summarise, Council recommends the following for election as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for 2017-2018 session. Proposed changes are highlighted in boldface.

President: F. Ruane.

Vice Presidents: B. Whelan, D. de Buitleir, P. Sweeney, J. FitzGerald, **P. Honohan. N. O’Gorman.**

Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley.

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