



The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT THE

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

Thursday, 31st May 2018

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2017 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 25th May 2017

The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, 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 2016 by the Treasurer, Dr Christopher Sibley. He noted the very marginal changes in the Society's financial position over the previous year. The Treasurer's report was approved by all present.

Secretary's Report

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

Elections

The Council's recommendations for election to Council were adopted, being proposed by Professor John FitzGerald and seconded by Fergal O'Brolchain. Six of the nine members retiring under Rule 8 and seeking re-election were returned: N Craven, PP Walsh, P Honohan, C Sibley, T McCarthy, D McCoy. In addition three new members were proposed by the Council and accepted by the meeting: J Behan, R Lyons, S, Carey.

The President advised the meeting that Vice Presidents W Keating and A Punch were stepping down from the Council and thanked them for their contributions to the Society over many years. On the recommendation of Council two new Vice Presidents were proposed: P Honohan and N O'Gorman. To summarise, the following were duly elected as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for the 2017/2018 session:

President: F. Ruane

Vice Presidents: B. Whelan, D. de Buitlir, P. Sweeney, J. FitzGerald,

P Honohan, N O'Gorman

Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley.

Honorary Secretaries: N. Caven, P. Walsh, M. O'Brien.



Secretary's Report
Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry of Ireland
One Hundred and Seventy First Session: 2017/2018

First Meeting

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 12th October 2017, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The Vice President, Mr Paul Sweeney, was in the Chair.

Dr Jack Short (TCD) presented his paper on "*Traffic injuries in Ireland: A neglected problem*". The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms Aoife O'Grady (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) and was seconded by Mr Stephin Watkins (Personal Injuries Assessment Board). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof Seán Barret, Mr John Lumsden, Prof John FitzGerald, Mr Tom Ferris, Ms Sharon Heffernan and Mr Paul Sweeney.

The President invited the presenters 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, 30th November 2017, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Mr Michael Connolly (CSO) presented a paper on "*The Expected and Unexpected Consequences of ESA 2010 – an Irish perspective*". The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof John FitzGerald (TCD), and was seconded by Mr John Verrinder (Eurostat). Contributions from the floor were made by Prof Patrick Honohan, Mr Bill Keating, Mr Joe Durkan, and Mr Erik de Vrijer.

The President invited the presenters 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, 25th January 2018, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Dr Karina Doorley (ESRI) delivered the annual Barrington Lecture, based on her paper titled "*Taxation, work and gender equality in Ireland*". Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Seán Lyons, Ms Eithne FitzGerald, Prof Patrick Honohan, Prof Liam Delaney, Dr Laura Bambrick, Dr Aedin Doris, Mr Noel O'Gorman, Prof John FitzGerald, Prof Frances Ruane, Ms Criona Brassil and Ms Mary Doyle.

Following the discussion, the President congratulated Dr Doyle for her selection as the winner of the Barrington prize, and presented her with the commemorative silver medal before bringing the meeting to a close.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 8th February 2018, at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Dr John Curtis (ESRI/TCD) presented a paper entitled “*A Method of Disaster Cost Assessment: A case study of the potential economic impact of a nuclear accident affecting Ireland*”, joint work with Mr Brian Coyne (TCD) and Prof Edgar Morgenroth (DCU). The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Veronica Smith (EPA), and seconded by all present. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Martin O’Brien, Prof John FitzGerald, Ms Mary Doyle, Dr Seán Lyons, Mr Feargal O’Broilcháin, Mr Gerry O’Hanlon, and Prof Frances Ruane.

The President invited the authors 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, 22nd March 2018, at the Central Statistics Office, Skehard Road, Cork. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

Dr Karina Doorley (ESRI) delivered her Barrington Medal winning paper “*Taxation, work and gender equality in Ireland*”. Contributions from the floor were made by Mr Richard McMahon, Mr Barra Casey, Mr Barry O’Leary, Mr James Hegarty, Mr Gregg Patrick, and Mr Damien Courtney.

Following the discussion, the President thanked those who had contributed, and colleagues in the CSO for hosting the meeting. The President then brought the meeting to a close.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday, 26th April 2018, at Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street, Dublin. The President, Prof Frances Ruane, was in the Chair.

The meeting was the Annual Symposium, with the theme being “*Where will the Economy be in 2040? Delivering on the National Planning Framework*”. Presentations were made by Prof Henry Overman (LSE), Mr Paul Hogan (Dept of Housing, Planning and Local Government) and Dr Ronan Lyons (TCD). Contributions from the floor were made by Dr James O’Mahony, Mr Dermot O’Leary, Prof Seán Barrett, Dr Reamonn Lydon, Ms Mary Doyle and Mr Gerry O’Hanlon.

Following the discussion, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Additional meetings

A seventh meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 31st May 2018, 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 Dr Eric Doyle (Dept of An Taoiseach) titled “*Endowment Effect and Reservation Wage: A behavioural evaluation of the impact of the 2010 Jobseekers Allowance rate changes on labour market outcomes for young unemployed*”.

Martin O’Brien
Honorary Secretary
31st May 2018



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Election of Council Membership and Officers of the Society 2018/2019

Philip Lane and Shane Whelan are retiring as members of the Council.

Norman Caven and Martin O'Brien are stepping down as Honorary Secretaries

Council

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

F. Ruane
P. Sweeney
B. Whelan
S. Whelan
M. O'Brien
J. Banim
S. Lyons
P. Lane
D. de Buitleir

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

F. Ruane
P. Sweeney
B. Whelan
M. O'Brien
J. Banim
S. Lyons
D. de Buitleir

A casual vacancy arose during the 2017/18 session with the retirement of Prof Tom McCarthy. Having been co-opted onto Council to fill that vacancy, Council now recommends that Dr Aedin Doris be formally elected as a Council member as is required under Rule 10.

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

Alan Barrett (ESRI)
Loretta O'Sullivan (Bank of Ireland)

President and Honorary Officers

Council recommends that Ronan Lyons be elected as Honorary Secretary. To summarise, Council recommends the following for election as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for 2018-2019 session. Proposed changes are highlighted in boldface.

President: F. Ruane.

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

Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley.

Honorary Secretaries: **R. Lyons**, P. Walsh.