



The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

Annual General Meeting of the 172nd Session

Held at the Institute of International & European Affairs,

North Great George's Street, Dublin 1

At 5.30pm, on Thursday 23rd May, 2019

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2018 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 Thursday, May 31st, 2018*



The Vice President, Dr Donal de Buitleur, was in the chair.

Minutes

The Vice President proposed that the minutes of the 2017 AGM be taken as read and this was agreed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the year ended 30th September 2017 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

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

Election of Council Members & Officers of the Society

Seven of the nine members retiring under Rule 8 and seeking re-election were returned, having been proposed and seconded by William Keating and Feargal O'Brolchain, respectively: Frances Ruane, Paul Sweeney, Brendan Whelan, Martin O'Brien, Jennifer Banim, Sean Lyons, and Donal de Buitleur.

The ongoing Council membership of Aedin Doris, who had been co-opted during the 2017/18 session was confirmed, having been proposed and seconded by Noel O'Gorman and Paul Sweeney. In addition, two new members were elected, having been proposed and seconded by Thomas Conefrey and Seán Lyons:

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

The President advised the meeting that Martin O'Brien and Norman Caven were stepping down as Honorary Secretaries and thanked them for their contributions to the Society. On the recommendation of Council, Ronan Lyons was elected as Honorary Secretary, having been proposed and seconded by Paul Sweeney and Paul Walsh. To summarise, the following were duly elected as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for the 172nd session, with new officers in **bold underline**:

President: F. Ruane

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

Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley

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



Honorary Secretary's Report

Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

One Hundred and Seventy-Second Session: 2018/2019

First Meeting

The first ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday 8th November 2018 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Managing a Century of Debt" was presented by Dr Seán Kenny (Lund) and Prof. John Fitzgerald (TCD). The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Rebecca Stuart (Central Bank of Ireland) and seconded by Mr Rossa White (NTMA). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Prof. Frank Barry, Mr Eddie Casey, Dr Thomas Conefrey, Dr Patrick Quill, Dr Daragh Clancy, Mr Noel Cahill, Mr Kevin Timoney, Prof. Frances Ruane and Dr Finola Kennedy, after which the President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

Second Meeting

The second ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday 6th December 2018 at Trinity College Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "A Gravity Model Analysis of Irish Merchandise Goods Exports under Brexit" was presented by Gerard Keogh (CSO). The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Michael Wycherley (Trinity College Dublin) and seconded by Dr Javier Papa (Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Sean Lyons, Patrick Honohan, Keith Walsh, Thomas Conefrey, Barra Roantree, Frances Ruane, Ronan Lyons, and Noel Gorman, after which the President invited the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

Third Meeting

The third ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday 24th January 2019 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Ireland's National Wage Agreements & Macroeconomic Performance, 1988-2008" was presented by Anthony Leddin (University of Limerick) and Paul G. Egan (St. Andrews). The vote of thanks was proposed by Jim O'Leary and seconded by Christopher Ryan (Department of Public Expenditure & Reform). Comments and questions from the floor were made by John Fitzgerald, Marie Sherlock, Kevin Callinan, Michael Connolly, Gerry Flynn, Andrew Condon, Evan Walker, and Frances Ruane, after which the President invited

the presenters to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the authors and the contributors.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday 21st February 2019 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. This year's Barrington lecture was given by Daragh Clancy, of the European Stability Mechanism. His paper was titled "US corporate tax rate cuts: Spillovers to the Irish economy". The vote of thanks was proposed by Frank Barry (Trinity College Dublin). Comments and questions from the floor were made by John Fitzgerald, Sean Lyons, Ronan Lyons, Frances Ruane, and Chris Sibley, after which the President invited the presenter to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Estimates of Foreign Assets and Liabilities for Ireland" was presented by Vahagn Galstyan (Central Bank of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin). The vote of thanks was proposed by Chris Sibley (Central Statistics Office). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Philip Lane, Patrick Honohan, Patrick Quill and John Fitzgerald, after which the President invited the author to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking the author and the contributors.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 12:30pm on Thursday 28th March 2019 at the Central Statistics Office, Cork. The President, Prof. Frances Ruane, was in the chair. A paper titled "Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures, 2017" was presented by Tracy Power and Brian Green of the Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency. The vote of thanks was proposed by Gerard O'Reilly (Central Statistics Office). Comments and questions from the floor were made by Jillian Delaney, Paul Morrin, Frances Ruane and Brian Cahill, after which the President invited the authors to respond and then brought the meeting to a close, thanking all those who contributed.

Seventh Meeting

The seventh ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 4pm on Tuesday, 9th April 2019, at Queen's Management School, Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast. The President, Professor Frances Ruane, was in the Chair. Dr Daragh Clancy (European Stability Mechanism) delivered his Barrington Medal winning paper "US Corporate Tax Rate Cuts: Spillovers to the Irish Economy". Dr Graham Brownlow (QUB) acted as discussant, presenting an assessment of the implications of the research for Northern Ireland. Contributions from the floor were made by Dr Alan Fernihough, Dr Esmond Bernie, Prof Frances Ruane, Dr Alan de Bromhead

and Dr Norman Caven. Following the discussion and responses from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Eighth Meeting

The eighth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at 5.30pm on Thursday, 26th April 2019, at Chartered Accountants House, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, with the President, Professor Frances Ruane, in the Chair. The meeting featured a Symposium of three presentations, on the topic of the economies on the island of Ireland. The first, entitled 'Competitiveness on the island of Ireland', was by Richard Johnston, Frances Ruane & Laura Heery. The second, by John FitzGerald, was on 'Investment in Education and Economic Growth on the Island of Ireland'. The third presentation was by Martina Lawless, on 'Firms and Trade on the Island of Ireland'. Contributions from the floor were made by Kevin Daly, Paul Walsh, Pat Ryan, Sean Barrett, Thomas Conefrey, Reamonn Lydon, Eoin Flaherty, Eithne Fitzgerald, Michael Connolly, Michael Darcy, Pat Crowley, and Kerry Curran. Following the discussion and responses from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Ninth Meeting

The ninth ordinary meeting of the Society has been scheduled to take place at 5.30pm, on Thursday, May 23rd, at the Institute of International & European Affairs, 8 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the 172nd session of the Society, followed by a presidential address by Professor Frances Ruane, entitled "The Changing Patterns of Production and Consumption of Official Statistics in Ireland, 1989-2019".



The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland
Election of Council Membership and Officers of the Society 2019/2020

Council

Under Rule 8 of the Society, nine members must retire each year, in order of longest time since last elected. This year, the following Council members – listed by year of first appointment to Council – are required to resign:

1. Noel O'Gorman
2. Danny McCoy
3. Robert Watt
4. Marie Sherlock
5. Keith Walsh
6. Martina Lawless
7. John Fitzgerald
8. Padraig Dalton
9. Ronan Lyons

The Council recommends that all nine be re-elected.

President & Honorary Officers

Prof Frances Ruane is retiring as President. The Council recommends that Prof Frances Ruane be nominated for election as Vice-President and that Mr Danny McCoy be nominated for election as President. There are no retirements for any other officers. Therefore, the Council is proposing that the remaining officeholders remain the same.

To summarise, the Council recommends the following Honorary Officers for the 173rd session, with new officers highlighted in **bold underline**:

President: **D. McCoy**

Vice Presidents: B. Whelan, D. de Buitleur, P. Sweeney, J. FitzGerald,
N.T. O'Gorman, P. Honohan, **F. Ruane**

Honorary Treasurer: C. Sibley

Honorary Secretaries: P.P. Walsh, R.C. Lyons, A. de Bromhead