

**The Economic Society of Australia (ESA)
(WA Branch)
ABN 63 914 017 937
Committee Meeting
DRAFT AGM Minutes**

Date: 14th August 2014

Venue: Bluewater Grill, Applecross

Meeting Opened: 5.45pm

1. Attendance: David Butler, Maria Mangano, Jasmine Kaur, Mike Dockery, Harry Bloch, Abu Siddique, Chris Shulha, Margaret Giles, Inga Kristoffersen

2. Apologies: Malcolm Tull

3. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Mike Dockery and seconded by Margaret

4. President's Report

Central Council Update

- Future eminent speakers to be approached include Eugene Fama and Ken Rogoff for 2015
- Central Council agreed to write to La Trobe to express concern at the planned two thirds reduction in the size of the economics group
- The age cut off for YEN was determined at 40.
- Peter Kenyon Scholarship was awarded to a PHD student at ANU. This scholarship is focused on students from a needy background.
- Jeff Sheen is standing down as Editor of the Economic Record, to be replaced by Garry Barrett of UNSW.
- The new ABDC journal ranking was released in November. Not all Central Council members are happy with the rankings of our two journals.

Past Events

David mentioned that the AGM needs to be held 3 months after the end of the financial year. Therefore, the AGM and annual dinner were held earlier than in previous years. The President's report covered the branch activities over the year which included:

- Annual Shann Memorial Lecture hosted jointly by the society and UWA. The guest speaker was Indonesia's Vice President, Boediono.
- In December last year, the society hosted out end of year event with a stimulating talk from Professor Deidre McCloskey.
- In March 2014, the society hosted our annual event with the RBA
- The Young Economist Network (YEN) hosted a quiz night at UWA which was well attended
- Unfortunately, WA and QLD missed out on the Eminent Speaker Series this July but have been guaranteed priority for the next Eminent Speaker.

Future Events

- **September:** Shann Memorial lecture by Kym Anderson at UWA on the 25th of September 2014.
- **October:** Dr Mike Nahan speaking at the Melbourne Hotel on the 8th of October.
- **November:**
 - (1) A work shop in honour of Professor Paul Miller will be held on the 11-12 November 2014 at the Esplanade.
 - (2) Joint event between ESAWA and University of Queensland Alumni on the 25th/27th of November.
- **December :** End of year Christmas function

David also noted that the branch membership has made slight progress to 75, slightly higher than the previous year's membership of 66. 2015 ACE will be held at QUT Queensland from the 7-11 July and ACE 2016 will be held at Flinders University, South Australia, from the 4-8 July. Also, the ESAWA website was looking a lot better.

5. Treasurer's Report

The WA Branch made a surplus of \$22,538 this year. This was largely due to the conference held last year.

8. Election of Office Bearers 2014/15

Michael Mclure (President), UWA
Maria Mangano (Vice President), Curtin University
Chris Shulha (Treasurer),
Jasmine Kaur (Secretary), CCIWA

Committee Members

David Butler
Harry Bloch
Philip Brown
Ishita Chatterjee
Anusha Mahendran
Margaret Giles
Greg Moore
Abu Siddique
Malcolm Tull
Michael Dockery
Peter Kolf
Rahul Salim
Inga Kristoffersen

Meeting closed 6.30 pm