

HETSA Business Meeting - Seventh Conference Thursday 15 July 1993

26 members were present - Ian Kerr was in the Chair; John Lodewijks acted as Minute Secretary. The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m.

1 Minutes of the July 1991 meeting at Monash were confirmed.

2 *Chief Executive Officer's Report:* Dr. Kerr noted that it had been a very active and expansionary two years for HETSA. Membership expanded by 75 per cent overall and overseas membership had increased significantly. It was noted that there was still scope for increased membership, particularly from libraries. Links with other HET societies and journals were also being explored. In his *Financial Report* Dr. Kerr noted the growth of net income and the Society's healthy balance of accumulated funds. Financial statements were tabled and confirmed by the meeting. Dr. Kerr was congratulated on his effective role as CEO for the Society.

3 *HER Editor's Report:* Dr. Lodewijks noted that since the last meeting five issues of HER had been published (Numbers 15-19) and another was close to going to the Printer. He reported that the new journal was well received by members and had attracted submissions from leading historians of thought. The editor then thanked a number of members of the Society for their assistance with the production of the Journal. Dr. Lodewijks was congratulated by members present for his contribution to HER.

4 Both the CEO and Editor of HER were elected unopposed to serve another term of office.

5 It was decided to maintain HETSA membership dues at the present level but to allow members from New Zealand to pay the Australian rate.

6 Professors Groenewegen and Gordon were thanked for their efforts in evaluating the HETSA Prize submissions. It was decided to raise the first prize award to \$400 in future and to award a second prize award of \$200, if the quality was of a high enough standard.

7 The editor of HER then proceeded to outline a number of future possibilities for the journal. He also reported on a number of suggestions made by members relating to the composition of the editorial board, number of issues, sale of back issues, indexing in JEL, house style, cover and promotion options. He noted that at present publication costs were being covered by membership fees.

After some discussion, the editor agreed to look into the possibilities of further enhancing the image of the journal. This would include revamping the present editorial board and giving it a more international flavour. It was noted that those on the Board have an obligation to promote the Journal, encourage submissions and be willing to referee articles. It was hoped that such efforts might improve the prospects for a JEL listing.

8 A lively discussion then ensued on the most appropriate way for HETSA to disburse its accumulated funds. Agreement was reached on a number of suggestions: that the subsidy to students attending the HETSA conference be \$100 (provided that total expenditure did not exceed \$1000 or less depending on the financial situation HETSA found itself in); that a prize of \$100 be

awarded to the best post-graduate paper presented at the HETSA conference (HETSA prize winners excluded); and that funds be made available for editorial assistance with the production of HER.

The editor agreed to look into the costs of reprinting out of stock issues of HER and assembling a cumulative index. A notice about the availability of back issues would appear in a subsequent HER.

9 Future HETSA Conferences: It was agreed that the 1995 conference be sponsored by the University of Queensland. Peter Burn, who was present, agreed to undertake the organisation involved in cooperation with Bruce Littleboy and with the support of Prof. Tisdell.

One of our members made a most passionate plea that the HETSA conference be held annually, noting that for many present this was their most enjoyable conference to attend. There was considerable support for this suggestion. It was foreshadowed that there be an annual conference after 1995 and to this end the University of Newcastle will be approached to host the conference in 1996 and the University of New South Wales in 1997.

Members vigorously applauded the efforts of Chris Nyland in organising the 1993 conference and in picking such an outstanding venue for the Conference.

The meeting closed at 10.22.