

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia held on 19 May, 1985.

The Convenor of the third Conference of the Society, Mr. Michael Schneider, was in the Chair. Approximately twenty members of the Society were in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was that of the venue for the fourth Conference of the Society. It was suggested by the Chairman that the venue be Newcastle. Dr. Allen Oakley responded by saying that while reserving the right to carry out investigations before committing Newcastle to convening the Conference, he believed holding the Conference at Newcastle would be feasible, the only major problem he could foresee being that of accommodation, which was not as readily accessible as at La Trobe. He envisaged the Conference as being held in May, 1987. The meeting then decided to invite Dr. Allen Oakley and Professor Barry Gordon to investigate whether it would be feasible to hold the fourth Conference of the Society at Newcastle in May, 1987, and agreed that if the answer were in the affirmative the next Conference should be held at Newcastle.

The second item on the agenda was the Secretary's Report. Arising out of this Report were a number of matters which had been listed on the agenda. The first of these was the question of Secretary/Treasurer of HETSA. It was pointed out by Mr. John Reeves that at the first Conference it had been decided that the Society should have as office-bearers only a Convenor of the next Conference, who should double as President, and an Editor of the Newsletter, who should double as Secretary-Treasurer, and he went on to suggest that if any change were to take place, it should take the form of separating the Newsletter Editorship from the Secretary-Treasurership. It was then agreed that this question be discussed in conjunction with the second matter listed, namely that of Editor of the Newsletter. The Chairman pointed out that the current Editor, Mr. John Wood, had suggested in his Report that there be an Editorial Board, comprising a representative from each of the major Eastern States, though he would be happy to remain as Production Editor. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Ray Petridis be appointed as Secretary-Treasurer, with Mr. John Wood continuing as Production Editor of the Newsletter. It was also agreed that there should be an Editorial Board, comprising Dr. Tony Endres, Professor Peter Groenewegen, Mr. Michael Schneider, Mr. Michael White, and (subject to their approval) Mr. Bruce Littleboy (to be approached by Michael Schneider), Dr. Mac Boot (to be approached by Ray Petridis) and a representative from Tasmania (also to be approached by Ray Petridis). At the suggestion of Mr. John Reeves, it was further agreed that the Convenor, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Production Editor should all have power to co-opt assistance as they see fit. After some discussion, it was also agreed that the

Society's publication should be renamed the HETSA Bulletin, as a step towards possible ultimate publication of a journal, and that the Editorial Board should draw up a set of guidelines for contributors.

The next item on the agenda was that of the level of the Society's subscription. After some discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Editorial Board that the subscription be raised from the present \$5 to \$10 per annum.

The next item related to a number of publications emanating from the University of Sydney, which the Chairman announced were currently available for purchase.

Under the heading of any other business, Professor Gordon suggested that it might help enable overseas scholars to attend the Society's Conference if the word 'international' were attached to it. It was agreed that this should be left to the discretion of the Conference Convenor(s).

There being no further business, the Chairman then declared the Business Meeting closed.

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