EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Assembly of Members
Held at 7pm
At
The University of Glasgow
Glasgow, Scotland, Wednesday August 25 2010

59 general members, Council members and Committee members were present.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Barcelona 2009)

REPORTED

that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION’S PAST ACTIVITIES

a) Report of the President

Timothy BESLEY

RECEIVED

Report of the President

REPORTED

i) that a new publishing contract for JEEA had been signed with Wiley - Blackwell and from January 2011 there would be 6 regular issues of JEEA

ii) that the impact factor of JEEA in 2009 went up to 1.425

iii) that Ramon Marimon had organised a panel session ‘25 years of Economic Research in Europe’ at the congress and the results of the survey about research funding in Europe would be available towards the end of the year

iv) that during the Congress, Reinhilde Veugelers had expressed her intention to stand down as Chair of the EEA-SC on Teaching and that the Council would be active from September onwards finding her replacement and new committee members

v) that Silvana Tenreyro now chaired the WinE Committee, which was once again active

vi) that the winners of all the EEA awards, along with all EEA reports would be published on the EEA website

RESOLVED

that the report of the President be approved
b) Report of the Secretary  

Piero TEDESCHI

RECEIVED

Report of the Secretary

REPORTED

i) that Mathias Dewatripont had chaired the Nominating Committee for 2010 and the online voting would commence soon after the conference

ii) that the EEA website had undergone restyling and the official site remained [www.eeassoc.org](http://www.eeassoc.org) and that the default email address remained [eea@unicatt.it](mailto:eea@unicatt.it)

iii) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stands at 2850 (with 16 Institutional members having paid for 2010)

iv) that the EEA secretariat would concentrate on finding locations for the congresses from 2012 onwards and ensure that increases in registration costs would be kept to a minimum

v) that the Secretary report would be made available online

RESOLVED

that the report of the Secretary be approved

c) Report of the Treasurer  

Simon GAECHTER

RECEIVED

Report of the Secretary

REPORTED

i) that in 2009 the EEA had made a profit of €139,200, but as past mistakes had to be entered into the 2009 balance sheets, a loss of €8,407 had been recorded

ii) that reserves in 2009 had increased by €126,380 due to an overall increase in individual and institutional membership

iii) that while the financial situation of the EEA looked more positive than it did in 2008, there was still a deficit for the journal and the EEA still depended heavily on its institutional members for financial support

iv) that the Treasurer’s report would be made available online

RESOLVED

that the report of the Treasurer be approved.

d) Report of the Editor of JEEA  

Fabrizio ZILIBOTTI

RECEIVED

Report of the Editor of JEEA

REPORTED

i) that the board during 2009 was made up of Marios Angeletos, Fabio Canova, Stefano DellaVigna (who replaced Orazio Attanasio on July 1 2009) and Fabrizio Zilibotti

ii) that 399 papers were submitted in 2009 with 513 decisions being made, of which 448 were final decisions (49 papers accepted and 399 rejected)

iii) that around 77% of the final decisions where for papers submitted from Europe, an increase on 2008 figures
iv) that the proportion of accepted papers was 10.9%, a slightly higher rate than 2008
v) that the publication lag after acceptance was about 17 months, but the editorial board hoped that it would decrease rapidly with the publication of 6 regular JEEA issues from 2011 onwards
vi) that the mean decision time for acceptances was 397 days, for rejections 127 days, for revise and resubmits 220 days
vii) that the most recent JEEA lecture had been held on January 3, 2010 once again at the annual American Economic Association congress, Atlanta Georgia and Richard Blundell had given the lecture entitled ‘Empirical Evidence and Tax Policy Design: Lessons from the Mirrlees Review’
viii) that the JEEA Editor report would be made available online

RESOLVED

that the report of the editor of JEEA be approved

3. **Open Discussion about the Association’s Activities**

REPORTED

Ramon Marimon, EEA member and Chair of EEA-SC on Research, felt that the EEA should provide more funding for PhD students to come to Congress

RESOLVED

That the EEA already provided €400 Travel Grants to 30 students to come to the Congress, but it was looking at possibilities to keep the registration fee at current levels

4. **Any Other Business**

None

5. **Next Meeting**

Oslo 2011