EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Assembly of Members
Held at 7.30 pm
At
The University of Oslo
Oslo, Norway, Saturday August 27 2011

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

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Glasgow 2010)

REPORTED

that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION’S PAST ACTIVITIES

a) Report of the President

Christopher Pissarides

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Report of the President

REPORTED

i) that the EEA, from 2013, would merge the roles of Secretary and Treasurer

ii) that the impact factor of JEEA in 2010 went up to 1.70

iii) that Ramon Marimon, Chair of the Standing Committee on Research had presented the results of his survey on research funding in Europe had been presented to representatives of the EU in Brussels at the beginning of July, and that he had organised a panel session ‘Research Funding in Times of Crisis’ during the congress

iv) that Piero Tedeschi had replaced Reinhilde Veugelers as Chair of the EEA-SC on Teaching and that the new committee was composed of 9 members representing different geographical areas of Europe

v) that Silvana Tenreyro had reactivated the WinE committee and that they were discussing lots of initiatives that would further the role of women in economics in Europe

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

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Report of the Secretary

REPORTED

i) that Richard Blundell had chaired the Nominating Committee for 2011 and the online voting would commence soon after the conference

ii) that the official site of the EEA remained www.eeassoc.org and that the default email address was still eea@unicatt.it, and that the EEA had a Twitter profile

iii) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stands at 2900 (with 17 Institutional members having paid for 2011)

iv) that the EEA secretariat would ensure that the Association kept up to date with ever changing laws and regulations that govern European-based not for profit associations, and comply with these and ensure that any increases to membership / congress fees 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

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Report of the Secretary

REPORTED

i) that in 2010 the EEA had made a profit of €174,858

ii) that reserves in 2010 had increased by €125,245 due to an overall increase in individual and institutional membership

iii) that while the financial situation of the EEA looked more positive than it had done in previous, there was still a large 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

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Report of the Editor of JEEA

REPORTED

i) that the 2010 editorial board was made up of Marios Angeletos, Fabio Canova, Stefano DellaVigna and Fabrizio Zilibotti

ii) that 492 papers were submitted in 2010 with 458 final decisions being made (38 papers accepted)

iii) that the average decision time for new submission is 72 days (ca. two-and-half months)
iv) that the most recent JEEA lecture had been held in January, 2011 once again at the annual American Economic Association congress, and Daron Acemoglu had given the lecture entitled “Intellectual Property Rights Policy, Competition and Innovation”

v) 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

That the EEA had instituted a prize to women who have made a significant contribution to the Economics profession in Europe, and the prize would be named after Birgit Grodal, and that the first prize would be awarded in 2012.

4. Any Other Business

None

5. Next Meeting

Málaga 2012