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

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Mannheim 2015)
   
   REPORTED
   
   that the minutes of the last meeting be approved

2. REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S PAST ACTIVITIES

   a) Report of the President

   RECEIVED

   Report of the President

   Fabrizio Zilibotti

   REPORTED

   i) that Antonio Cabrales had started his first 3-year term in office at the beginning of 2016
   ii) that JEEA had continued to excel in terms of its impact factor, profile and the number of submissions received in 2015 – 2016
   iii) that Imran Rasul had joined the editorial board as a 6th editorial board member
   iv) that JEEA would be published by OUP from January 2017 onwards
   v) that Emmanuelle Auriol had become Chair of WinE in January 2016 and that the fourth WinE Retreat had taken place just before the start of EEA-ESEM Geneva and that it continued to be a success
   vi) that the WinE Committee was exploring a number of further initiatives, amongst which was a gender data collection software
   vii) that the Education Committee was making progress and it was likely that it would hold its next session during EEA-ESEM Lisbon 2017
   viii) that Richard Blundell continued to Chair the EEA Research in Economics Committee, and represent the EEA on the COEURE project (a network financed by European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme)
   ix) that the COEURE project would conclude in October and was set to deliver a number of important and interesting analyses of the state of research in Europe across a range of fields
   x) that Richard Blundell had organised a very well-attended and well-received session around the COEURE project during EEA-ESEM Geneva
   xi) that Orazio Attanasio had stepped down as Chair of the Ethics Committee and he had been replaced by Francis Kramarz
   xii) that Francis Kramarz had enlarged the committee and was considering enlarging its scope too
that one of the objectives of the EEA over the past few years had been to raise the profile of economists and to provide a bridge between the economics profession in Europe and the wider public and for a trial period of 2-years, the EEA had engaged the services of a media consultant who had worked alongside academics at EEA Mannheim 2015 and EEA-ESEM Geneva 2016, and had worked with a production team who specialised in producing short films / interviews with economists in a way that was understandable to non-academics.

that the EEA would be evaluating the success of this initiative over the coming months and would decide whether to continue with it or not

that Hélène Rey had given the 2016 JEEA-FBBVA lecture at the ASSA meetings in San Francisco in January and at the FBBVA headquarters in Madrid in May

that Tim Besley had accepted the invitation to give the 2017 JEEA-FBBVA lecture, which would be held in Chicago during the ASSA meetings in January

that Lucrezia Reichlin had been awarded the 2016 Birgit Grodal prize and would be presented with her award before the Schumpeter lecture at the Congress

that the first edition of the EEA Young Economist Award, sponsored by UniCredit & Universities Foundation had been presented to Jeanne Commault, Galip Ozhan and Stephane Wolton

that Riccardo Puglisi and James Snyder had been awarded the 2016 Hicks-Tinbergen Award for their paper The Balanced US Press (published in JEEA Volume 13 Issue 2)

that the 2017 officer elections would commence in September and that the EEA members could also nominate suitable candidates (or self-nominate) for EEA officer elections

RESOLVED

that the report of the President be approved

b) Report of the Executive Vice-President

Antonio Cabrales

RECEIVED

Report of the Executive Vice-President

REPORTED

i) that Chris Pissarides had chaired the Nominating Committee for 2016 and the online voting would commence in September

ii) that the official site of the EEA remained www.eeassoc.org and that there were 3 different email addresses used by members when contacting the EEA

iii) that the latest figures available suggested that membership now stood at 3215 (with 17 Institutional members having paid for 2016)

iv) that the EEA had made a surplus of €210,767.59 in 2015, which included the EEA Mannheim 2015 surplus, as well as the expenses and income involved in Wiley-Blackwell JEEA production, and institutional member donations

v) that the EEA Audit committee had viewed the accounts and that in their opinion the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the EEA as of December 31 2015

vi) that the detailed accounts of the EEA were available upon request

RESOLVED

that the report of the Executive Vice President and the EEA 2015 accounts be approved

c) Report of the Editor of JEEA

Juuso Välimäki

RECEIVED

Report of the Editor of JEEA

REPORTED
i) that the 2015 editorial board was made up of Nicola Gennaioli, Dirk Kruger, Claudio Michelacci, Daniele Paserman and Juuso Välimäki

ii) that Nicola Gennaioli ended his term in September 2015 and he had been replaced by Paola Giuliano

iii) that 798 papers were submitted in 2015, another historical high for the journal, with 734 final decisions being made (39 papers accepted)

iv) that the average decision time for new submissions was 62 days

v) that the 2-year impact factor 2015 (Thomson Reuters) for JEEA was 3.461, and JEEA ranked top 7 after QJE, ReStud, Ectca, AEJ: Macro, AER and JPE

RESOLVED

that the report of the Editor of JEEA be approved

3. Open Discussion about the Association’s Activities
   None

4. Any Other Business
   None

5. Next Meeting
   Wednesday August 23, 2017, Lisbon, Portugal

Fabrizio Zilibotti
EEA President, 2016

Antonio Cabrales
EEA Executive Vice-President