

The Agricultural Economics Society
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Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting of
The Agricultural Economics Society
held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 @ 09.00hrs
at K U Leuven, Belgium
(and online via the conference livestream)

AES President Janet Dwyer opened the meeting at 09.00hrs and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Apologies for absence (President)

Apologies had been received from Paul Caskie and Paul Wilson.

2. Members who have passed away since the last AGM (President)

There were none to report.

3. Minutes of 90th AGM held online on 30th March 2021 (President)

The minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting held on 30th March 2021 were approved, proposed by Jonathan Brooks and seconded by Myles Patton.

4. Matters arising (President)

There were no matters arising

5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee (President)

The Chair reported that Myles Patton, Deb Roberts and Caroline Saunders (Past President) retire from the Executive having reached the end of their terms of office, while Brendan Bayley becomes President-Elect. Wilfrid Legg and Derek Shepherd agreed to serve for a further year as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, respectively. Jonathan Brooks becomes President (2022-23) following the AGM and Brendan Bayley becomes President Elect. Following retirements and changes in positions on the Executive there were three vacancies on the Executive for which there were three nominations and Emma Dillon, Carmen Hubbard and Andrew Barnes were duly elected. Hervé Dakpo was co-opted for 1 year. Tim Lloyd and Neil Chalmers remain in ex-officio roles. David Harvey and John Davis remain as Chief Editors of the JAE and EuroChoices respectively.

6. Treasurer's Report and re-appointment of Ellacotts LLP (Derek Shepherd)

The Hon. Treasurer headlined the Society's accounts for 2021 as follows:

2020 subscriptions	£20,592
2020 royalties	£93,000
Overall surplus:	£40,123

The market value of the investments as at 31.03.2022 was £191,93. Approval of the 2021 accounts was proposed by David Blandford and seconded by Andrew Barnes. The Society's accountant, Ellacotts LLP in Banbury was reappointed, proposed by Bob Bansback and seconded by Myles Patton. The Treasurer reported that the Society

remains solvent and in a good position with regards to its reserves. David Blandford raised the question of the switch to “ethical investments” in the Society’s portfolio, as agreed by the Executive. The Treasurer agreed to inform the membership of the contents of the investment portfolio when it is established. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for his report and for his sound stewardship of the Society’s finances.

7. Report of Executive Committee (Steve Ramsden)

The Chair of the Executive delivered his report via a PowerPoint presentation, which will be made available on the AES website and annexed to the Minutes of this AGM. Membership in 2021 was 462. The Annual Conference in 2021 took place online using the new AES conference platform. The joint Defra one-day conference took place via Zoom in January 2022, with 203 people registered on the theme of Future annual conferences are planned as follows 27th – 29th March 2023 at Warwick University.

The Chief Editors’ reports on the JAE and EuroChoices are annexed to these Minutes. In both cases, the journals are performing very well and downloads of articles are increasing.

The AES Awards that honour excellence are given to Grant Davies, Defra (Outstanding Contribution to Public Policy, Industry, and the Society), Ian Hodge, University of Cambridge (Lifetime Research Achievement) and Neil Chalmers, University of Aberdeen (Outstanding Young Researcher). The Prize essay was awarded to Chinonso Etumnu, South Dakota State University for the paper *A Fulfilling Marketplace? An Analysis of Amazon’s Sales Strategies* which will be published in the JAE, with acknowledgment of funding from the David Blandford and Katharina Hassapoyannes Foundation. Poster prizes were awarded to Tryphina Dube Takaza, Women’s University in Africa-Zimbabwe on *Vulnerability to resilience for smallholder small grain farmers in Southern Zimbabwe* and Dienda C.P. Hendrawan, Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen on *Preferences for replanting subsidy programs among Indonesian oil palm smallholder farmers*. The best Ph.D presentation, which was announced at the end of the Conference, was awarded to Oyinlola Ogunpaimo, Teagasc for *Analysis of Marginal Abatement Cost Curve for Ammonia Emissions: Addressing Farm-System Heterogeneity*.

8. Member Survey (Steve Ramsden)

A survey of the AES membership will be circulated in due course to gauge views on a range of issues. These issues will include in-person, hybrid and online conferences; whether the JAE should remain as a print and online publication, or go entirely online; choice of venues for AES annual AES conferences; and a range of other matters.

9. Votes of Thanks (President)

The Chairman thanked Hon. Secretary (Wilfrid Legg), Hon. Treasurer (Derek Shepherd) the out-going members of the Executive (Myles Patton, Deb Roberts, Caroline Saunders and Brendan Bayley), the incoming president (Jonathan Brooks), Frederic Ang (Programme Secretary) and Neil Chalmers for continuing the ex-officio role of Social Media Manager, the EAAE and IAAE Liaison Officer (Tim Lloyd) and the AES

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Administrator (Katy Thorne). He also thanked Chief Editors of the Society's journals (David Harvey and John Davis).

10. Any Other Business (President)

There was no other business

Welcome to the incoming President (Jonathan Brooks, OECD) and invitation to deliver the Presidential Address on *Agricultural Policies and Food Systems: Priorities for Indicator Development*.