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Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting of
The Agricultural Economics Society
held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 @ 09.00hrs
at The University of Edinburgh, UK

AES President Brendan Bayley opened the meeting at 09.00hrs and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Members who have passed away since the last AGM (President)
Members stood for a minute in remembrance of Professor Tony Giles.
2. Minutes of 92nd AGM held at the University of Warwick, UK on 28th March 2023 (President)
The minutes of the 92nd Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2023 were approved, proposed by Paul Caskie and seconded by Janet Dwyer.
3. Matters arising (President)
There were no matters arising.
4. Election of Officers and Executive Committee (President)
Frederic Ang, Adewale Adenuga, Wyn Morgan and Atanu Ghoshray retire from the Executive having reached the end of their terms of office, while Paul Wilson becomes President-Elect. Wilfrid Legg and Derek Shepherd agreed to serve for a further year as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively. Deb Roberts becomes President (2024-25) following the AGM. Following retirements and changes in positions on the Executive there were four vacancies on the Executive. Three nominations were made, (Karl Behrendt, Imre Ferto, and Diogo Souza-Monteiro), and they were duly elected. Tim Lloyd (EAAE and IAAE Liaison Officer) and Neil Chalmers (Social Media Manager) remain in ex-officio roles. Jonathan Brooks and John Davis remain as Chief Editors of the JAE and EuroChoices respectively. Christina Sietou was co-opted to assist with the Centenary planning and Grant Davies was co-opted to keep a link with Defra alongside the ex-officio role for a Defra representative.
5. Treasurer's Report and re-appointment of Handley Chartered Accountants (Derek Shepherd)
As the AGM was held relatively early this year the full accounts were not yet available. A Special General Meeting will be arranged online to approve the accounts and the minutes will be appended to the minutes of the AGM. The re-appointment of Handley Chartered Accountants was approved, proposed by Paul Wilson and seconded by Rob Fraser.
6. Report of Executive Committee (Wilfrid Legg)
The Chair of the Executive Committee was unfortunately not able to attend and his report was delivered by the Honorary Secretary via a PowerPoint presentation, which will be made available on the AES website and annexed to the Minutes of this AGM. Membership in 2023 was 514. The Annual Conference in 2023 took place at The University of Warwick with 170 members participating. The joint AES-Defra one-day conference took place at Nobel House on 8th December 2023, with 74 people registered on the theme of *Fairness in the agricultural supply chain*. The Chair thanked Euan Gilchrist and his colleagues for the smooth running of the conference. The 2025 Annual Conference is planned to be held in Bordeaux, with dates to be decided but within the period 17 March to 4 April.

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, with submissions from a wide geographical area.

AES Awards for Excellence were given to Professor Cesar Revoredo Giha (Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning), Professor Tahir Rehman (Outstanding Contribution to Lifetime Research Achievement) and Dr Trevor Donnellan (Outstanding Contribution to Public Policy, Industry and Society).

There was no Prize Essay awarded from the three submissions received. The Executive will consider what actions could increase the interest among early career researchers to submit entries. The poster prize was awarded to Dr. Bahareh Mosadegh Sedghy, University of Lethbridge for *The Impact of Export Price Volatility on Market Behaviour in the International Export Market: A Case Study of Canadian and German Pork Exports in China*.

The best Ph.D presentation at the conference was awarded to Roberto Villalba, Technical University of Munich for *The Smallholder Financial Inclusion index: measuring farmers' access to and usage of financial services in the Global South*.

Honorary membership of the Society has been awarded to David Harvey in recognition of his long and excellent editorship of the JAE.

The President thanked the Chair of the Executive Committee for preparing the report.

7. Votes of Thanks (President)

The Chairman thanked the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Stephen Ramsden), Hon. Secretary (Wilfrid Legg), Hon. Treasurer (Derek Shepherd) the out-going members of the Executive (Frederic Ang, Adewale Adenuga, Wyn Morgan and Atanu Ghoshray), the incoming president (Deb Roberts), Neil Chalmers for continuing the ex-officio role of Social Media Manager, the EAAE and IAAE Liaison Officer (Tim Lloyd) and the AES Administrator (Katy Thorne). He also thanked Chief Editors of the Society's journals Jonathan Brooks (*JAE*) and John Davis (*EuroChoices*).

8. Any Other Business (President)

Items for the next AES Newsletter should be sent to Wilfrid Legg (wilfrid_legg@hotmail.com) by 1 July 2024.

9. The Chair closed the AGM at 9.45, welcoming the incoming President (Deb Roberts, James Hutton Institute) and invited her to deliver her Presidential Address on *Natural capital and land values in the context of the climate and biodiversity crises: The case for revisiting property rights and responsibilities*.

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