

Dear Member

RE: 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Morgans, Level 29, Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street, Brisbane on **Wednesday 8 May** at 5.30 for 5.45pm start.

Attached are:

- Notice of the Annual General Meeting (**AGM**)
- Agenda for the AGM
- Proposal for amendment of constitution to formalise representation of Women in Economics Network
- Proposal for amendment of constitution to formalise representation of Young Economists
- Nomination Form for Election to the Management Committee
- Proxy Form
- Minutes from the 2018 AGM

Drinks and light refreshments will be available. To assist with catering arrangements, please register by Thursday 2 May if you will be attending the Annual General Meeting at [AGM registration](#) web link:

If you are unable to attend, the Management Committee invites you to forward your Proxy to an appropriate representative using the proxy form below. Either attending the meeting in person (preferably) or, if that is not possible, providing a proxy is important to ensure we have a quorum for the meeting.

We look forward to seeing as many members at the AGM as possible.

Yours sincerely



Julian Pearce
PRESIDENT

The Economic Society of Australia Queensland
issues notice and invites all members to join us for the

Annual General Meeting (**AGM**)

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We encourage all members to join us. Issues to be covered at the AGM include (but are not limited to):

- (a) Amendment of constitution to formalise representation of Women in Economics Network and Young Economists on the Management Committee
- (b) election of a new Committee
- (c) approval of the accounts
- (d) future events of the society

Finger food and Drinks provided.

If you believe that you will be unable to attend please forward your proxy to an appointed representative. Alternatively, you can indicate a desire to give your proxy to the Chair (Julian Pearce – President ESA Queensland). This can be facilitated by filling out the attached Proxy Form and either faxing or emailing a signed proxy form to Manuela Torgler at your earliest convenience.

RSVP: Via registering at this link [AGM registration](#) or emailing Manuela Torgler by Thursday 2 May 2019.
Email: ADMIN@ESAQLD.ORG.AU

AGM AGENDA

Annual General Meeting
Economic Society of Australia (QLD)
Wednesday 8 May 2019, 5.45pm

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1. Open and Welcome (President Julian Pearce)
 2. Apologies
 3. Review of the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 11 April 2018
 4. Review of 2018 - Report delivered by the President on behalf of the Management Committee
 5. Report for 2018 from the Treasurer (Treasurer Pamela Dodd)
 6. Amendment of constitution to formalise representation of Women in Economics Network (WEN) Qld on
 7. Amendment of constitution to formalise representation of Young Economists (YE) Qld
 8. Election of 2019 Executive and related Management Committee Members (Secretary Mark Upcher)
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President (two)
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Deputy Secretary
 - e. Treasurer
 - f. Deputy Treasurer
 - g. Executive Directors (four)
- The following position are ex officio appointments:
- h. Past President
 - i. Chair WEN Qld representative (if relevant constitutional amendment passed)
 - j. Chair YE Qld (if relevant constitutional amendment passed)
9. 2019 – the year to come
 10. Appointment of Auditor
 11. Other Business

AGM Agenda Item 6

Proposed amendments to constitution to formalise Women in Economics Network representation on Economic Society of Australia (Qld) Management Committee

Motion for consideration at AGM

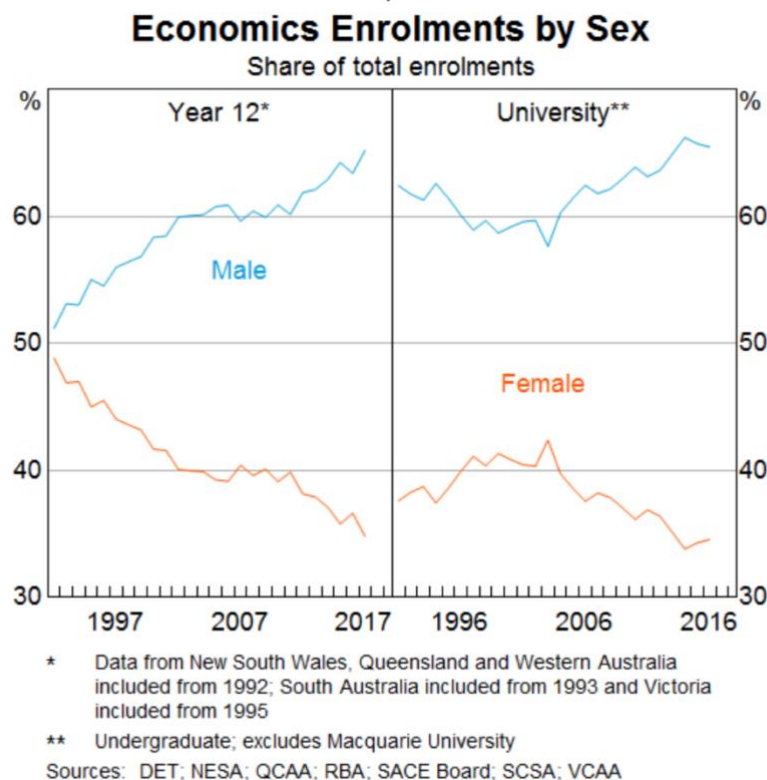
It is proposed that the following words be added to the Rules of the Economic Society of Australia (Qld):

“Rule 11 (1)(a) The Management Committee shall also include the Chair of the Women in Economics Network Queensland (WEN Qld) (or a successor organisation). The Chair of WEN Qld will be elected by members of the WEN Qld who also need to be financial members of the Society. The quorum for the elections shall be 10 or such higher number as determined by WEN Qld.”

Background

The Women in Economics Network has been a strong focus of the Central Council of the Economics Society of Australia.

Many professions (such as law and medicine) have achieved gender balance at university and early career level. Even in traditionally male dominated professions such as engineering there have been increases in female participation. The economics profession is going against these general trends – see graph below.



Source: *What Happened to the Study of Economics?*, Jacqui Dwyer, Head of Information Department, RBA, Address to the Business Educators Australasia Annual Meeting, Sydney – 26 May 2018

The Women in Economics Network was launched nationally in 2017 and started in Qld in May 2017. Since then, WEN Qld has organised several events relevant to female economists including a leadership workshop and a seminar on the gender gap on superannuation.

To join WEN Qld it is necessary to join ESA Qld and elect to become a member of WEN Qld. Membership of WEN Qld is open to both women and men. Existing members of WEN Qld can elect to become members of WEN Qld by logging onto the ESA Qld website and updating "My Profile".

The current wording of the [ESA Qld constitution](#) regarding the membership of the Management Committee is:

Rule 11(1) The Management Committee of the Association shall consist of a President, immediate Past President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Executor (sic) Directors all of whom shall be financial members of the Association and such numbers of other members as the members of the Association at any general meeting may from time to time elect or appoint.

If the motion above is passed, the new Rule would be added after the existing Rule 11(1):

Under the proposed change, the Chair of WEN Qld would be an ex officio member of the Management Committee of ESA Qld. The Chair of WEN Qld is elected by WEN Qld members. It is intended that these elections will generally be conducted immediately prior to the ESA Qld AGM.

A similar approach is being adopted in Victoria and other ESA branches. The ACT has already made this change.

Under Rule 11(2), all members of the Management Committee (excluding the immediate Past President of the Society) must retire from office at the AGM and are eligible for re-election. This rule would also apply to the Chair of WEN Qld.

The proposed change, whereby WEN Qld Chair is an ex officio member of the Committee, would ensure ESA Qld more visibly supports WEN and its objectives.

The change will also allow better co-ordination between WEN Qld activities and those of ESA Qld.

AGM Agenda Item 7

Proposed amendments to constitution to formalise Young Economist representation on Economic Society of Australia (Qld) Management Committee

Motion for consideration at AGM

It is proposed that the following words be added to the Rules of the Economic Society of Australia (Qld):

“Rule 11 (1)(b) The Management Committee shall also include the Chair of the Young Economists Queensland (YE Qld) (or a successor organisation). The Chair of YE Qld will be elected by members of YE Qld who also need to be financial members of the Society. The quorum for the election shall be 10 or such higher number as determined by YE Qld.”

Background

The proposal is to amend the constitution to formalise Young Economics Qld (“YE Qld”) representation on Management Committee of Economic Society of Australia (Qld) (“ESA Qld”).

The YE Qld began in Qld about ten years ago and similar groups were subsequently launched in other States.

The role of YE Qld is to offer events which are of relevance to early career economists.

An active YE group has in the past helped younger economists get involved with the Society and to build their professional networks. An active YE group is helpful to the Society as it provides a bridge between YE’s joining as Associate Members early in their career (at a membership cost of \$40 per year) and ordinary membership (at \$90 per year).

By the beginning of 2018, the YE committee ceased to exist as its members moved interstate or had other priorities. However, a group of young economists has restarted YE activities in 2019 and their first event was held on 27 March with about 60 in attendance.

The proposed change would make the Chair of YE Qld an ex officio member of the Management Committee, and thereby help co-ordinate YE Qld and ESA Qld activities and allow ESA Qld to provide support to YE as required.

Under Rule 11 (2), all members of the Management Committee (excluding the immediate Past President of the Society) must retire from office at the AGM and are eligible for re-election. This rule would also apply to the Chair of YE Qld.

The requirement that there be a quorum of 10 or such higher number determined by YE Qld is intended to ensure that a minimum level of active membership of YE is achieved and maintained before there is an ex officio position on the Management Committee is created.

It is intended that the for YE Qld Chair will generally be conducted prior to the ESA Qld AGM.

YE Qld members are Associate Members of the Society. Under the Rules of the Society, Associate Members are not permitted to vote at the general meetings of the Society.

If the motion making the Chair of YE Qld a member of the Management Committee is passed, YE's can have an influence on the activities of ESA Qld via their Chair's membership of the Management Committee.

Eligibility for YE Qld membership

Under the Rules of the Society, eligibility for the Associate Member category is determined by the Management Committee. At present, eligibility for the Associate Member Young Economist Category is not currently clearly defined.

The Management Committee proposes to make YE Qld membership available to those "who are within the first ten years of their career (generally taken to be ten years from graduation)".

Nomination Form for Election to the Management Committee

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Nominations are hereby called for the following positions on the Management Committee:

President
Vice Presidents (two)
Secretary
Deputy Secretary
Treasurer
Deputy Treasurer
Executive Directors (four)

Position nominated for: _____
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Nominee: _____ Signature: _____

Nominator: _____ Signature: _____

Seconder: _____ Signature: _____

Please Note:

1. Under the rules of incorporation all persons signing this form must be financial members of the Society.
2. All nominations must be received in writing (by mail or email to the Secretariat) by COB Wednesday 24 April 2019.

Proxy Form

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Clause 24(9) of the Society's Constitution reads as follows:-

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited with the secretary prior to the commencement of any meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote

THE ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (QLD) INC

I, _____ of _____

being a _____ member of the abovenamed Society,

hereby appoint _____ of _____

or failing him/her _____ of _____

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held on the 8th day of May 2019 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2019

Signature of Member: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Proxy Forms can be faxed or emailed to Manuela Torgler (*use address shown below*)
Phone/Fax: 07 3041 0393
Email: ADMIN@ESAQLD.ORG.AU

ECONOMIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (QLD) INC

**Minutes of the 2018
Annual General Meeting**

Date: 11 April 2018

**Venue: Hopgood Ganim Lawyers, Level 7, Waterfront Place
Brisbane QLD 4000**

Time: 5.30pm

Attendance

Zula Altai, Hamish Bain, Willian Bell, David Butler, Mary Chiang, Trent Daniels, Daniel Dale, Pamela Dodd, Bob Graham, Tanish Gupta, Roshana Hall, Paul Hyslop, Sabrina James, Nicholas Johnson, Ian Lake, Kian Loke, Paul McGuire, Maralyn McDowell, Stuart McLaughlin, Flavio Menezes, Rimu Nelson, Zack O'Brien, Julian Pearce, Pascalis Raimondos, Harriet Smith, Khalid Steitie, Gene Tunny, Galina Williams, Tim Wonhof, Zach Zhang

Apologies

Fabrizio Carmignani (proxy given to Gene Tunny), Andreas Chai (proxy given to Gene Tunny), Pete Faulkner (proxy given to Gene Tunny), Ian King, Michael Knox, Craig Lawrence, Tina Rampino (proxy given to Gene Tunny), Mark Upcher

1. Open and Welcome

- The formal meeting was opened by President Flavio Menezes at 6.30pm.

2. Review of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 22 March 2017

- Motion to accept minutes passed (Moved: Pascalis Raimondos, Seconded: Hamish Bain)

3. Review of 2017 – Report delivered by the President on behalf of the Management Committee

The President Flavio Menezes noted the year's achievements, including among others:

- RBA Business Lunch featuring Governor Phil Lowe
- Inaugural Ted Evans Public Policy Lecture
- Winter School on policy evaluation methods
- Post-budget briefing from Queensland Treasury
- Ricardo's Principles of Political Economy bicentenary celebration

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer Pamela Dodd circulated ESA Qld's financial statements, and noted that the Society remained profitable in 2017.

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed (Moved: Gene Tunny, Seconded: Maralyn McDowell)

5. Election of 2017 Management Committee

- The positions for which the Secretary received nominations were elected. The list of incoming officers, all elected unopposed, are as follows:
 - i. President: Julian Pearce
 - ii. Vice President: Pascalis Raimondos
 - iii. Vice President: Gene Tunny
 - iv. Treasurer: Pamela Dodd
 - v. Deputy Treasurer: Kian Loke
 - vi. Secretary: Mark Upcher
 - vii. Deputy Secretary: Harriet Smith
 - viii. Executive Director: Andreas Chai
 - ix. Executive Director: Ian King
 - x. Executive Director: Michael Knox
 - xi. Executive Director: Tina Rampino
 - xii. Executive Director: Timothy Wonhof
 - xiii. Past President: Flavio Menezes

6. The year to come – Report delivered by the President elect

The President elect Julian Pearce addressed the AGM on his priorities for 2018, which include among other items:

- continuing to deliver successful events such as the RBA business lunch and Ted Evans lecture;
- engaging with university economics societies and QETA; and
- improve ESA Qld's regional presence (e.g. via Gold Coast event).

7. Appointment of Auditor

Motion passed to appoint Auditor for 2018 – GMD Accounting (Moved: Pamela Dodd; Seconded: Tim Wonhof).

8. Other business

Maralyn McDowell asked the Committee to pass on its appreciation to Manuela Torgler for the excellent service she provides members in her role in the Secretariat.

Meeting Closed: 7.00pm