



**Political Studies Association of Ireland
Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
17-19 October 2008
National University of Ireland Galway**

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The minutes of the 2007 AGM were passed on a motion proposed by Eoin O'Malley and seconded by Conor McGrath.

Matters Arising

None

Treasurer's Report: The 2007-08 accounts were presented by Eoin O'Malley. A financial statement was circulated to members which recorded income of €3207 and expenditure of €1480. This resulted in a loss of €273. The loss was made by a surplus which had been carried forward from the previous year. The expenditure also covered invoices from the previous year so the accounts have balanced across two years.

A number of queries were raised on the details of the accounts, relating to editorial expenses and Taylor and Francis expenses, which were addressed by Eoin.

Editor's Report: Alan Greer reported on the most recent meeting with Taylor and Francis where the issue of inclusion in ISI was once more discussed. Taylor and Francis have indicated that they are interested in increasing the number of issues per year. The editors would prefer the journal be included in the ISI before increasing the number of issues. Alan reported that 50% of articles being submitted are published and he raised this as a concern that there is not enough material for additional issues. John Gary reported on the editorial changes which will be taking place. Eoin O'Malley and Richard Grayson will be taking up the editorial positions in 2009 and 2010, respectively. Publication plans are progressing and there are two special issues in planning. John invited suggestions for future special issues.

The President thanked both editors for their work over the past year.

Michael Gallagher requested confirmation that the journal would be submitted for inclusion in the ISI this year and Alan Greer confirmed that Taylor and Francis had agreed to this.

President's Report

Neil Collins reported on the activities of the organisation over the last year. He began by expressing his thanks to the committee which met four times over the year. Neil thanked DCU for hosting the 2007 conference and UCD for hosting the 2008 postgrad

conference. Jessie Blackbourn (Postgrad Rep) proposed a vote of thanks to the local organisers in UCD, Paul Gill, Maura Breen and Paul Brophy.

- Neil Collins notified the meeting that DIT will host the 2009 annual conference and the next postgrad conference will take place in UCC.
- The organisation was involved in many activities in 2008.
 - The organisation continues to work with the NCCA on the development of Politics as a leaving cert subject. The new subject will be called Politics and Society.
 - A Heads of Department meeting was convened to discuss university funding, the Bologna process and research metrics.
 - The PSAI continues to co-operate with a number of other organisations and over the year, the organisation rejoined IPSA and became a member of the new Confederation of European Political Studies Associations.
 - The inaugural book prize and the annual Basil Chubb PhD prize were announced at the annual dinner. The PhD prize was awarded to Brigid Brooks Kelly and the Book prize was awarded to *The Irish Voter*.
 - There were four books launched using PSAI funding.
 - Neil urged Heads of Departments and members to nominate people for the variety of schemes and prizes which are now offered by the PSAI.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Three members of the committee notified the meeting of their intention to stand down. They were Katy Hayward, Aaron Edwards and Jessie Blackbourn. The President thanked them for their work

1. **President** Neil Collins (Proposed by Conor Mc Grath,
Seconded by Eoin O'Malley)
2. **Vice President** John Garry (Proposed by John Coakley,
Seconded by Jane Suiter)
3. **Treasurer** Eoin O'Malley (Proposed by Katy Hayward,
Seconded by Jim McAuley)
4. **Secretary** Theresa Reidy (Proposed by Katy Hayward,
Seconded by Jon Tonge)
5. **PG Representative** Sandra Buchanan (Proposed by Conor McGrath,
Seconded by Katy Hayward)

Committee Members

1. Matthew Cannon (Proposed by Eoin O'Malley, Seconded by Katy Hayward)
2. Diana Panke (Proposed by John Coakley, Seconded by Jane Suiter)
3. Niall O'Dochartaigh (Proposed by Conor McGrath, Seconded by Liam Weeks)
4. Liam Weeks (Proposed by Eoin O'Malley, Seconded by John Gary)
5. Conor McGrath (Proposed by Theresa Reidy, Seconded by Eoin O'Malley)
6. Jane Suiter (Proposed by John Gary, Seconded by Conor McGrath).

Any Other Business

None.