



Political Studies Association of Ireland
Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting
9-11 October 2009
Liverpool Hope University

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The minutes of the 2008 AGM were passed on a motion proposed by Eoin O'Malley and seconded by Gary Murphy.

Matters Arising

None

Treasurer's Report: The 2008-09 accounts were presented by Eoin O'Malley. A financial statement was circulated to members which recorded cash at bank of €6,234. The association had income of €13,712 and expenditure of €16,080. A small loss was carried forward. A number of queries were raised on the details of the accounts, which were addressed by Eoin. The organisation spent about €2000 per year more than its earnings, in the two years up to 2008-09, but it holds substantial reserves.

Editor's Report: Alan Greer reported on the applications to include *IPS* in the ISI and Scopus. He described submission rates and reported a 50% publication rate. The AGM was notified that the journal has moved to an online submission and review procedure and a new cover design is to be launched in 2010. Improvements planned for the data issue were also reported. Alan Greer was thanked for his commitment and contribution to the journal and it was announced that Richard Grayson would replace him from January 2010.

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

Election of 2009-2011 PSAI Fellow

Prof Paul Arthur became the 2009-11 PSAI Fellow, following a unanimous vote of the AGM. Prof Arthur was nominated by Prof Collins and the nomination was seconded by Dr Sandra Buchanan. A statement in support of Prof Arthur's nomination from Dr Marianne Elliott was also recorded at the meeting.

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.

- The organisation was involved in many activities in 2009.
 - 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.

- The PSAI co-operated with a number of other organisations and over the year, the organisation has remained a member of IPSA and became a member of the new Confederation of European Political Studies Associations.
- There were five 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.

Liverpool Hope University and Dr Michael Holmes were congratulated on the success of the conference, particularly, as it was the first time the event was organised outside Ireland. Dr Niall O'Dochartaigh was also thanked for his organisation of the 2008 conference at NUIG and UCC postgrads were congratulated for their successful postgraduate conference in 2009. The President thanked Dr Conor McGrath for his enormous contribution to the association and the discipline, on his departure from the executive committee.

The President announced the recipient's of the annual awards.

Dr Oliver Feeney was awarded the Basil Chubb PhD Prize.

Dr Dimitris Papadimitriou and Dr David Phinnemore were awarded the annual book prize.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The President thanked all committee members for their work.

1. **President** Gary Murphy (Proposed by Conor Mc Grath, Seconded by Eoin O'Malley)
2. **Vice President** Eoin O'Malley (Proposed by John Coakley, Seconded by Theresa Reidy)
3. **Treasurer** Jane Suiter (Proposed by Michael Gallagher, Seconded by Jon Tonge)
4. **Secretary** Theresa Reidy (Proposed by Katy Hayward, Seconded by Gary Murphy)
5. **PG Representative** tbc

Committee Members

1. Michael Mulqueen (Proposed by Eoin O'Malley, Seconded by Katy Hayward)
2. Diana Panke (Proposed by John Coakley, Seconded by Michael Holmes)
3. Niall O'Dochartaigh (Proposed by Conor McGrath, Seconded by Liam Weeks)
4. Kevin Bean (Proposed by Eoin O'Malley, Seconded by Michael Holmes)
5. Niamh Puirseil (Proposed by Theresa Reidy, Seconded by Eoin O'Malley)
6. Peter McLoughlin (Proposed by Katy Hayward, Seconded by Conor McGrath).
7. Sandra Buchanan (Proposed by Conor McGrath, Seconded by Liam Weeks)

Any Other Business

A short discussion on the rules governing the book prize took place. Suggestions were made that the book should address a matter of Irish politics. The meeting agreed that the committee should examine the rules for the 2010 prize, and the next AGM should be notified of any changes.