



The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

Annual General Meeting of the 175th Session

Held face-to-face (at Ibec) and online

At 4.30pm, on Thursday 26th May, 2022

AGENDA

1. Minutes of 2021 AGM (Enclosed)
2. Honorary Treasurer's Report (Enclosed)
3. Honorary Secretary's Report (Enclosed)
4. Election of Council Members and Officers of the Society (Enclosed)

Note regarding the Distribution of Journals:

In large part due to the covid19 pandemic, there has been a delay in the production and distribution of the journals covering the 173rd and 174th sessions (Volumes 49 and 50). The Honorary Secretaries would like to apologise for this delay. All papers are available online shortly after being presented, while the full 50th volume will be distributed over the summer. Any member still awaiting the journal for the 173rd Session (Volume 49) should contact secretary@ssisi.ie to let the Honorary Secretaries know.

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 174th session
held online, on Thursday, June 17 2021*



The President, Danny McCoy, was in the chair.

Minutes

It was agreed, upon the suggestion of the President, that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be taken as read. Barra Roantree proposed that they be approved, and John FitzGerald seconded. These minutes were then approved.

President's Report

The President reported on the 174th session. His report, having been proposed by Alan de Bromhead and seconded by Thomas Conefrey, was approved by the Society.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the year ended 30th September 2020 by the Treasurer, Giselle Gavorskis. The Treasurer's report was proposed to the Society by Aedin Doris, seconded by Eoin Flaherty and approved by all present.

Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary for Meetings, Ronan Lyons, reported on the proceedings of the Society for the current session. The Secretary's Report was proposed by Paul Sweeney, seconded by Eoin Flaherty and approved by all present.

Election of Council Members & Officers of the Society

All eight members retiring under Rule 8 sought re-election and were returned, having been proposed and seconded by John FitzGerald and Ronan Lyons, respectively: Donal de Buitleur, Robert Watt, Frances Ruane, Sean Lyons, Martin O'Brien, Alan de Bromhead, Alan Barrett and Aedin Doris.

The Society also approved the election to Council of Jenny Connors, who was proposed by Danny McCoy and Jennifer Banim.

On the recommendation of Council, the Honorary Officers remained unchanged. To summarise, the following were duly elected as President and Honorary Officers of the Society for the 175th session, with new officers in **bold underline**:

President:	Danny McCoy
Vice Presidents:	Brendan Whelan, Donal de Buitleur, Paul Sweeney, John FitzGerald, Noel O'Gorman, Patrick Honohan, Frances Ruane
Honorary Treasurer:	Giselle Gavorskis
Honorary Secretaries:	Paul Walsh, Ronan Lyons, Alan de Bromhead



Honorary Secretary's Report

Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland

One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Session: 2021/2022

First Meeting

The first ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4pm on Thursday, 21st October 2021. The event took place in *Áras an Uachtaráin*, with the audience joining online due to the covid19 pandemic, with assistance from Trinity Research in Social Sciences. The meeting opened with a brief welcome from Society Vice President, Paul Sweeney, and the Honorary Secretary, Ronan Lyons, reading the minutes of the previous meeting. The Vice President then invited *An tUachtarán*, Michael D Higgins, to give an introduction, where he reflected on the longevity of the Society and its contributions, as well as challenges for the future. The Society President then gave his Presidential Address, entitled 'Sustainable Development: "Still" The Opportunity for Irish Economic Policymakers'. Responses were given by *An tUachtarán*, Michael D Higgins, and Dr Marie Donnelly. The Vice President then brought the event to a close.

Second Meeting

The second ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 16th December 2021, online due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings. Vice- President, Frances Ruane, was in the Chair, for a Symposium with the theme "Societal Impact of our Universities". The symposium included contributions from representatives of NUI Galway, University College Cork and Queen's University Belfast, namely Marie Coleman, Professor of History QUB, Nola Hewitt-Dundas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor QUB, John O'Halloran, President UCC and Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, President NUIG. During the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by Giselle Myles, Donal O'Brolchain and Eóin Flaherty. Following the discussion and responses from the authors, the Vice-President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Third Meeting

The third ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 27th January 2022, online due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings. Society President, Danny McCoy, was in the Chair, for the Barrington Lecture, which was given by Dr Paul Kilgarriff, with the title "Price, Size & Density: Dublin housing in an EU context". During the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by Ronan Lyons, Donal O'Brolchain, Frances Ruane, Patrick Honohan, Sean Barrett, Barry Kelleher and Mary Doyle. Following the

discussion and responses from the authors, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 4.30pm on Thursday, 24th March 2022, at Ibec, Baggot Street, with the President, Danny McCoy, in the chair. This was the first face-to-face meeting of the Society in over two years, due to the covid19 pandemic and associated restrictions on physical meetings, with an option for joining online. The meeting comprised a symposium with the theme “1997-2022 - A Generation of Change” and three speakers: Prof Tony Fahy (University College Dublin), Dr Theresa Reidy (University College Cork) and Dr Barra Roantree (ESRI and Trinity College Dublin). Following the three presentations, there were contributions from the floor by Patrick Kinsella, Sean Barrett, Paul Sweeney, John Fitz Gerald, and Ursula Quill. After the discussion and responses from the presenters, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth ordinary meeting of the 175th session of the Statistical & Social Inquiry Society of Ireland was held at 5.30pm on Thursday, 5th May 2022, at the Royal Dublin Society but with the ability for others to join online. The President, Danny McCoy, was in the Chair, for a paper entitled “A Century of Irish agriculture - A policy-driven sector” delivered by Prof Cathal O’Donoghue. The paper was proposed by Prof Ciara Whelan (UCD) and seconded by Prof Alan Matthews (TCD) and during the subsequent discussion, questions and contributions were made by, among other, Eoin Flaherty, John FitzGerald and Pat Crowley. Following the discussion and response from the author, the President thanked those who had contributed, and brought the meeting to a close.

Sixth Meeting

The sixth and final ordinary meeting of the 175th session has been scheduled to take place at 4.30pm, Thursday 26th May, online due to the covid19 pandemic. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the 174th session, followed by an invited paper entitled “175 Years of Mismeasuring Ireland? Some Traps Set by Historical Data” authored by Alan de Bromhead (Queen’s University Belfast), Alan Fernihough (Queen’s University Belfast) and Cormac Ó Gráda (University College Dublin).



Election of Council Membership and Officers of the Society 2022/2023

Council

Under Rule 8 of the Society, eight members must retire each year, in order of longest time since last elected. This year, the following Council members – listed by year of first appointment to Council – are required to resign:

1. Noel O’Gorman
2. Danny McCoy
3. Marie Sherlock
4. Keith Walsh
5. Martina Lawless
6. John Fitz Gerald
7. Pdraig Dalton
8. Ronan Lyons

All eight have consented to serving on Council again and the Council recommends that all be re-elected. In addition, Sean Lyons has retired from Council. The Honorary Secretaries did not receive any nominations in time for this meeting. Given that, the Council recommends that Ciara Whelan and John Evans be co-opted as Council members during the next Session.

President & Honorary Officers

There are three retirements by Society’s Honorary Officers: Danny McCoy as President, and Paul Walsh and Ronan Lyons as Honorary Secretaries. The Council is proposing that Paul Walsh be elected as the Society’s President for the period 2022-2025, covering the 176th, 177th and 178th sessions. The Council further proposes that Ciara Whelan and John Evans be elected as Honorary Secretaries, if they are co-opted during the summer.

To summarise, the Council recommends the following Honorary Officers for the 176th session, with any changes highlighted in **bold underline**:

President:	<u>Patrick Paul Walsh</u>
Vice Presidents:	Brendan Whelan, Donal de Buitleur, Paul Sweeney, John FitzGerald, Noel O’Gorman, Patrick Honohan, Frances Ruane
Honorary Treasurer:	Giselle Gavorskis
Honorary Secretaries:	Alan de Bromhead, <u>John Evans</u> , <u>Ciara Whelan</u>

Out-going Council Members of the 175th Session (2021/2022)

President

Danny McCoy, B.Comm., M.Econ.Sc.

Vice Presidents

Brendan Whelan, B.A., M.A., M.Sc.

Donal de Buitléir, B.A., M.Econ.Sc., Ph.D., Dip.Stat, M.Sc. (Mgt.)

Paul Sweeney, B.A., M.Litt.

John FitzGerald, M.A., M.Econ.Sc., M.R.I.A.

Noel T. O'Gorman, B.A., M.A.

Patrick Honohan, M.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., M.R.I.A.

Frances Ruane, B.A., B.Phil, D.Phil., M.R.I.A.

Honorary Treasurer

Giselle Gavorskis, B.A., M.Sc.

Honorary Secretaries

Ronan C. Lyons, M.A., M.Litt., M.Sc., M.Phil., D.Phil.

P. Paul Walsh, M.A., M.Econ.Sc., Ph.D.

Alan de Bromhead, B.A., M.Sc., D.Phil.

Other Members

Jennifer Banim, B.Sc.

Alan Barrett, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Siobhan Carey, B.A., M.A.

Padraig Dalton, B.A., M.A.

Aedín Doris, BBS, M.Litt., Ph.D.

Martina Lawless, B.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.

Sean Lyons, B.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.

Martin O'Brien, BBS, M.Econ.Sc., Ph.D.

Loretta O'Sullivan, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Marie Sherlock, B.A., M.Phil.

Chris Sibley, B.A., M.A., Dip.Stat, Ph.D.

Keith Walsh, B.A., M.Econ.Sc., Ph.D.

Robert M. Watt, B.Sc. (Mgmt), M.Sc. (Econ)

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	2021	€	2020	€
OPENING BALANCES AT 1 OCTOBER				
CASH AT BANK				
Current account		14,968		15,683
PROVISIONS				
Sundry		<u>(490)</u>		<u>(490)</u>
		14,478		15,193
ADD: INCOME				
Royalties		104		137
Subscriptions		<u>5,976</u>		<u>6,965</u>
		20,558		22,295
DEDUCT: EXPENDITURE				
Journal and history printing	(4,228)		(4,961)	
General expenses	(553)		(1,803)	
Bank charges	(47)		(53)	
Barrington prize	<u>(1,000)</u>		<u>(1,000)</u>	
		<u>(5,828)</u>		<u>(7,817)</u>
		14,730		14,478
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CLOSING BALANCES AT 30 SEPTEMBER				
CASH AT BANK				
Current account		20,509		14,968
PROVISIONS				
Printing expenses		(4,228)		-
Barrington Prize		(1,000)		-
Sundry		<u>(551)</u>		<u>(490)</u>
		14,730		14,478
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In accordance with instructions given to us we have reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the attached income and expenditure account from the accounting records of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, and confirm they are in agreement with the records of the Society as presented to us by the Society.

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Crowe Ireland
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Date: 24 May 2022