



Economics Teachers' Association of Western Australia

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 ECONOMICS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA MINUTES

Venue: Mt Lawley Golf Club
Date: Friday 8 November 2019

1. Welcome and apologies (Chris Stone)

Meeting commenced at 4.30pm.
Chris welcomed those members present and thanked them for their attendance.
The agenda was tabled.
The attendance list is attached.
Apologies were received from Greg Parry.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM 2018 (Mandy Hudson)

The minutes from the 2018 AGM were tabled.
Business arising: Nil

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (moved by Sunila Singh; seconded by Mandy Hudson)

3. Launch of the David King Scholarship (Mandy Hudson)

Mandy provided the background to the scholarship and its naming. A handout provided contained the background and the application form.

Mandy listed examples of conferences that the scholarship winner may possibly choose to attend and what the scholarship money can be used for (i.e. conference fees, travel and accommodation expenses).

Members will be invited to apply in an email from the president and the document will be placed on the ETAWA website.

Mandy also took the opportunity to recognise the work for the association and education more broadly of Ryan Verge who recently passed away. Ryan was a long-standing member of the Association and previous Executive Member in the role of Treasurer.

4. ETAWA Constitution (Chris Stone)

Chris outlined that the current ETAWA Constitution which was endorsed at the 2017 AGM has some areas that need adjustment. During 2019, he has, together with the President and Vice-President examined the constitutions of several other associations and developed an amended constitution. This revised constitution is designed to provide consistency of terminology, remove conflicts identified, expand on the financial record keeping and reporting requirements and simplify the process for dissolution of the Association.

The revised Constitution will be made available on the ETAWA website. Feedback from members can be provided via email.

The revised constitution will be voted on by members present at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be conducted in conjunction with the first event for members in 2020.

5. **President's report (Andrea Fitzpatrick)**

Andrea presented the following report.

Committee

The Committee elected at the 2018 AGM was:

President	Andrea Fitzpatrick
Vice President	Mandy Hudson
Secretary	Chris Stone
Treasurer	Vanessa Smith
Membership Co-ordinator	Padminee Raja-Snijder
Executive Member	Sunila Singh
Executive Member	Donna Mc Sharry
Executive Member	Gemma Colgan
Executive Member	Muhummed Bin Shad Idil
Executive Member	Daniel Shaw

Andrea advised that members of the Committee were allocated roles based on business functions (events and publications). This had worked well over the year with all events running smoothly and efficiently.

Mission Statement

Andrea advised that the mission statement agreed at the Committee's strategic planning meeting in January was as follows:

To promote and support the study of economics and its underlying importance to society today and tomorrow.

Andrea advised that this mission statement will be reviewed on an annual basis at the Committee's annual Strategic Planning meeting to take into account the changing factors affecting the study of Economics in WA.

2019 Objectives

The 2019 committee identified the following objectives at the strategic planning meeting in January:

- To support the study of Economics in schools by promoting Economics as a career choice
- To support teachers from Years 5–12 with relevant classroom resources and through events and PD opportunities
- To build on links with Economics affiliated government agencies and other associations

Membership

In 2019 there were 320 members of ETAWA, representing a 5% increase in the 2018 membership base. This membership included three School membership (up to 6 email addresses), Individual School membership (1 email address) and Pre-service membership (1 email address). In 2019, there were 74 school members, 35 individual school members and 7 pre-service teacher members. Approximately, 60% listed Year 7–10 teachers.

The income earned from membership in 2019 was \$13,900 which represented a decline on the 2018 membership income. However, this was due to a rise in

individual school members whose membership rate is significantly lower than school membership.

Member Communication

Andrea advised that the Association used three main communication tools

- Email – Aim was to maintain regular communication with members. Update emails were sent to members approximately every 3 weeks over the 2019 year
- Facebook – Aim was to utilise Facebook for sharing of resources and networking. ETAWA now has 62 Facebook friends and would like to increase the number of friends and use of the site in coming years
- Website – This communication medium has been updated regularly with new resources, notice of events and new publications and resources.

Andrea recommended that all three communication tools continue into 2020.

Resources

Andrea advised that there were two key areas the Association had focused on in the development and distribution of resources:

- Promoting Economics – to support the key objective of promotion economics as a career choice
 - 'Explore Economics' flyers and posters (adapted from the RBA collateral material) which were made available to members at all 2019 events
- Syllabus Support – to support the key objective of supporting teachers with relevant resources.
- Exams – Year 11 and 12 Semester 1 and 2 – 333 exams purchased
- Good Answer Guide 2018 – 250 sold in 2019 (120 students, 130 teachers)
- Year 7–10 programs are currently being finalised and will be uploaded to the members section of the website by the commencement of the 2020 school year.
- Econobites – 12 editions over 2019 (across Years 5-6, 7-10 and 11-12)

2019 Student Events and Activities

Andrea advised that there had been a range of events targeting students in 2019:

- ATAR Student Revision Seminar, NDU with 290 students attending
- CCI Student Forum – 200+ students, increase on 2018
- Classroom visits – Steven Kemp, RBA, WA Treasury, Federal Treasury
- Cartoon Competition (HASS week) – 20 entries received
- ETAWA Treasury Essay Competition – 14 entries received
- Murdoch Forecasting Competition – over 300 entries received
- BCEC Report Launches – 'Getting our House in order - housing affordability report' May 2019 – invitation to schools to attend.

Andrea advised that many of these events would continue in 2020 and that there were a range of additional events currently in development.

2019 Teacher Events

Andrea advised that there had been a number of professional development and networking events for teachers over 2019:

- RBA Seminar – 61 teachers attended
 - WACE Economics Examination Sundowner – 67 teachers attended
 - HASS Week – Econobites showbag inserts (150 delegates)
 - Masterclass for Teachers held at Federal Treasury (25 attendees)
- Andrea advised that ETAWA intends to continue all these events would continue in 2020 with a range of other events currently in development.

Career Expo 2019

Andrea advised that ETAWA had exhibited at the 2019 Career Expo for the first time in 2019 and that it had been a great success.

ETAWA's aim was to promote Economics as a career choice and the study of Economics in Year 11 and 12.

Qualitative and Quantitative feedback from the Committee members who worked on the stand was positive with over 785 students, 72 parents and 22 teachers visiting the stand. Visitors were keen to discuss career possibilities with Economics and what subject combinations they should consider for Year 11 and 12.

The total cost for ETAWA was \$2,279 (\$2.60 per interaction)

Given the success of the Career Expo, ETAWA had paid a deposit for the 2020 Career Expo.

Affiliate Links

Andrea advised that ETAWA had actively pursued links with affiliates who shared an interest in promoting Economics as a career choice. The following was reported:

RBA

Andrea identified the number of ways the RBA had supported ETAWA in 2019 including membership of the Education Advisory Panel (EAP), RBA school visits, Classroom posters and other resources and the RBA Teacher Seminar.

Andrea advised that there were a number of initiatives currently in development including work experience opportunity for WA students to visit RBA, Sydney and a new opportunity for WA teachers to attend the annual RBA immersion event in Sydney

Federal Treasury

Andrea identified the number of ways Federal Treasury had supported ETAWA in 2019 including school visits and a masterclass with Rob Nicholls.

Andrea advised that there were a number of initiatives currently in development including a 'Budget Briefing' event for teachers and collaborating to produce Fiscal Policy resources

Andrea thanked Muhammed Bin Shah Idil for his work with Federal Treasury

Western Australian Treasury

Andrea identified the ways in which the State Treasury is supporting the teaching of Economics through the Student Essay Competition and school visits.

Andrea advised that there were quite a number of initiatives currently in development with Treasury including competitions for Year 10, 11's and 12 Economics students and a possible micro mentoring event.

Andrea thanked Sunila Singh for her work with WA Treasury.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI)

Andrea acknowledged the long-standing relationship, 21 years in 2019, with the CCI and their support in hosting the Student Economic Forum each year.

Andrea thanked Sunila Singh for her work with WA Treasury

Universities

Andrea acknowledged the contribution of both Murdoch University and Notre Dame University for their support in 2019 in running student and/or teacher events to promote the teaching of Economics and Economics and Business.

Andrea thanked Gemma Colgan for her work with Murdoch University on the Student Forecasting Competition.

Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre (BCEC)

Andrea acknowledged and thanked BCEC for their invitations for schools to take groups of students to their Report launches.

Economic Society of Australia (ESA)

Andrea acknowledged and thanked ESA for their invitations to ESA Events and Policy in the Pub events.

WA Subject Associations

Andrea advised that the four Humanities subject Association Presidents (GAWA, HTAWA and PLEAWA) had met on a number of occasions with a view to developing initiatives to promote Humanities as a subject area.

Discussions included potential collaborations in 2020 including HASS Week and joint Student Revision Seminars, as well as networking opportunities such as Quiz night and the development of materials and events to promote Humanities.

Other interstate Economics Associations

Andrea advised that ETAWA continued to collaborate with interstate Economics Associations and through BEA (Business Educators Australia) with a view to providing ETAWA members with access to national events including conference and student competitions

Opportunities in 2020

Andrea outlined the following opportunities identified for the Association in 2020:

- Promote Economics as a career (and subject) choice by providing more resources to encourage students to choose Economics through ETAWA developed 'Why study Economics' flyers and posters, career events, building a media profile, work experience and new events, such as a 'Meet the Economist' career event
- Build on resources for Years 5–10 Economics & Business and Years 11–12 WACE Economics by developing course outlines for Years 7–10, Primary PD and resources, access to interstate Associations Economic journals and more support for the regional schools.
- Offer more teacher events to increase PD and networking opportunities. Andrea advised that events currently in development include: Moderation event for new teachers, Federal Treasury Budget Briefing for Teachers, WA teacher access to RBA Immersion Event, Primary PD Event and Networking events.
- Build on student events to promote engagement with Economics through competitions and student events.
- Improve the member interface and efficiency of the ETAWA Website by developing an e-commerce facility and creating a mobile friendly version of the website

Conference 2020

Andrea advised that the ETAWA Conference 2020 was already in planning and would be held on Friday, 27 November 2019, t Notre Dame University.

At this stage Paul Bloxham (Chief Economist HSBC) has been secured as a keynote speaker. Members of the Conference 2020 sub-committee are currently in discussion with several other presenters.

Andrea advised that the Conference program would include a panel discussion, workshops and case studies.

Congratulations to Mandy Hudson

Andrea advised AGM attendees that Mandy Hudson had won the Outstanding Professional Service Award 2019 for ETAWA. She was congratulated on this well-deserved award.

Thank you and farewells

Andrea thanked the executive members who have not re-nominated for 2020 for their service to the ETAWA Committee: Donna McSharry, Padminie Raja Snijder and Daniel Shaw.

Andrea also thanked Beth Stone and Erin Stone for the unpaid work that they had contributed to the Association.

Andrea thanked the 2019 Committee for the work that had been undertaken during the year and the progress made in key areas.

Mandy took the opportunity at this time to:

- thank Andrea for her leadership of the association as President
- recognise the work for the association over many years of David Filmer who is moving interstate.

6. Treasurer's report (Vanessa Smith)

The financial report was tabled.

Vanessa highlighted the key area of spending and income and reminded members that the financial year did include the 2018 conference.

Vanessa also advised members that all events conducted during the year more than covered cost and the overall 2018-19 surplus had further raised the bank balance which has been increasing for a number of years. After each AGM, the ATO requires that the executive committee of all 'not-for-profit' organisations complete a reflective checklist regarding this status. This will be completed by the incoming Executive.

The Treasurer's report was accepted (moved by John Duncan; seconded by David Filmer).

7. Election of executive members for 2020

The following were elected unopposed:

President:	Andrea Fitzpatrick
Vice President:	Mandy Hudson
Secretary:	Chris Stone
Treasurer:	Vanessa Smith
Executive Officer (Membership):	Nick Ognenis
Executive members:	Sunila Singh, Gemma Colgan, John Duncan, Narelle Matthews, Muhammed Bin Shah Idil

8. Other business

Nil

In closing Chris Stone thanked Andrea and Mandy for their leadership of the Association again in 2019.

Meeting closed at 6.00pm

Attendance List – ETAWA AGM 2019

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL
Adams	Peter	Eastern Hills SHS
Bin Shah Idil	Muhummed	Ashdale SC
Calligaro	Diane	Mount Lawley SHS
Colgan	Gemma	Mount Lawley SHS
Copper	Denise	Duncraig SHS
Duncan	John	Perth Modern School
Ellis	Courtney	Scotch College
Filmer	Dave	Churchlands SHS
Fitzpatrick	Andrea	Santa Maria College
Haskett	Lloyd	Christ Church GS
Hudson	Mandy	School Curriculum and Standards Authority
Hudson	Neil	Mount Lawley SHS
Keen	Telma	Lake Joondalup Baptist College
Matthews	Narelle	Rossmoyne SHS
Newland	John	Lake Joondalup Baptist College
Ogneris	Nick	School Curriculum and Standards Authority
O'Neill	Peter	SIDE
Pallot	Mark	Mazenod College
Pitts	Malcolm	Kennedy Baptist College
Singh	Sunila	Mount Lawley SHS
Smith	Vanessa	Methodist Ladies' College
Stone	Chris	na
Tersigni	Luisa	Perth College
Puls	Valda	SIDE