

Minutes of the Members' Meeting, European Public Choice Society, Aarhus, April 28, 2003

1. Because the President of the Society, Jean-Dominique Lafay, did not attend the conferences and, therefore, also not the members' meeting, the board proposed and the members accepted that Mario Ferrero should chair the meeting.
2. Mario Ferrero congratulates and thanks Martin Paldam and his team for the excellent organisation of this year's conference.
3. Bengt-Arne Wickström, the organiser of next year's meeting, which will take place in Berlin, informed the audience about his plans and the state of the preparations.
4. Contrary to the proposal which had been accepted in 2002, the meeting in 2005 will be organised by John Ashworth at the University of Durham. If possible, it should again take place in the week after Easter. John Ashworth will check the exact dates. (He has fixed it for April 1 – 3. (G.K.))
5. The Helsinki meeting which was originally supposed to take place in 2005 will be postponed to the year 2006.
6. If the American Public Choice Society agrees, there will be a 'World Meeting' of the Public Choice Society in 2007, commonly organised by the American and the European societies. At the next or at the latest at the 2005 meetings the two societies should agree on the location.
7. The members agree to a change of the Bylaws proposed by the board according to which in the future there shall be 9 members of the board in addition to the president. This implies the following changes of the bylaws:

III. Executive Board

1. The Society will have an Executive Board consisting of nine members and the president. The society ...

IV. President

2. The president is one of the ten members of the Executive Board.

This proposal has to be put to a vote in next year's meeting.

8. The members disagree to a change of the bylaws proposed by the board to reduce the president's term from a two to a one year period (22 yes, 13 no, 18 abstention).
9. Because three members of the board, Jean-Dominique Lafay (University of Paris I), Mario Ferrero (University del Piemonte Orientale) and Mika Widgrèn (Turun School of Economics and Business Administration) resign, the members elect Lars Feld (University of Marburg), Jean-Michel Josselin (Université de Rennes 1) and Carla Marchese (University of Eastern Piedmont) as new members of the board.
10. The members elect Gebhard Kirchgässner (University of St. Gallen) as the new president for the next two years period.
11. The new president thanks Mario Ferrero for all he has done for the society, especially by substituting the president in this meeting. He also thanks the other two members who leave the board.