

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION AND FREE TRADE
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GENERAL MEETING

University of Pennsylvania, USA, Tuesday, 1st August 1989 at 1.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. In Memoriam. George Lachner and Knud Tholstrup, Vice Presidents of the International Union.
2. Regrets for absence.
3. Minutes of the last General Meeting held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada on 22nd May 1986.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes.
5. The Executive Committee will propose that -

"the last part of Article XIII, Amendments, which reads 'provided, however, that any alteration of Articles I and II shall require a favourable vote of at least three quarters of the members attending such conference' be deleted." [See note below].

6. Secretary's Report.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Election of Officers:- (*)

President
Deputy President
Vice Presidents

Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer

Executive Committee

9. Mr William Pitt will propose that -

"the prime activity at future International Conferences concerns proposals for furthering the progress of the movement and that exposition of the effects that will flow from the public levying of site rentals be a secondary activity."

10. Financial support for New Zealand Georgists in their campaign to get a full site rental tax levied on every piece of enclosed land to comprise the revenue of that country.
11. Venue of the next (1991) conference.
12. Venue of the next but one conference.
13. Any other relevant business.

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(*) Members are reminded that they may nominate candidates for these positions according to Article VII of the Constitution, [List of Members given overleaf].

Enc: Copy of the Minutes of the General Meeting held in Vancouver in 1986.

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NOTE: Support for change of name. Less than 25 replies were received to the circular sent out. As this was the minimum number set to require a survey of most favoured alternative name, no further action was taken.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

ON returning from Vancouver we immediately got in touch with the Irish Tourist Board to tell them that Ireland had been chosen as the venue for the next conference and the information we had previously received was confirmed and a date made for Jose Mernane and I to inspect the suggested colleges in the following year. On actually viewing them for ourselves, we were most concerned to find that those that were reasonable in price were considerably below the standard of comfort that we had enjoyed at previous conferences. The most suitable from its position and standing, Trinity College Dublin, was too expensive. Trinity has little competition when it comes to a conference venue near the capital and is thus able to pitch its prices high. We did, however, find a most delightful college in every respect just south of Dublin at the seaside town of Black Rock, within easy reach by public transport of Dublin and having a standard of accommodation that we felt confident would suit members. We made a provisional reservation for the summer of 1991. The only question mark was that the College - a teachers' training establishment, had a doubtful future and the Bursar could not give us a guarantee as to its availability as a conference venue should the College be axed by the government, although he thought conference use might well continue. It was left that we would be advised immediately by the Irish Tourist Board when a decision affecting its long term future was taken. In fact no initiative was taken by the College or the Tourist Board to give us any information and it was left to us to make enquiries at intervals. Ultimately, when we phoned in January 1989 we heard that a decision had been made to close the College and also that it had been taken off the books as a conference venue. We discussed alternative possibilities with the Tourist Board, but eventually had to agree with them that there was nothing that would prove totally satisfactory in our price range. We therefore advised your Executive and a discussion as to feasible alternatives took place at its next meeting.

The question of the venue for the next as well as the venue for the Conference following that, will be discussed during this meeting.

Since the Vancouver Conference, there was a period of three months when I was absent from the office and a further period of a year when my attendance at headquarters could only be on a very part-time basis. During this time Jose Mernane had of course to take on as much of my work as she was able to fit into the time available. However for this last year we have been back to normal as regards our time commitment, but it has had to be spread rather thinly due to the extra activity in London created on the initiative of Fred Harrison. He is now running The Centre for Incentive Taxation which, amongst other things, produces an Economics Intelligence Bulletin eleven times a year and has just published its first book "Costing the Earth", copies of which are on sale at this conference.

Your Executive has met twice since Vancouver and on both occasions your President has flown over from America to chair the meetings. The directive issued on 1st April to canvass members' views on amending Clause XIII of the Constitution was acted upon. The number of replies received, however, was below the minimum set for the secretariat to engage in a subsequent survey of preferred names for the International Union.

We continue to engage in international correspondence and impart and receive news from members. We keep track of their movements and advise Bob Clancy so that the Georgist Journal can be sent to their correct addresses. Members are reminded of their obligation to renew their subscriptions and prior to coming

to Philadelphia we have written to members whose subscription renewals have not been received despite several requests and have, reluctantly, had to remove a number who failed to respond.

The number of individual members at present is 295 of whom 139 reside in the British Isles, 109 in USA and Canada, 29 in Australia, 17 in Europe and 11 in other parts of the world. The majority also subscribe to Land and Liberty and this enables us to communicate at a reduced postage cost by inserting information into the journal. The computer labels are coded so that we can request that IV members' labels are separated for this purpose.

I end this report by saying that to me, this Philadelphia Conference is particularly special as we are here to celebrate the birth of the man whose philosophy inspired the creation of this organisation which calls us to meet in friendship, draw energy and inspiration from the association, and renew our commitment to promote the aims of our Union in whatever way our individual or collective ability enables us to do.

Barbara Sobrielo
1st August 1989

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31.3.1989

	£		£
Postage for Georgist Journal (5 issues)	475.61	Balance b/f (UK - £2580.72) (US - Gen \$2305.91 ÷ 1.80)	5231.76
Contribution to expenses of Georgist Journal	111.11	(Conf \$1000 ÷ 1.80) (Can - \$1899.23 ÷ 2.33)	
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Contribution to UCTLV for services	750.00	Subs & Donations	1796.90
Purchase of souvenirs	877.96	Sale of souvenirs	267.67
Sundry expenses	20.79	Bank interest	185.90
		* Sundry debtors	525.54
<u>Philadelphia Conference</u>			
Deposit to Univ. Penn.	1320.00	Conference fees & accommodation	8167.45
Air fares: Secy, Treasurer, 2 others	1638.00	Donation towards expenses	231.00
Sundry expenses	77.52		
Balance c/f 31.3.89 (UK - £1326.66) (US - Gen \$4102.26 ÷ 1.76) (Conf \$12515 ÷ 1.76) (Can \$977.08 ÷ 2.25)	11202.56	Currency exchange adjustment	67.33
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* This figure is made up as follows:-

Amount owed to IU for 2 airfares	£834.00
Sundry debtors - UCTLV	52.50
Amount received & not yet allocated	<u>33.75</u>
	920.25
Less Creditor - for souvenirs	<u>394.71</u>
	<u>£525.54</u>
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