

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 21st February 2018

Present: Jens Atzrodt, Alban Allentoff, Volker Derdau, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Tomas Elbert.

Apologies for absence: Marwan ElMasri, Bruce McKillican, David Schenk

1. Prague Update

TE updated the BoT on the current status of the Prague meeting. The second circular was sent out on Feb 8th. Registration has opened on the conference website with a total of 51 paid registrations to date. There are 9 exhibitor booths registered, 5 sponsors and a total of 7 oral abstracts and 5 poster abstracts. Titles have been received from all but one of the plenary speakers. The conference budget is planned on 170 paid registrants and 12 exhibitor booths. The next meeting of the SAB will be March 16th.

TE also stated that he has received 5 abstracts for 4 Wiley young scientist awards. Those selected to receive the award will receive a \$1,000 from Wiley and an opportunity to give a 20 minute oral presentation at the Prague meeting. It was agreed that the five received abstracts be circulated to members of the BoT, plus TE for voting. Votes should be submitted to TE for collating by March 9th. Based on the votes, the authors of four abstracts receiving the most votes will be notified and invited to attend and present at the Wiley award session.

TE also added that the IAEA has declined support to fund attendance at the conference from scientists from developing countries.

2. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. The membership renewal process for 2018 is currently in progress. Current membership stands at 139 members paid through the end of 2018 with 32 memberships that expired at the end of 2017 yet to renew.

Action: DH to send out a reminder email to 2017 members who have not yet renewed.

3. Financial update

BM reporting on behalf of AA stated that there is currently about \$198,146 held in the main IIS accounts. Additional funds, (ca. \$27,800) are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is primarily used to collect membership dues via credit card payments. These funds are periodically transferred to the main accounts. Of the \$198,146 in the main account, a total of \$74,955 is being set aside for supporting the international meeting and \$118,762 is located in a business investment account to achieve a better rate of return than a standard money market account.

4. BoT Elections

BM reported that candidate statements have been posted on the IIS website after being reviewed and approved by the election committee. It is planned to mail out the election ballots by March 3rd with an April 14th deadline for return of ballots. AA has agreed to receive and count the returned ballots. Four nominations were received for the three IIS President positions. All other posts with the exception the Regional Trustee for the Asia region, have a single unopposed candidate. Members will also be given the option of writing in a personal choice for any of the posts. In addition the chapters will be required to meet by years end to select a nominee for the BoR. The members of the BoR will then select a chairman who will then become a member of the 2019-2021 BoT.

5. BoT/BoR face to face meeting in Prague

The joint BoT/BoR meeting will be held on Sunday June 3rd starting at 11 am. In addition to receiving a final update from TE on the Prague meeting, the BoT will be looking to select a venue in North America for the 2021 meeting. New members of the 2019-2021 BoT will also be invited to attend.

6. Melvin Calvin, IIS award and IIS best paper awards

The award recipients for the IIS award and the IIS best paper have been notified and have accepted. BM stated that there has been some difficulty in contacting the Melvin Calvin award winner as he has not received a response to date. The recipients of the Melvin Calvin and IIS best paper awards have been invited to give oral presentations at the conference. Each award recipient will receive award plaques which DH will organize.

Post meeting note: JA was able to contact the Melvin Calvin award winner and received an acceptance.

7. IIS Business meeting

The IIS Business meeting will be scheduled after lunch on June 5th immediately preceding the afternoon plenary lecture. A total of 45 minutes will be allocated in the schedule.

8. IIS Website

BM stated that in order to ensure the BoT election information does not go out of date, the webmaster will be removing it from the website by the end of June following the completion of the election process. A similar strategy to remove outdated events will also be employed moving forward in an effort to keep the information on the website more up to date. BM noted that the contact and chapter information still needs some updating.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in Prague on June 3rd.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary