

## IASPM Executive Committee

### IASPM Executive Committee Skype Meeting

**Saturday 14 September 2013**

**Present:** Goffredo Plastino, Laura Jordán, Ed Montano, Martha Ulhoa, Sue Miller, Alejandro Madrid

**Absent:** Sara Jansson

**Chair:** Goffredo Plastino

**Minutes:** Sue Miller

### Agenda

#### 1. MINUTES OF THE GIJÓN GM MEETING, JUNE 2013

GP: These minutes will be formally adopted at the next GM (Brazil 2015) but a few amendments are still needed for accuracy:

- Page 6, point 7, fourth paragraph: delete 'as one of his nominators' – Franco Fabbri did not nominate Goffredo;
- same paragraph, three lines below: delete 'also serving as a member of the Italian branch', as this is not correct.

Amendments to be made by the previous general secretary Carlo Nardi (MU will contact him for this).

GP also observes that paragraph 2 under point 8, 'Other Business' (to consult local branches regarding EC nominations), is to be considered as an operative recommendation which does not modify the rules governing the EC nominations and elections.

It was agreed after discussion that at the next GM (Brazil 2015) the rules governing the EC nominations and elections (as in the Statutes and in the Rules of Procedure) are put on display for members to read before the discussion about the election of the incoming EC, in addition to informing members of the nomination process two months before the conference via the website and the list, as usual.

AM critiqued the last election as, from the perspective of the members, there was no one to vote for and that we should actively seek more nominations so that members feel part of the process, ensuring there are at least two candidates for each position (who will not be declining). GP observed that in the last election there were three candidates for the Chair position; that no vote was possible for the Chair position since two candidates declined; and that the EC can welcome but can not ensure multiple candidatures. LJ mentioned that the Canadian branch circulate brief biographies and election statements for members so that they know who's who and what they would bring to IASPM. SM and GP thought this to be a good way forward; SM suggested a handout of this at the next AGM before voting (and possibly including these nominee statements along with the statutes in the conference brochure); GP suggested to provide links to nominees' academic or personal webpages. AM asked if it was possible to ascertain from those nominated if they would be accepting the nomination in advance of the AGM. MU said that as Chair she asked nominees about this and that this year two nominees declined late in the day. GP, discussing again paragraph 2 under point 8, 'Other Business', mentioned that it could be a problem if individual branches were to veto nominations but that inviting nominations was a positive way forward. MU said that asking branch chairs for suggestions for nominees via the chairs list would be helpful. SM added that as long as this recommendation was interpreted as encouraging nominees to come forward then it would work well.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE EC INFORMAL MEETING, JULY 2013**

It was suggested we make a folder for EC meetings and include the last 11 July 2013 meeting minutes alongside the current minutes. AM has read these and was happy for them to be formally accepted. GP also commented that many points were revisited in this meeting in any case.

## **3. IASPM WEBSITES: WEB SPACE AND UPDATE(S) (EM)**

After discussion of the options provided by EM (see attached document regarding 'IASPM Web space'), it was decided that Option 2 offered more security regarding autonomy and more desperately needed server space to accommodate the journal. EM will start putting this option into place and will liaise with LJ regarding finance.

## **4. IASPM LISTS: OPEN OR CLOSED ACCESS**

After discussion, which followed a lengthy discussion on the EC email list, it was agreed that the four options listed below would be sent by GP to the branch chairs' list for discussion, explaining the rationale: the proposed opening up of the branch lists is one answer to the need to enlarge the

IASPM international environment, i.e. not to make everything uniform but rather to foster inter-branch dialogue. The four options for discussion are:

1. Open all lists to IASPM members, free of charge;
2. Open all lists to IASPM members, but with charges for the difference between the IASPM and local fee for some list memberships;
3. (As proposed by AM) Some branches who wish to do so could open up their lists whilst others can continue to maintain their own arrangements for their own branch list membership.
4. Maintenance of the status quo.

GP will draft an email for the branch Chairs List for the EC to amend before sending it out, ensuring we explain the rationale for these proposals and that we are welcoming their thoughts and suggestions.

#### **5. INTEGRATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN IASPM BRANCHES**

As in point 4 it was felt that branch Chairs could contribute more to these discussions so that local branches are consulted more often. GP mentioned that this was a continuous item and suggested we continue to forge ideas about how to improve communication between the EC and the branches. MU mentioned that the academic committee set up for the last conference was a success and that building on this would build on this inter-branch collaboration.

#### **6. CONFERENCE HOSTING BID AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

##### **For conference bids:**

2017: there was interest to host from Germany and France at the last AGM and a formal deadline for bids needs to be set. GP suggested some time at the end of next year.

##### **For registering for the 2015 Conference in Brazil (Campinas):**

In Gijón the conference organiser Eduardo set the schedule and was on the EC. A new representative for the Brazil conference needs to be arranged and included in our EC discussions. MU said that she would forward all her correspondence with Rafael (who was the 2015 bid representative at the 2013 Gijón conference) and ask for a representative (which may be Rafael or a.n.other). Then a realistic schedule can be arranged. MU will be meeting the conference organisers in Campinas in November and it was felt that it would be good to have a representative and provisional schedule decided before this meeting so that this can be as productive as possible. GP will contact the Brazilian conference organisers on Monday once he has the correspondence emails from MU. MU said that

the deadline schedule was not adhered to strictly for the last conference and that it would be good to avoid this for the next one (in particular, presenters not attending was a problem). A deadline for registration fees needs to be set to ensure attendance.

**7. PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2013 GIJÓN CONFERENCE**

EM is looking for a co-editor and said he would contact Eduardo for the email list of delegates to put out a call for papers. The style guide will be the IASPM journal style guide. LJ said she would help with the Spanish version of the email. Lewis Garcia will be asked to help with the Spanish papers.

**8. BANK ISSUES (LJ)**

SM was called by Emma from the cooperative bank following an email to LJ (SM cc'd in). LJ is sorting out a certified passport (costs to be covered by IASPM). GP only needs to fill in and send the forms sent earlier. Once this is done all new signatories will be authorised. LJ shared this email on 14/09/13.

**9. AOB**

GP: would a face-to-face exec meeting be possible before the Brazil conference. Discussions centred around how this may not be logistically/financially possible but to leave this open as a future possibility.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

MU said the last EC had 5 or 6 meetings over the 2 years. GP thought it would be good to have another one soon, perhaps once we have a rep from the Brazil conference in place. Date to be arranged via email in a month's time.