

IASPM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SKYPE MEETING

19 March 2017 at 11am UK time

Present: Goffredo Plastino (GP), Sue Miller (SM), Emília Barna (EB), Jacopo Conti (JC), Ed Montano (EM), Ann Werner (AW)

Apologies: Julio Mendivil

1. General points

EB raised by email this issue: why are unwaged members exempt from paying when they are branch members, but have to pay USD 10 when they join as individual members? GP forwarded the question to former IASPM Chairs. Philip Tagg and Anahid Kassabian both replied that they don't know. Martha Ulhôa replied that unwaged branch members do pay USD 10 for their branches, and nothing to IASPM International. Is this maybe something to discuss at the GM?

2. Grants

JC: Proposals are coming in. The deadline is the end of March.

3. UK banking issues

EB made a complaint due to having to go through the ID checks process several times. We received £75 as compensation. GP: in light of current UK events (Brexit) we probably need to think about proposing a change of bank account, in another country.

4. Swedish taxes

AW: the new application for exemption of taxes in Sweden will need the financial report as agreed upon in the next GM. All the forms are ready.

5. New EC election

GP, EM, SM are standing down; JC, EB and AW are standing, but they will need to receive nominations first. Julio is thinking over standing for the role of Chair at the next GM, if nominated. A proper election in Kassel for all the roles is the aim, ideally with at least 3 nominations for each post. GP: notifications for nominations to the EC go out in April and May; nominations have to be in by 29 May, a month before the GM on 29 June 2017. SM suggested to forward the nomination notifications also to branch chairs to disseminate, emphasizing that members can nominate any IASPM member from any branch.

6. Kassel

Re: the recent request from Jan Hemming that the EC must pay for their own accommodation. Hillegonda Rietveld recently asked by email where we would be staying in Kassel, and that's when JH sent the Ramada hotel booking info to her and GP. Shortly after Jan wrote to say that we have to pay for the booking, that he has in fact made without our knowing, as the Organizing Committee must free up money to pay for printed proceedings and lunches. The EC cannot afford to pay 10,000 euros for accommodation, as requested, as there are not enough central funds for this, considering the conference grants and EC travel refunds. The request is also arriving too late. The EC thinks that only travel refunds and conference grants can be covered, and would like to ask the OC to find cheaper accommodation and/or pay for it. SM: it would be remiss of us to return IASPM accounts that are almost empty. We need reassurances from the OC: we are invited to run the GM after all.

7. AOB

GP: in our report we will need to stress that there's no IASPM policy on expulsions (with reference to the case of the former IASPM AL branch member expelled in 2010/2012).