

IASPM EC Minutes (Meeting IX)

8/02/2019

Meeting of the Executive Committee, February 8, 2019 (2pm ECT), held by videoconference (Skype)

Present: Kimi Kärki (KK), Silvia Martínez (SM), Ann Werner (AW), Franco Fabbri (FF), Marta Garcia Quiñones (MGQ)

Apologies for absence: Antti-Ville Kärjä (AVK), Jacopo Conti (JC)

1- Approval minutes 8th meeting

SM requested approval of the 8th meeting minutes. We approved.

2- Financial support to emerging branches

MGQ asked the new Southeast Asian branch (SEA) for an updated list of members. They provided this; the branch currently has 20 members. As Treasurer, she is for helping the new branch with some financial support for their activities. MGQ proposed extending this support also to emerging branches in the future. Nevertheless, she thinks that funding should not be linked to the SEA branch request of financial support to attend the next Biennial Conference in Canberra. FF reminded the meeting that in the previous EC's discussion by mail, AVK supported the idea that the EC link this financial support to the participation of their branch members in the Biennial Conference. FF thinks that financial support to new branches should be of free use, assigned to covering the expenses that the branch decides (organising conferences, publishing newsletters, etc.). AW commented on the risk of supporting participation at the Conference and pointed out the possibility that in the end no members of the new branch will attend. SM and KK agreed with the idea proposed by FF. We approved allocating an extra funding sum of \$1500 to the SEA branch to support their early development.

Addenda: MGQ reminded the meeting that EC members do not have to pay registration fees. FF informed us that we have to give the LOC a list of the EC members going to Canberra in order to arrange our registrations, which will not be carried out online. The members attending are: SM, KK, FF, MGQ, AVK.

SM will ask AVK to contact the LOC.

3- New bank account

MGQ summarised recent negotiations with the Banc de Sabadell and the problems encountered in trying to deal with new and impossible requirements. FF suggested that MGQ tried one last time to manage the opening of a new IASPM account. Despite the huge amount of time and effort, neither Swedish nor Spanish banks seem to be able to provide a new account for IASPM finances. The Italian Banca Etica could be another possibility. FF argues in favour of this because 1) it is an ethical bank, one of the requirements made by the General Meeting, and 2) it offers a service called "foreign account in euros", especially for organizations not resident in Italy.

4- Next GM (Election of EC members, Statutes and Rules of Procedure)

FF reminded us by mail of some important deadlines regarding the duties of the EC and LOC specified in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure. The most imminent among them is posting the Conference Program two months before the conference, the 24th April (LOC duty). SM will ask AVK to send a polite reminder to the LOC.

MGQ recalled that the modification of the Statutes should be presented one month before, on May 24. We have to remind the members that possible amendments should be sent on time. FF explains that the Statutes and Rules of Procedures were written a long time ago, when the IASPM was a small society and almost all conferences took part in Europe or North America, and the majority of their members attended. That fact now provokes alarming situations, such as no quorum being required for the GA, and any change in the Statutes able to be approved by the votes of 2/3 of those present, regardless of the number of IASPM members. In order to avoid this lack of representation, we can change the Statutes and propose that a minimum quorum in the GM be a requirement, or support the current procedure that encourages changes to be presented in advance of the meeting so that they can be discussed before being put to a vote by the General Assembly.

FF suggested setting a deadline for mailing and posting messages on the website, in the case of both nominations for the Executive and auditors, and proposals of changes of Statutes and Rules Procedures. AW remarked that this document should be very clear regarding the requirements of each role in the EC. FF proposed providing a profile and requirements of each role. We approved the motion that every EC member write a draft with a short profile defining the skills and requirements for each position before mid-March. A compilation with a draft of all the positions will be sent by SM to the EC before the next meeting.

5- IASPM@Journal board

Koos Zwaan announced to the EC by mail that he is resigning as Chief Editor, and also that the assistant editor (Bernhard Steinbrecher) and reviews editor (Sarah Raine) have resigned. KK informed the meeting that these resignations are not in any way related to any conflict between the Editorial Board or Advisory Board, but were due to personal and professional reasons unrelated to the IASPM.

A Special Issue will be published with a guest editor, and Koos volunteered to take charge of the next volume, working together with the next elected Chief Editor in order to assure a smooth transition. Koos told the EC that, in order to save IASPM money, he will not be attending the Canberra Conference.

6- Next Conferences

The deadline for the call was postponed until March 1. Until now, just one proposal has arrived from Korea and another is expected in all certainty from Norway (Oslo). FF commented that both options have been presented as 2021 candidates. Although there is a

tradition for alternating continents for conference venues, MGQ underlined that there is nothing mandatory in the Statutes or Rules of Procedure. Both options are likely to be discussed and put to the vote at the General Meeting.

7- Further requests & comments

MGQ requested approval to cover the fee registrations and hotel for Rosa Reitsamer for an amount of around €1000. We approved this.

The next meeting will be scheduled in mid-March. SM will start a Doodle in order to arrange the date.