

IASPM EC Minutes (Meeting X)
21/03/2019
15:00-16:00h (CET)

Executive Committee Meeting, March 3, 2019 (3pm CET), held by video conference (Skype)

Present: Franco Fabbri (FF), Marta Garcia Quiñones (MGQ), Antti-Ville Kärjä (AVK), Kimi Kärki (KK), Sílvia Martínez (SM), Ann Werner (AW)

Unable to attend: Jacopo Conti (JC)

1- Approval of 9th meeting minutes

We postponed approval of this so that all EC members can check these minutes.

2- Canberra Conference (updates)

No updates by the LOC have been reported, but AVK remains in touch with them in case any items require attention.

MQG has expressed her concerns that the conference attendants will not be able to pay upon arrival. This is a restriction enforced by the Australian National University, so there is no way that payment upon arrival will be allowed, but AVK will express the EC's concerns about this issue.

Another issue is the fact that all attendants should be current members of IASPM. Somehow this has to be checked between the LOC and the Membership Secretary. We will bring it to the table at the next EC meeting, with JC. As a reminder, KK will put a message on the website with details and the registration procedure.

FF notes that, according the Rules of Procedure, the final program should be released before the end of April. The EC expects to receive the final program before it will be published.

3- New bank account & payment of branches' annual fees

MQG explained the last conversations with Banc Sabadell. Although they have not been given a definitive answer, from the last actions it seems clear that we will not be able to open an account in that bank. Other possibilities explored, such as N26 or Triodos Bank have not been fruitful. FF asked to open an account in Banca Etica, in Italy, but IASPM doesn't have the right customer profile for ethical banks, which are more oriented towards NGOs and similar associations. Whilst Brexit has been postponed, the issue is now less

urgent. MGQ suggests that, in the case that Brexit occurs, and that the IASPM deposits need to be transferred urgently, we can explore moving the funds provisionally to a new multi currency account that we have opened at TransferWise.

MGQ provided feedback about the payment of branches' annual fees: all of them have sent their updated membership list. The biggest branches have indeed already paid the annual fees for 2018. Time remains until the 1st of April for all branches to pay their 2018 annual fees.

4- Call for nominations - Executive Committee (deadline submissions 24/05)

Regarding the call for nominations, SM has compiled the descriptions of the roles that have been sent by the EC members. Jacopo's description of the Membership Secretary still needs to be added, and AW description will be amended. We decided not to describe the position of the Member at large, but to include it as a role, and note that one or more people may be elected and that their tasks will be assigned within the EC. AVK will create a general profile that allows us to call for nominations.

AW reminds us that, as the IASPM is registered in Sweden, the Swedish Tax Agency requires a Swedish resident as an authorised signatory of IASPM, which means having a member of the EC for this. Any person on the EC can fulfil this role, which during the past mandate periods has been covered by a Member at Large. FF proposed we make this reminder a final note in the Call. AWK disagrees and expresses that the association's signatory can be authorised from outside the board to meet this requirement. Ann reasserts that a member outside the EC as an authorized signatory would not meet the legal requirement by the Swedish Tax Agency. We voted on whether this reference to the Swedish Tax Agency should be added to the Call and it was approved by a majority. A-V voted against.

We agree to send the Call for Nominations to the list before the end of March.

5- Agreements outside of meetings (for the record): IASPM Partnering in the 2020 Media Industries Conference

Following a request sent by Paul McDonald to Franco Fabbri asking the IASPM to join the 2020 Media Industries Conference, the EC discussed and approved the initiative by email. For the record, below you can find a transcription of the mail sent by Franco Fabbri on 13th March 2019:

"Dear Paul,

On behalf of Iaspm's Executive Committee I confirm that our Association is willing to become a partner of the 2020 Media Industries Conference. We are strongly committed to supporting any activity involving the study of popular music in today's mediasphere, and wish you and your institution all the best, hoping that this may be just the beginning of a fruitful collaboration. We are working out a procedure for nominating our representative(s) in the Advisory Committee, and we'd like to launch (soon) a call among our members, rather than simply picking up one or two at our discretion. In the meanwhile, provisionally, you can refer to me, as Iaspm's Chair, for matters regarding the Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,
Franco Fabbri"

There is a further request to nominate one or two IASPM members who are part of the scientific committee. We have agreed to request volunteers who form part of the scientific committee via our mailing list. FF will create the draft when it is necessary..

6- Further requests & comments

Regarding the upcoming conferences, the only proposal which we have received so far is that of the Korean branch. More proposals are expected to be received before the deadline.

7- Next EC meeting

We have agreed to meet again, via a Skype meeting, on Friday, April 26 at 2pm ECT.