

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting January 14th 2011

Present: Crist Filer, Dave Hesk, George Ellames, Ruth Hough-Engel, Carolee Lavey, Brad Maxwell

Apologies for absence: Alex Susan

1. Constitution Committee

The BoT discussed the report from the Constitution Committee, (attached) which reviewed the proposed changes to the IIS Constitution and Bylaws as submitted by BM, GE, CL and Raymond Oekonomopulos. The Committee in its report approved the proposed changes, which are now required to be approved by the BoT prior to being submitted to the IIS membership for approval by ballot.

To facilitate a clear understanding of the proposed changes, RH and GE suggested that a summary document be prepared, which was agreed to by the BoT. CL suggested hosting a copy of the original constitution with the changes marked, along with a draft of the amended constitution on the website, with a link provided in the mailing containing the ballot forms. BM added that the original, unmarked constitution should also be available for viewing. It was agreed that three versions of the constitution will then be available for viewing on the web.

CF additionally suggested including the summary document on the web site and also sending out a preliminary email with the summary document to provide advance notice of the upcoming mailing, which was agreed will contain a ballot form, summary document, an instruction letter, which also has details on the link to the constitution documents on the web site, and a return envelope which will be addressed to DH for counting. A two thirds majority of votes received in favour will deem the proposed changes approved. The summary document will be authored by BM, GE, CL and Raymond Oekonomopulos.

It was agreed to try to complete the summary document and design of the ballot forms by mid-February to be able to send out the initial email announcement.

CF and BM noted that the role of the elections committee under the new proposed constitution will not change and will still have to be formed according to the schedule in the existing constitution regardless.

BM then called for a vote of the BoT to consider approval of the proposed changes to the IIS Constitution and Bylaws, which was carried unanimously by the BoT members present.

In response to a question from GE regarding the voting eligibility, DH stated that members in good standing through the end of 2010 are eligible to vote, even if their memberships elapsed at the end of 2010 and have not yet renewed their membership.

2. Website

DH and BM will coordinate with Slava to update the contacts on the website and ensure that the advertisements on the jobs page have dates on them to ensure they are still current.

Next BoT meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the BoT will be in March and will be coordinated by BM.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary