

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting October 21st 2010

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

Apologies for absence: Alex Susan

1. Financial Update

RHE updated the Board on the IIS finances. A total of \$187,397.29 is in the New Century accounts, which do not include the Synergy account. The Synergy account is used to collect membership dues via credit card payments and periodically transferred to RHE. In response to a question from BM regarding transferring some of the money into a CD to obtain a greater return, RHE stated that currently the interest rates offered on CD's are not significantly higher than the current rate obtained on the money market account.

Action: DH to update RHE on the current balance of the Synergy Account.

2. Heidelberg Update

DH briefly updated the BoT on the Heidelberg meeting. A scientific committee consisting of DH, John Herbert and Thomas Moenius has been formed and has actively begun planning the outline of the scientific programme through a series of teleconferences. Although the plans are still in the early stages, some progress has been made on identifying Plenary and Invited speakers and a rough outline of the scientific sessions has been put together. Based on the previous participation of sessions, it is planned to combine some of the smaller sessions into larger ones with a broader range of topics. It was noted by the Chicago organizers, that many of the smaller sessions had difficulty attracting speakers and were often filled out with talks that were not placed in the long lived session. A timetable for completion of planning activities has been drawn up. Plans are to have session chairman in place by September 2011, to allow them about a year to plan their programmes. The organizers are actively identifying and inviting speakers for the Plenary and invited speaker sessions. CF added that he will invite the organizers to participate in the final BoT teleconference to be held in December 2010. He also stated he plans to begin ramping up his activities in attracting sponsorship for the meeting in 2011.

3. WCI Outreach

DH and CF updated the BoT on the teleconference held with members of the WCI. Among the topics discussed was the possibility of WCI organizing a session at Heidelberg, which has been done at previous IIS symposia. Also discussed was the IIS organizing a half day session for the 2011 ICI meeting, which will be held in September 2011, with an address to the conference by the 2011 IIS President. GE added that in his

discussions with the Heidelberg organizers, while in principle they would be very interested in taking this on as a prelude to the Heidelberg meeting, company budgetary restrictions do not allow them to be able to commit to this additional responsibility. BM also added that while he could request funding for this travel in 2011, there is no guarantee it would be approved. CL and CF raised the possibility of some IIS financial support for BM to attend the meeting. It was agreed to revisit this discussion at the December BoT teleconference, with a firm goal of identifying a path forward. It was also agreed that if the IIS is going to organize a session at 7ICI, there is some urgency in identifying an individual(s) to chair the session to enable them enough time to be able to attract speakers. BM also suggested approaching the 7ICI organizers to see if they would be willing to waive or reduce the registration fees for the IIS session organizer as per the arrangement in Chicago.

DH also stated that the possibility of holding a joint conference in 2015 was discussed. WCI would normally expect to meet in mid to late 2014, but certainly expressed interest in potentially moving the date into early 2015 to allow alignment of the meetings.

4. BoT Constitution Reform Committee

CF updated the board on the IIS Constitution Reform Committee. CF stated that he has contacted and obtained agreement from seven individuals to serve on the Constitution Reform Committee. The committee will be chaired by Dietrich Gantz with Ken O'Brien serving as Vice-Chairman. The other members of the committee are Corina Simion, Dick Heys, Bill Lockley, Larry Jones and Thomas Moenius. BM, GE, CL and Raymond Oekonomopulos presented the draft amended constitution to the BoT for review. The amended constitution incorporates the modified BoT elections procedure as presented by the Elections reform Committee at the July BoT meeting and updates other sections of the constitution. Upon BoT review and receipt of a letter signed by 5 members of the IIS, the amended constitution will be forwarded by CF to the committee for their input, which is scheduled to be completed within 90 days of receipt. Once the Constitution Reform Committee have reviewed the document and completed any changes, it will be returned to the BoT for final approval. Following BoT approval the document would be forwarded to the IIS membership for approval by ballot, where a simple majority of ballots received will be needed for approval.

In response to a question from RHE about the future structure of the BoT, BM stated that in addition to the current officers, the amended constitution proposes adding three regional trustees and also makes the provision for adding divisional trustees upon the division reaching a certain size.

The BoT thanked CF for the very significant amount of work he has undertaken to complete the Constitution Reform Committee and also thanked GE, CL, BM and Raymond Oekonomopulos for all their efforts on the Elections Reform Committee.

5. ¹⁴C Shortage

CF updated the BoT on his recent activities to further research the ¹⁴C shortage. He reported that after some initial contact with ORNL, he has received no response to a request to set up a teleconference with DH, CF and ORNL. CF further stated he has also received no response from MDS Nordion. CF stated he will continue to follow up with these efforts.

6. IIS Discussion groups

GE reported on feed back received on Discussion groups from the CED and UK chapter meetings. Initial response has been modest, with concerns expressed about commitment needed and also proprietary information. GE stated that an additional concern expressed was that anyone offering a suggestion about a group would then be asked to set up a group. CL and BM added that BM plans to address the idea of discussion groups at the North East US meeting at the business meeting. It was agreed that the presentation will stress that the BoT is only looking for ideas at this stage and that anyone volunteering a suggestion, will not imply a commitment to start up a group. BM also noted that after a discussion with the web master, the discussion groups could be hosted on the web site at little or no cost to the society. It was agreed that the initial goal should to start small and focus on getting one of these groups started and build on this for the future. The long term goal would be to grow the discussion groups to a large enough size to be able form a division within the IIS which would allow them to gain additional representation on the BoT through a Divisional trustee.

7. Student memberships

As part of the updating of the IIS Constitution, a student membership category has been added. Student memberships will be set at \$25 for a yearly membership. The three year membership option will not apply to this class of membership.

8. AOB

Membership

In response to a question from BM about membership renewals, DH stated that he is finalizing the mailing list to send to the printing and mailing firm. Plans are to initiate this in November. DH and CL will work to add the contact list compiled by CL to the master mailing list. This additional list has also been provided to the Heidelberg organizers. CF has already provided the President's letter for inclusion in the mailing.

Wiley Payment

BM stated that Wiley will be forwarding a check for \$1,500 to the IIS in lieu of publication of the Chicago proceedings in JLCR as per an agreement between the IIS and Wiley. Also provided as part of the agreement were complimentary copies of the proceedings for the guest editors and an additional copy for the IIS archives, which DH maintains. BM stated that the BoT needs to decide on how to use this money, and further stated that he would be excusing himself from the discussions. After a brief

discussion, it was decided to allow the remaining members of the BoT some additional time to consider this with a view to reaching a decision at the December BoT meeting.

Teleconferences

RHE requested that she be notified whenever BoT members utilize the IIS teleconference number, so she can accurately track the billing for these calls.

Next BoT meeting

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

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary