

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting December 15th 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 \$185,002.66 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.

RHE also stated that she has received the first bill for the Constitution Committee Conference call which totaled \$200, and did not include any re-imbusement for committee members calling in from home. Several of these calls have since been held on a weekly or every other week basis and RHE expressed the concern that if this were to continue for an extended period of time, it would be very expensive for the Society. BM stated that the committee has almost completed its work, with one more teleconference planned in early January after which the committee will make its recommendation to the BoT and then will no longer need to meet.

RHE also stated that the annual financial statement will be out in January and in response to a question from CF about the annual audit, RHE confirmed that Nicolini will be carrying out the audit of the 2010 finances during the 1st Q of 2011. BM also stated that the NE and Central US chapters will also be included in this audit.

DH added that the membership renewals will be going out later than normal this year in the mid-December timeframe.

Post meeting note: the membership renewals were mailed on Dec 22nd.

2. Constitution Committee

BM updated the BoT on the Constitution Committee, which has been examining the proposed changes to the Constitution recommended by the Elections Committee for consistency with the overall IIS Constitution.

The committee has met 3-4 times to review the proposed changes to the Constitution and has provided some initial feedback. The Constitution Committee plans to meet one additional time in January to complete any additional changes prior to reporting back to the BoT for approval. Assuming the changes are approved by the BoT, the proposed changes would then be mailed out to the membership for approval.

On behalf of the BoT, CF thanked BM, GE, CL and Raymond Oekonomopulos for their work on the Elections Committee.

3. WCI Outreach

The Board continued the discussion held over from the last meeting on the outreach efforts with the WCI. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to have BM attend the Moscow ICI meeting in Sept 2011 as IIS President with the IIS providing some financial support towards attending the meeting. BM stated that his employer has given him preliminary approval to attend the meeting, give a technical presentation and also conduct IIS business as appropriate. BM added that his employer has expressed interest in sharing costs, covering the hotel, parking, meals, etc, with the IIS covering the air travel and registration. It was further suggested that the IIS petition the WCI for a waiver of the registration fee for BM as was done for a WCI Plenary Speaker attending Chicago. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the IIS should have BM attend the Moscow ICI meeting and would share the costs as described above.

Also discussed was the need to organize an 'IIS' session at Moscow as per the invitation extended by the WCI. GE stated that it will be difficult to obtain any commitment from IIS members in the pharmaceutical industry until early next year at which point travel budgets become clearer. It was agreed that putting together a potential session for the Moscow meeting should be a high priority goal for the BoT in the 1st Q of 2011. GE added that the WCI were supposed to forward additional details on Moscow to CF, GE and DH following the joint teleconference.

4. ¹⁴C shortage

CF reported on his latest efforts regarding the ¹⁴C shortage. CF stated that he did make contact with one potential North American supplier and established that this organization is actively considering a proposal to start production of ¹⁴C. It was noted that even if this organization did start production of ¹⁴C, while this would be a significant help 3 years in the future, it will not provide immediate relief to the ongoing shortage. GE added that in a previous discussion it was noted that any new potential supplier would be looking for some assurance that the venture would be profitable and that perhaps the IIS could act as a facilitator between the new potential supplier and customers. It was further noted that this would be a difficult area for the IIS to venture into given that the existing supplier of ¹⁴C barium carbonate likely has contractual agreements in place with many of the larger users of ¹⁴C.

5. Heidelberg update

DH briefly updated the BoT on the Heidelberg meeting. The scientific committee consisting of DH, John Herbert and Thomas Moenius is actively planning the outline of the scientific programme through a series of teleconferences with the organizers. A preliminary conference schedule has been put together and the organizers have invited a number of Plenary Speakers, with a goal of having all the Plenary Speakers in place by the end of 1st Q 2011. Plans are also proceeding to identify Session Chairman and have them in place by the end of 3rd Q 2011.

6. 2011 BoT Goals

BM, who will be the 2011 IIS President, presented a number of goals for the BoT to work on in 2011, as a way to provide the BoT some focus and timing on achieving these goals.

The goals presented were:

- Complete election reform process
- Appoint the Election Committee for the 2012 BoT elections
- IIS and Melvin Calvin awards for Heidelberg
- Update of the IIS website
- Continue WCI dialogue
- Continue efforts on ¹⁴C shortage
- Continue efforts to increase membership.
- Follow up Discussion group proposals

7. Wiley Payment

With BM excusing himself from the teleconference, the remainder of the BoT further continued the discussion held over from the last meeting. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the payment, which will total \$1,500 should be used in an as yet undermined way at the Heidelberg meeting. It was agreed to further define how this money will be used in conjunction with the Heidelberg meeting during the course of 2011 with a view to identifying a specific use for the money during this time frame.

8. AOB

The BoT thanked CF for his significant efforts as IIS President in 2010.

Next BoT meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the BoT will be 1st Q 2011 and will be coordinated by BM.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary