

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 26th February 2019

Present: Jens Atzrodt, Volker Derdau, Chad Elmore, Marwan ElMasri, Dave Hesk, Matt Hrapchak, Brad Maxwell, Bruce McKillican, Tomas Elbert

1. Website update

ME updated the BoT on the status of the website update project. ME has identified an individual to take on the redesign project and will have more to report at the next BoT meeting. Funds are available to support the redesign. JA and VD also noted that the new website also offers an opportunity to display historical information, such as past IIS and Melvin Calvin award winners and past International Symposia, to better inform visitors to the site about the background behind the IIS. DH also noted that for current news and events, it will be critical to ensure this information is kept updated and be archived on a timely basis.

2. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. Renewals are continuing to come in. Current membership stands at 122 members paid through 2019. DH plans to send out a reminder to recent former members that have not yet renewed. The BoT then held a substantive discussion on ideas to grow the membership. ME suggested that the ACS would be a good forum to increase the visibility of the IIS, as in the past there have been a few sessions on isotope synthesis. This could potentially attract new members. JA also suggested that if there were ways to simplify the membership renewal process, this could also help with membership retention.

3. Financial update

BM stated that he met with AA to initiate transfer of the accounts and accompanying financial records. BM now has online access to the accounts and will remove AA from the account in the next few months and add DH as a back-up. BM stated that there is currently \$198,968.03 held in the main IIS accounts. \$90,268.78 is earmarked for support of international meetings, which includes \$17,831 received from the Prague meeting. Additional funds (\$30,246.67) are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is primarily used to collect membership dues via credit card payments. These funds are periodically transferred to the main accounts.

4. Raleigh 2021 update

BMK updated the BoT on the current status of the 2021 meeting. Current focus is putting together a Scientific Advisory Board to begin planning the scientific sessions. DH has already contacted Cvent about the conference website and will start work to get an initial build of the website. BMK suggested he is considering ideas by which the presentations at the meeting could be compiled on a memory stick for distribution to meeting attendees, along the lines of what is currently done at ACS meetings. DH suggested one option would be to build this into the registration process by asking presenters whether they would be willing to make their slides available to meeting attendees.

5. JLCR Special Edition

TE reported that he has received two manuscripts to date. BM noted that the manuscript from the IQ consortium is almost ready to be submitted. The deadline for submission for manuscripts is at the end of March. BM suggested for Raleigh, in an attempt to increase the number of manuscripts submitted to the proceedings, it may be a good idea to ask participants if they would be willing to prepare manuscripts prior to the meeting, as was done in some of the earlier symposia. Asking participants to author a manuscript post meeting appears to have a lower response rate.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in May/June and will be organized by MH.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary