

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting March 29th 2006

Present: Richard Heys, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Alex Susan, Crist Filer, Scott Landvatter, Ken Lawrie

Apologies for absence: Dennis Dean

1) IIS BOT Election

DH reported that the numbered ballot forms were printed and mailed out on the 27th March. Additional numbered ballot forms were Emailed to Romanian, Russian and Chinese Chapters for distribution to the respective members of the Chapter. Ideally each Chapter would collect the completed ballot forms and mail them 'en masse' to RH for counting. An additional 5 numbered ballot forms have been prepared for mailing to IIS members who paid their membership dues after the election mailing list had been sent to the Printer. These will be sent out this week.

One of the candidates for President and Vice-President recently informed the Election Committee that due to a change in job responsibilities, they no longer wished to be considered for office. Due to the fact that this notification was received after the ballot forms had been printed and prepared for mailing, it was not possible to remove the name from the ballot. The Board agreed that the best solution would be to let the election proceed as planned, and if the candidate in question is elected to either of the offices and subsequently confirms their intention not to serve, the office would be awarded to the candidate collecting the next highest number of votes.

2) Melvin Calvin and IIS Awards

The Board held a substantive discussion on candidates to be awarded the Melvin Calvin and IIS awards. The Board unanimously agreed on the selection of two recipients for the Melvin Calvin Award and a recipient for the IIS award. RH, SL and AS will be contacting the award recipients to inform them of their selection to their respective award and also to invite them to attend the Edinburgh Symposium, if they were not previously planning to attend.

It was agreed that making the awards at the Symposium banquet would be ideal, but an alternative time, such as at the Business meeting may be needed if the venue is not conducive to making the awards.

Action: KL to determine the feasibility of making the awards at the Symposium banquet.

DH also stated that the award plaques can be obtained from the same vendor as used by D. Melillo for the Boston meeting, as they have all the necessary design and logo information on file. DH stated he will arrange to have the award plaques made.

3) Edinburgh Update

KL updated the Board on the status of the Edinburgh meeting. 200 abstracts have been submitted, with some abstracts still due from invited speakers. About £80,000 in sponsorship and exhibitor funds have been pledged. There are slightly fewer than 100 registrants, however the early registration period runs through the end of April. KL also stated that he has one or two nominations for the Wiley Award and would welcome additional nominations. There is in addition \$4000 from the International Atomic Agency which would be used to help fund the attendance of scientists from the Developing World.

It was agreed that in addition to the BoT and BoR members attending the BoT luncheon, members of the IIS Council planning to attend the Symposium, should also be invited to attend the luncheon. It was also agreed to invite two representatives from each group making a proposal to the Board to host the 2009 meeting.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary