

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 7th June 2017

Present: Alban Allentoff, Volker Derdau, Dave Hesk, Brad Maxwell, Marwan ElMasri, David Schenk, Tomas Elbert.

Apologies for absence: Jens Atzrodt, Bruce McKillican.

1. Prague Update

TE updated the BoT on the current status of the Prague meeting. Since the February BoT meeting the local organizers and the SAB have met twice. IUPAC has also now endorsed the meeting. Exhibitor and sponsorship guidelines and the corresponding forms have been drawn up by the local organizing committee and uploaded to the conference website. The SAB has been discussing the organization of the poster session. The topic of e-posters has been raised. Current thinking is to continue with a traditional printed poster session, but the SAB is open to piloting a few e-posters. The SAB will make a final decision at its next meeting in October.

It is planned to open registration and abstract submission by the end of October with a March 2nd deadline for abstract submissions. The second circular will be sent out by January. Registration fees will be \$450 for IIS and IUPAC members, \$500 for non-IIS members and \$350 for students. After the early registration deadline of April 27th, there will be a 20% increase in registration fees. Plenary speakers are being contacted by Session Chairmen for their seminar titles and also to pass on the details on expenses with a goal of having seminar titles by the end of October. The next round of local organizing and SAB meetings will be held in September/October. The proceedings of the conference will be published as a special edition in JLCR along similar lines to Heidelberg and Princeton. In response to a question regarding hotel accommodation, TM stated that this information will be included in the 2nd circular and it will be possible to reserve hotel accommodation when registering for the conference.

2. Membership update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. The membership renewal process for 2017 is essentially complete. Current membership stands at 147 members paid through 2017 with 82 paid through 2018 and 20 paid through 2019. DH plans to email members who have 2016 lapsed memberships. DH also stated he provided IIS and the Princeton conference email lists to TE.

3. Financial update

AA stated that there is currently about \$209,860 in the main IIS account. Additional funds (\$34,013) are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is used to collect membership dues and conference registration fees via credit card payments. These funds are periodically transferred to the main accounts. AA stated that the non-profit tax filing is virtually complete. AA also stated that he plans to look at investment options for a portion of the IIS funds in order to generate a better return than is currently the case.

4. IIS Website

The BoT discussed the new website which has been designed by the IIS webmaster. The website has been completed and BM is in the process of providing updated contact information to the webmaster.

5. Melvin Calvin and IIS awards

BM stated that he has received a number of nominations for the Melvin Calvin and IIS awards which will be presented at the Prague meeting. As part of the selection process, BM requested that the each BoT member who made a nomination, email him a brief summary supporting their respective nomination(s). BM will then collate and distribute by email to BoT to better inform on the selection of the award winners. It was agreed that the selection process be completed early August by email to allow sufficient time for award recipients to plan their travel to Prague and also allow sufficient time for the Melvin Calvin award recipient to prepare a presentation to be given at Prague.

6. 2019-2021 BoT Elections

BM stated that he has completed the formation of the 7 person Election Committee to oversee the elections to the 2019-2021 BoT. BM stated that one of the goals of the committee will be to increase participation in the election process by the IIS membership.

7. BoR Update

Formation of the BoR is overdue. BM stated he contacted the four current members of the BoR and that none wish to serve as the BoR representative on the BoT. As a result it is likely that the BoR position on the BoT will remain open through this current BoT cycle.

8. Isotope Publication 2017 Award

BM stated that he is currently reviewing isotope publications, a number of which will be selected for further review by the BoT in the September time frame and ultimate selection of best paper. VD will also provide suggestions and other members of the BoT are also encouraged to forward their suggestions. It was decided that the end of June will be the cut off for the paper to be considered for this year's award. The author of the best paper will then be invited to give an oral presentation at Prague.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in October to coincide with the North American Chapter meeting and will be organized by BM.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary