

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 13th July 2020

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

1. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. There are currently 134 memberships paid through the end of 2020, 77 paid through the end of 2021 and 25 paid through the end of 2022. DH is working on the process to add an on-line membership renewal process through the website, which involves setting up a new merchant account to process online payments.

2. Financial update

BM stated that there is currently a total of \$177,754.56 held in the main IIS accounts. Of this \$69,007.44 is earmarked for support of international meetings, \$9,753.96 is held in the general account and \$98,813.16 is held in a business investment account. Additional funds (\$26,669.27) are held in the Garden State Community bank, which is primarily used to collect membership dues via credit card payments and also as a placeholder for North American Chapter meeting registration fees. These registration fees are then transferred to the North American Chapter treasurer to allow payment of the meeting expenses.

3.

BMK updated the BoT on the current status of the 2021 meeting. A Scientific Advisory Board has been meeting and a number of potential plenary speakers have been contacted, with several acceptances received to date. With the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, the SAB has been deliberating on virtual and hybrid options for holding the meeting in June 2021, or possibly postponing to 2022. A decision on the form of the meeting will be made by the SAB in September. Due to COVID 19, the North American Chapter meeting has also been moved to a half day virtual meeting on Oct 30th, as it was felt it would not be practical to hold an in person meeting this year.

Post meeting notes. The North American Chapter meeting website has been launched with a Zoom link. The CED has also set up a virtual meeting for Sept 23rd and 24th.

4. IIS website update

ME reported that the build of the new website has been completed and the site is now live. Cybervise will provide maintenance of the website and DH has already received training on making content updates to the website as needed. DH plans to send out an email announcement to the membership about the new website. As noted above, the website will have the ability to securely process online membership renewal payments once a new Merchant account has been set up. Additional improvements on removing outdated content from the home page are still required and DH will work with Cybervise to take care of this.

5. IIS elections

JA reported on the plans for the BoT elections which will be held for the 2022-2024 BoT. As the 2020 president, he will be responsible for forming the Election Committee, which will serve to review applications for BoT offices. The election process should be completed by April 2021, so the results can be announced by the 2021 Raleigh meeting.

Action: DH to email JA the details of the 2018 and 2015 Election Committee membership.

6. 'Other IIS' organization

DH reported that Dietrich Gantz had forwarded him a link to an organization that is using the International Isotope Society name on their website. Given, the IIS has been registered as a not for profit organization since 1982, it was agreed in order to avoid confusion, it was agreed as a first step MA will contact this organization to make them aware of our ownership of the IIS name and ask them to remove the International Isotope Society name on their website.

Action: ME to contact 'Other International Isotope Society' organization

7. IIS and Melvin Calvin Awards

Nominations for the Melvin Calvin, IIS awards and Best Paper award should be sent to JA for collation. Nominations ideally should include a brief supporting statement. The BoT will then vote on the award recipients at the next BoT meeting, which will then allow the award winners to be promptly notified. Current members of the BoT are not eligible for the Melvin Calvin or IIS awards. VD will contact Wiley to see if they will be willing to host the Wiley Young Scientist awards.

Post meeting Note: Wiley have confirmed they will support the Young Scientist Award.

Action: BoT members to send their nominations for Melvin Calvin, IIS and Best Paper Awards to JA.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in Oct/Nov and will be organized by JA.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary