

## IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

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

**Apologies for absence:** Matt Hrapchak

### 1. Raleigh meeting update

The BoT discussed the status of the Raleigh international meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting has been delayed from June 2021 to June 12-16<sup>th</sup> 2022. At the same time DH was contacted by the secretary of the WCI asking for details about the International meeting and informing him that WCI will be holding the 11<sup>th</sup> ICI meeting in Saskatoon Canada from June 19-23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. As a result of the close time proximity of these meetings, WCI proposed holding a joint ICI/IIS meeting in Saskatoon in June 2022. After a substantive discussion, because the meeting plans for Raleigh are already too advanced to change without incurring financial penalties and due to the risk to the scientific programme already set up, the BoT opted to decline the offer from WCI to take part in a joint meeting and continue with the Raleigh meeting as planned. JA will draft a letter to WCI informing them of the BoT's decision but at the same time signal that the BoT would be open to exploring a future joint meeting for the next meeting cycle if WCI were open to placing it in Europe. IIS International meetings have traditionally been located in North America and Europe on an alternating basis to maximize participation from IIS members who are primarily located in these two geographic areas.

**Post Meeting Note:** JA contacted the secretary of WCI and received a positive response with a statement that both organizations should do their best to promote each other's meetings.

### 2. Membership update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. There are currently 135 memberships paid through the end of 2020, 78 paid through the end of 2021 and 26 paid through the end of 2022. 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, is taking much longer than expected, hence the membership renewal will have to be done by the usual mail renewal process.

### 3. Financial update

BM stated that there is currently a total of \$173,654.88 held in the main IIS accounts. Of this \$65,125.27 is earmarked for support of international meetings, \$9,713.96 is held in the general account and \$98,815.65 is held in a business investment account. Additional funds (\$21,680.85) 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.

### 4. IIS elections

JA reported on the plans for the BoT elections which are scheduled to be held for the 2022-2024 BoT. He noted that with the delay of the International meeting to 2022, the

election cycle for the BoT will no longer be in sequence with the International symposium cycle, which would not be ideal. There was support from several members of the BoT for delaying the elections by 1 year, to put the elections and the International meeting back on cycle, but it was also agreed that the IIS Constitution would need to be consulted for language that could make this possible.

**Post meeting note:** Following review of the IIS Constitution by BM, it was agreed by a majority of members of the BoT, that sections 2.6.2.2 and 2.6.2.4 could be used as justification to postpone the elections to 2022. It was further agreed that BMK will serve as president for 2022. A letter drafted by JA describing the justification for this course of action will be reviewed and signed by the BoT and posted on the website once complete. It was also agreed that the IIS Constitution needs further revision and that will be put on the agenda for the next BoT meeting.

#### **5. 'Other IIS' organization**

ME reported he had attempted to contact by email an organization that is using the International Isotope Society name on their website. To date he has not received any response. It was agreed to closely monitor the situation to see if further action by the BoT is required as the IIS has been registered as a not for profit organization since 1982 and has the rights to the International Isotope Society name, it was agreed that it would be confusing to have another organization attempt to use the International Isotope Society name.

#### **6. IIS and Melvin Calvin Awards**

With the delay of the Raleigh meeting to 2022, the timetable for nominations for the Melvin Calvin, IIS awards and Best Paper award has been delayed to 2021.

#### **Next BoT meeting**

This will be held in early 2021 and will be organized by VD.

David Hesk  
IIS Executive Secretary