

IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 2nd February 2023

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

1. Raleigh Update

BMK updated the BoT on the final financials for the Raleigh meeting. As expected, the meeting resulted a net loss of around \$41,000 with receipts of \$52,910 v expenses of \$93,944.36. BM noted that expenses for the Melvin Calvin and IIS awards. The BoT also discussed the challenges posed balancing out the virtual meeting option with a face to face meeting setting.

2. Financial update

BM stated that there is currently a total of \$97,559.77 held in the main IIS accounts. BM proposed that for efficiency and ease of management, all the main accounts be combined into a single international meeting account. This will make it easier for the new CFO, SB to manage. This was agreed to by the BoT. Additional funds (\$30,393.50) 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. BM noted that the finances while still strong and can support running an international meeting, are lower than they were several years ago mainly due to Cvent expenses, increased fees for the updated IIS website, and accounting fees. BM also stated he is in the process of removing Alban Allentoff's name from Bank of America accounts and will be transferring control of these accounts to SB.

3. Membership Update

DH updated the BoT on current membership status. Membership renewal mailing was sent out. There are currently 61 memberships paid through the end of 2023, 29 paid through the end of 2024 and 11 paid through the end of 2025. The BoT discussed the membership fees structure which has not changed since around 2000. It was agreed that serious consideration needs to be given to reviewing membership fees in conjunction with better using the website to give members a better return on their membership investment.

4. Gothenberg update

CE updated the BoT on the status of the Gothenberg meeting which will be held June 23rd to 27th 2025 at the Astra Zeneca campus. Hotels have been identified but it is still early to book this far out. Meeting rooms have been booked on the Astra Zeneca site. BM has agreed to head up the SAB. Work on the Cvent website build will begin soon.

5. ¹⁴C Supply

The BoT discussed the ongoing ¹⁴C shortage due Russian sanctions over the Ukraine war. DH Noted that it is possible to get quotes for most materials but at a higher price than before the war started. BC also stated he had received a survey by email from the US department of Energy asking to project uses of isotopes for the next five years. In addition, the initiative from the Canadian company that was presented at Raleigh last year to develop their process for ¹⁴C recovery was discussed. BM also stated that about a year ago when the invasion began, he reached out to most of the suppliers to enquire their status on ¹⁴C supply. Responses were highly varied depending on the supplier. It was suggested that a follow survey be conducted to determine whether the situation has changed.

Next BoT meeting

This will be held in June 2023 and will be organized by VD.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary