IIS Board of Trustees Meeting 17th October 2024

Present: Sean Bew, Boris Czeskis, Chad Elmore, Dave Hesk, Matt Hrapchak, Brad Maxwell, Marwan ElMasri
Apologies for absence: Volker Derdau

1. IIS and Melvin Calvin awards
The BoT discussed candidates for both the IIS and Melvin Calvin awards and unanimously agreed on selections of the award winners for both awards. BM will notify the award recipients and invite them to attend the Gothenburg meeting in June 2025.

2. Financial update
SB gave a financial update. Current balance of the International account is $74,345.88 with an additional $28,034.09 held in the New York Community Bank account. The Board discussed the need to better manage expenses and increase revenue to improve the long-term financial situation of the society.

3. Membership Update
DH updated the BoT on current membership status. Membership renewal mailing will be prepared to go out at the end of the year. It was unanimously agreed to raise the dues to $75 for a one-year membership, and $150 for a three-year membership. The dues have not been raised since 2003. Also discussed was a proposal to combine membership to registration fees for IIS conferences. It was agreed that for future meetings, a $75 fee be added to registration to cover the cost of a one-year membership. People that are already IIS members who are registering for a meeting, would receive a one-year extension on their membership.

4. Gothenburg update
CE gave an update on the status of the Gothenburg meeting which will be held June 23rd to 27th 2025 at the Astra Zeneca campus. The conference web site is about ready to launch and all plenary speakers have been confirmed. BM also stated that session chairmen have been identified and invited to organize their respective sessions. The Cvent abstract management tool will be set up once the main conference website has been launched.

5. BOT elections
These need to be held in the spring of 2025 with the results announced by the Gothenburg meeting. An elections committee will need to be set up by MH to accept and review nominations for the BoT positions.

Next BoT meeting
This will be held in Spring 2025 and will be organized by BM.

David Hesk
IIS Executive Secretary