

## IPSO Business Meeting: Minutes

Thursday 27 October 2011

17.00-18.00

Aotea Centre, Auckland

1. The President welcomed members to the Annual IPSO Business Meeting
2. Minutes from the last meeting: The minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Boston, 20 Oct 2010, were agreed as a true record by those members present, and acceptance was proposed by Larry Hadley, seconded by Bhaskar Rao. The minutes were signed off by the President.
3. Report from the President: Dan Aronson updated members on the problems we have encountered while changing our secretariat in order to remain aligned with SIOP. The Executive Committee now believes that we are coming through this process, and are optimistic that IPSO will be stronger as a result of the change.
4. Financial overview: In the absence of the Treasurer, Roly Squire reported on the current position. IPSO's financial affairs are in limbo at present, because the change of secretariat has necessitated a change of bank account. This is in progress, but means that a financial balance cannot be reported at this time. A report will be sent to the membership as soon as it is prepared, probably with the January Newsletter. One of the gains from our new secretarial arrangements is that we will move to on-line payment of subscriptions. Until the financial situation is sorted the development of IPSO scholarships is on hold.
5. New secretariat: The Secretary informed the membership of our collaboration with Kenes Association Worldwide. Kenes are an experienced organisation who manage the affairs of a number of societies with similarities to IPSO. We have negotiated a contract which the Executive Committee think is very favourable, and although it will be more expensive than Rosalinde Kennis we will have important additional advantages, including the on-line management of the membership as mentioned already.
6. WMT prizes: Wright Medical Technology continue to sponsor prizes for the best presentation and best poster at the Annual Congress. The Executive have recommended dividing the money in the same manner as in previous years, awarding \$300 for the best presentation and \$200 for the best poster.
7. Arrangements for London 2012: Keith Holmes (local organiser) outlined the plans for next years Congress. The SIOP/PROS/IPSO Symposium will be on nephroblastoma. Jörg Fuchs will be IPSO keynote speaker. The IPSO Symposium will be decided by the new Programme Director. There will be a Germ Cell Symposium in the main SIOP programme. There will be a number of measures to encourage an increase in abstract submission, and it is expected that 2012 will be easier for people than 2011, because New Zealand is hard for many members to get to. Members were reassured that the abstract scoring process is anonymous and objective.
8. IPSO-APSA meeting, San Antonio Texas, 2012: The Secretary apologised for the short notice of the abstract deadline.
9. Election to Executive Council 2011:
  - Giovanni Cecchetto was elected unopposed as President-Elect
  - Sandeep Agarwala was re-elected for a 2nd term on the Executive Committee
  - Steve Warman was elected in a secret ballot for a first term on the Executive Committee, and will replace Jan Godzinski as Programme Director
  - Larry Hadley (Past-President) and Jan Godzinski (Executive Committee member and Programme Director) were thanked by the President for their services to IPSO.
10. Report from the Webmaster: Attention was drawn to the password-protected pages, which include uploads of a number of the 2010 Congress presentations, with the plan that a greater percentage of the presentations from this meeting will be available.
11. The following were approved as new IPSO Members:
  - Zakaria Habib (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
  - Andrea Hayes-Jordan (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
  - Clare Jackson (sponsors: Squire/Wheeler)
  - Jonathan Karpelowsky (sponsors: Hadley/Squire)
  - SVS Soundappan (sponsors: Nightingale/Squire)
  - Franceco Perrotta (sponsors: Rao/Squire)
  - Dae Yon Kim (sponsors: Squire/Aronson)
  - Antti Koivusalo (sponsors: Losty/Holmes)
  - Ashish Jiwane (sponsors: Lobos/Qureshi)
  - Slim Bensalah (sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)

- Andrew Ryabov (sponsors: Squire/Aronson)
- Joyce Chua (sponsors: LaQuaglia/Chan Hon)

12. Any other business

- i. Sympathy and concern were expressed by the President to
  - Our Japanese colleagues following the Tsunami
  - Colleagues in Oslo & Christchurch who have been hit by earthquakes
  - Sonia Salas Valverde, IPSO member from Costa Rica, who is recovering from a major road accident
- ii. The President encouraged members present to try to help increase the membership of IPSO
- iii. Discussion about what action should be taken regarding speakers who fail to turn up to give their presentations. It was agreed that this was unacceptable, and should not happen again. The Secretary will try to find out if there have been extenuating circumstances, and will write to the speaker as well as the senior author. It was proposed that there should be a statement in the abstract acceptance letter clarifying what the author(s) should do if they are unable to attend, and what sanctions will apply if they do not inform the programme committee. This will be discussed with Kenes, who will be managing the abstract selection process in 2012 .

13. Adjournment 18.20 hrs