

Minutes of IFCA Annual General Meeting _____
Tuesday, 28 February 2012, 20:00 AST.
Divi Flamingo Beach Resort, Bonaire.

Present: Sven Dietrich, Chair, President, Director
Tyler Moore, Vice President, Director
Ray Hirschfeld, Treasurer, Director
Burton Rosenberg, Secretary, Director
Moti Yung, Director
IFCA membership

Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 20:11 AST.
- The President opens the meeting and presents the agenda.
- The President introduces the new position of Site Coordinator.
- Secretary's report presented by Burt Rosenberg:
 - Report on progress with the IFCA Public Archives.
- Treasurer's report presented by Ray Hirschfeld:
 - The Treasurer announces that the goal for the reserves is now met.
 - There is concern from the floor about the reserve amount, which is twice the yearly budget. This goal was announced and had been discussed at several past AGM's.
 - Some purposes of the reserves might be redundant now that IFCA regularly purchases event insurance. Burt explains that the original motivation for event insurance was for liability, and the board understood only consequently of its implication for event cancellation.
 - There were floor suggestions to reduce the reserves, using them either for reduced fees or student stipends.
- Site coordinator's report presented by Ray Hirschfeld:
 - Announces that FC13 held in Okinawa, and Kazue Sato is the GC.
 - Some attendees voice concern over Japan's immigration controls which include fingerprinting, others over the distance and expense of the location.
 - FC14 will be held in Barbados, with Ray reiterating for the membership that "FC's home" is in the Caribbean.
- President's report presented by Sven Dietrich:

- The President indicates that the board is considering restructuring IFCA governance.
- The President reports on his investigations in the issue of copyright and open access.
- The floor asks if it is possible to buy or otherwise reclaim copyrights from past FC's.
- The floor asks if open access can apply retroactively to previous FC papers.
- The President reports that this year had open access pre-proceedings, in which authors could opt-out if for some reason that did not want their pre-proceeding version available publicly.
- The floor asks about the student rate. Ray answers that the current student rate is below cost.
- Election of directors:
 - The director position of Burt Rosenberg is up for election. The board nominates Burt Rosenberg for the position.
 - There were no floor nominations and Burt runs unopposed.
 - The board calls consent and there being no objections Burt is reelected to the board.
- The floor responds to the issue of IFCA governance
 - Angelos asks whether the change will be put before the membership at the next AGM.
 - The board asks whether email feedback is acceptable.
 - Moti assures that member feedback is essential. Angelos asks again whether that feedback would include an in-person discussion at the next AGM.
- The Okinawa location is presented, and locations after Okinawa are discussed.
- New business
 - Stuart Schechter holds a straw poll on open access. There is considerable interest from the membership in open access.
 - Tyler indicates the board's progress on this, with the pre-proceedings open access.
 - The membership was asked if they would like to see the final proceedings on the FC website.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 21:12 AST.

End of Minutes _____