

Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting
Thursday, March 1 2012, 7:30 PM AST.
Capriccio Restaurant, Bonaire

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

Minutes

- Meeting called to order 7:45 PM AST.

FC12 Evaluation

- Moti found the FC12 program balanced, the quality high, and welcomed the reinvigoration of an industrial tract evident in Rump Session presentations.
- In future FC's, Ray will recommend that airport transfers be included in hotel price.
- Sven found the layout of the hotel excellent for impromptu work sessions — the single promenade between rooms, food and conference hall meant people always met, stopped, and talked.

Election of officers

- Ray calls consent to renew the officer slate as is. Hearing no objection, the officers of the board continue in their existing positions for the next year.

FC13 Okinawa, FC14 planning

- Ray moves that Ahmad-Reza Sadeghi be PC for FC13; Sven seconds. By unanimous vote the motion carries. Ray calls consent on Kazue Sako as GC for FC13, hearing no objection, it is so resolved.
- Sven to inform Ahmad that he has been selected PC of FC13.
- *Action Item:* Ray to give Kazue an example budget and to introduce her to the hotel staff.
- Tyler offers to be the GC for FC14. Tyler to renew contact with Accra in Barbados.
- The FC13 date straddles the fiscal year of academic budgets in Japan. The board discussed the difficulties this might present to Japanese attendees.

Dinner

- Meeting suspended from 8:36 PM to 8:53 PM for dinner.

FC15

- Possible FC15 locations: Jamaica, Costa Rica, San Pedro in Belize, Puerto Rico, Martinique (a french speaking GC a necessity), Aruba (Ray will visit), Brazil (but after the events), Cayman Brac, Granada, St. Vincent's, Turks and Caicos.
- Puerto Rico is discussed. While the membership has avoided US location, Moti endorses the location, noting the possibility of US agency funding and increased legitimacy.
- The board to track ITAR issues as a possible difficulty for an industrial track if the location were Puerto Rico.
- Sean Thorpe to be contacted in Jamaica. Perceived drawback to Jamaica is the high price of hotels. It is to be determined if a reduced price for hotels can be arranged thorough Sean's university.

IFCA Jurisdiction and Structure

- Moti sees less urgency to the larger restructuring that had been proposed. The situation with the registered office needs clarification.
- *Action Item:* Burt to get C.E.G. to quote a price for its services, including bills for past work.
- The costs of Anguillian versus Dutch administration was discussed. It is important to sort out the costs in Anguilla, including costs for closing down in Anguilla, if it were decided to move to a Dutch foundation.
- Moti, Tyler and Ray conclude that if a Dutch foundation were warranted, the process could begin before the next AGM, as long as the membership was informed by email.
- Ray to send around a new idea for the Dutch foundation. Tyler sees the proper framing of the non-elected positions as crucial to the new structure.
- Moti and Sven vigorously object to their addresses being available so easily in the IFCA public archives. The Annual Returns give this information. As these documents can be retrieved through the Anguillian Government, removing this information from the website could not affect any legally required transparency.
- *Action Item:* Burt to remove documents which give directors' addresses from the public archive.

Copyright

- Jennifer Evans, the Springer representative, attended the conference, and responded to the discussion of copyright at the AGM.
- Burt feels the issue breakdown is:
 - members asking to retain ownership of their intellectual property;
 - members asking that access to the papers be free, as in beer, referring often to the “pay wall”;
 - members asking for “curation” including indexing, inclusion in the LNCS series, ease of access through a library supported distribution channel, and professionally supported archival.

Curation is inferred to be an issue, given that authors find insufficient the status quo that their papers are freely available on their own websites.

Other directors added to this list the issues of prestige of the paper, particularly for the purposes of tenure; and an agenda by those critical of the publishing industry.

- The board notes that IFCA has open access currently with the pre-proceeding versions of the papers, which are freely available on the FC website. Tyler and Moti suggest to incrementally move towards full open access by inviting authors to replace the pre-proceeding version with final versions.
- The issue of cost of paper copies is addressed. While some members at the AGM voiced indifference to paper copies, the board in general wants them. Tyler suggests that in the future to have an opt-out for paper copies, to avoid wasting money sending paper copies to attendees who don't want them.

New and concluding business

- The 20-th anniversary edition of FC was discussed.
- Sven is interested in a special speaker based on an influential past FC paper.
- Tyler suggests that some reserves be put towards special activities at this FC, such as the support of invited speakers.
- Moti recommends appointing committees for these decisions, expanding the community's involvement in IFCA.
- For the 20-th anniversary, there was a suggestion that the conference proceedings be collected and indexed.
- The chair, hearing no objection, adjourns the meeting at 10:41 PM AST.

Appendix: Agenda

- FC12 evaluation
- election of officers
- appointment of FC13 Program Chair
- appointment of FC13 General Chair
- FC14 PC and GC candidates
- FC13 (Okinawa) and FC14 (Barbados) planning
- FC15 location ideas and long-term planning
- IFCA jurisdiction and structure
- copyright
- new and concluding business; next meeting date

Appendix: Open Action Items

1. Tyler to contact Sean Thorpe to discuss Jamaica for FC15.
2. Tyler to write GC guidelines.
3. Moti to write PC guidelines.
4. Moti to send due diligence to C.E.G., or to Burt.
5. Ray to give Kazue an example budget and to introduce her to the hotel staff.
6. Burt to send Springer the workshop volume mailing list.
7. Burt to get C.E.G. to quote a price for its services, including bills for past work.
8. Burt to remove documents which give directors' addresses from the public archive.

End of Minutes
