

IASSID Council Meeting

August 25, 2008

Capetown, South Africa

Attendees: D. Felce (Chair), G. Murphy, N. Ross, A. Holland, S. Kealy, P. Noonan Walsh, H. Lantman, V. Timmons (Recorder), M. Bjorkman, J. Blacher, P. Davidson, R. Davis, I. Duvdevany, F. Fea, T. Heller, S. Hollins, M. Kerr, J. Levy, M. Malbran, H. Ouellette-Kuntz,,K. McVilly, C. Bigby, T. Parmenter, I. Brown, S. Suemitsu, U. Jacobson, L. Wang, and F. Rillotta (Guest).

Regrets: M. Janicki, G. Albertini, R. Hastings, G. Jesien, H. Reinders,, C. Vlaskamp, F. Strutz, M. Verdugo

1. Roll call was taken
2. Previous minutes accepted. No business arising.
3. President's Report: D. Felce reviewed his President's report. The report was circulated prior to the meeting. D. Felce wished G. Murphy well in her upcoming term as President. He thanked Council members and Executive members for their work and dedication over the last four years.
4. Treasurer's Report: P. Davidson presented the Treasurer's Report. He commented on the well organized state of finances that M. Janicki has handed over to P. Davidson. J. Levy complemented M. Janicki on a job well done.

D. Felce reviewed the Treasurer's recommendations and provided commentary on the recommendations. They will be dealt with at the next Council meeting.

Budget 2009: P. Davidson reviewed the Budget for 2009. He emphasized it was an estimate as the details of meetings have not been worked out around issues such as location of Executive meetings. The website was revised to \$10 000. instead of \$1000. D. Felce moved, S. Kealy seconded an acceptance of the budget. Council so moved.

There was a discussion of the support expense of JPPID. D. Felce mentioned that many journals have administration support provided by the publisher. This is flagged as an issue to be discussed with the JPPID editor.

5. Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report to the Assembly was reviewed. The Council commented on the excellent work done by E. Cardy over the last four years.
6. Officers for 2008-2012 Term to be recommended to the General Assembly:

President: G. Murphy

President Elect: V. Timmons

Secretary: H. Ouellette-Kuntz

Treasurer: P. Davidson

7. Bids for 2012 World Congress: D. Felce presented an overview of the venues for the World Congress in 2012:

Vancouver Halifax Toronto Quebec City

Council voted for Halifax as the site for Congress 2012.

8. Awards and General Assembly:

Two Awards: Eric Emerson: Research Award

Lisa Wang: Outstanding Service Award

The Mencap Awards and Stephen Shapiro awards were presented:

There are a number of rule changes being recommended at the General Assembly.

9. SIRG Coordination: There was a very productive meeting during Congress. The proposal for a thematic structure was accepted. There will need to be more planning done on the restructuring. There were questions about the money distribution. The treasurer agreed to send information updates to the SIRGs once or twice a year.

There were questions about how SIRG representation on Council was determined. Every SIRG has a representative on Council with voting privileges. There was a suggestion to have a website page dedicated to SIRG meetings to enhance coordination.

10. SIRG Reports: SIRG representatives attending the Council meeting provided verbal reports. Written reports were sent and contained in the Council package. The Ethics Affinity group is going through revitalization. There will be an Ethics SIRG meeting during the Congress.

11. Conference Reports:

2008 Congress: World Congress: There was a report submitted. There are 860 delegates registered today. 100 from South Africa and 120 from the rest of Africa.

The Congress was done electronically. The biggest problem was the conference management group used a conference submission system for abstracts that was difficult to manage.

2009 Congress: Singapore June 24th-27th, 2009. K. McVilly passed out a written report and spoke to it. K. McVilly asked to have a Council meeting at Singapore during the regional conference.

2010 Congress: Rome D. Felce, M Janicki and G. Albertini are the planning committee.

12. Other Business

There is a Council meeting on Saturday after the Congress. M. Malbran made a suggestion to have a regional conference in Brazil with a focus on poverty and intellectual disability.

J. Blacher asked if there can be alternates sent to Council meetings. If they had to they could, however D. Felce expressed a concern about continuity.

P. Davidson distributed an expense report to Council members. He asked that all forms be returned to M. Janicki with receipts.

The Shapiro and Mencap awards recipients are to submit their receipts to P. Davidson for reimbursement.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.