

Minutes for three BOD meetings held February 22- 26 1998

Minutes of the IFCA Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday 22 February 1998

The founding directors were in attendance:

- * Vince Cate (2-year term)
- * Bob Hettinga (3-year term)
- * Ray Hirschfeld (3-year term)

Two more directors to be elected to 1-year terms at the General Meeting on Tuesday. Subsequent elections will be to 3-year terms--the differing initial term lengths is only to stagger the terms of the directors.

Ray Hirschfeld was elected Chairman of the Board.

The following temporary appointments were made (until officer elections can be held in the upcoming meeting of the full Board):

- * Acting President: Bob Hettinga
- * Acting Vice President: Ray Hirschfeld
- * Acting Secretary & Treasurer: Vince Cate

There was some discussion about whether there should be a single office of Secretary/Treasurer, or two separate offices (that could be held by the same person). It was decided that these should be separate offices.

No bylaws had yet been prepared. Some related issues were discussed, with the following items decided:

- * Compensation for directors/officers/chairs/etc. should be a combination of reimbursements for transportation, accommodations, and incidental expenses. The Program Chair should be fully covered; the others perhaps less so depending on the finances.
- * Anybody can serve as a director; directors are elected by the membership.
- * Anybody can serve as an officer; officers are elected by the Board.
- * The Program Chair is selected by the Board.
- * The Program Co-Chair (if any) is selected by the Program Chair.
- * The invited speakers are selected by the Program Chair within a budget set by the Board.

It was felt that in the future, some portion of the registration fee should be set aside as membership dues, but not this time. It was agreed that any profit from FC98 above \$20K should stay in the newly formed IFCA to finance FC99 (the first \$20K to be split by Bob and Vince).

It was agreed that any IFCA financial expenditures be made only by the Treasurer, and only after first being authorized by the President.

It was decided that the conference format for FC99 would be 4 days of morning sessions only (with exhibition sessions in the afternoon).

Minutes of the IFCA Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday 25 February 1998

The following officers were elected:

- * President: Ray Hirschfeld
- * Vice President: Marc Briceno
- * Secretary: Vince Cate
- * Treasurer: Vince Cate

Matt Franklin was selected as FC99 Program Chair.

A discussion of bylaws, including when meetings should be held, was deferred. Ray Hirschfeld agreed to draft proposed bylaws and circulate them to the Board for consideration.

A number of possible locations for FC99 were discussed (including Anguilla, Grand Cayman, Palm Beach, Puerto Rico, Jersey, Amsterdam, and a cruise ship), but no conclusive decision reached. Anguilla and Grand Cayman were the primary contenders. It was suggested to discuss with Chris Rose the viability of holding the conference in Grand Cayman. [This was subsequently done, and it appeared that arranging the conference in Grand Cayman would require significantly more lead time and up-front cash layouts.]

A serious situation that had developed between NEC and Intertrust concerning one of the submissions (by authors at Intertrust) was explained. In light of this situation, Intertrust, at the request of the FC98 Program Chair, replaced their submission by a less controversial one, and brought a statement signed by their legal department to the effect that the paper that was given disclosed no third-party confidential information and that the authorship was correct.

It was agreed to look into obtaining liability insurance.

Minutes of the IFCA General Meeting, Tuesday 24 February 1998

The meeting was chaired by Ray Hirschfeld (as Acting VP).

The structure of IFCA was explained, and decisions of the Sunday Board Meeting briefly announced.

Nominations for the two open director positions were proposed, and additional nominations accepted from the floor. The following nominations were made and seconded:

- * Matt Blaze
- * Barb Fox
- * John Gilmore
- * Lucky Green (Marc Briceno)
- * Ron Rivest

As Barb Fox and John Gilmore were not present to indicate whether they were willing to serve as directors, their names were not placed on the ballot. The other three candidates left the room during the voting.

By a show of hands, Ron Rivest was elected to the first position, and subsequently, also by a show of hands, Lucky Green was elected to the second position.

Those interested in serving as officers were asked to contact a member of the Board.

Proposals for hosting future FC conferences were solicited, but none received.

A non-binding poll on the location of future conferences (particularly FC99) was held. The Caribbean and Europe were favored, the USA and Asia were not.

Minutes of the impromptu IFCA Board of Directors Meeting during the Ecliptic Curve Cruise, Thursday 26 February 1998

Bob Tarjan (of Intertrust) had asked if he could have a copy of the correspondence sent by Joe Kilian (of NEC) to the FC98 Program Committee. It was agreed to ask Joe, and give a copy only if he assented.

To counteract the perception of the FC conference as a boondoggle, it was agreed to try a new rate structure for FC99 (\$850 regular, \$350 academic, \$150 student), and perhaps try in some way to involve Matt Blaze, whose unsuccessful directorship platform was based on improving the conference's image. It was felt, though, that the best anti-boondoggle measure would be a continued improvement in the strength of the program.

The location and dates for FC99 were decided: Anguilla, 22-25 February 1999 (with a view towards a possible European location for FC00 or FC01).

Vince Cate was authorized to make a block reservation at Mariners for the dates of FC99.

Two bank accounts will be created for IFCA, one at Scotia Bank (convenient for SWIFT transactions), and a second at Barclays (convenient for credit card contracts). Some seed money from FC98 will be placed in the accounts.

It was agreed that any promotional giveaways (e.g. the crypto corporation drawing by Hansa) should conform to the announced conditions.