

Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 11:00 EST.
By Conference Call

Present: Ray Hirschfeld, Director, Treasurer, Chair
Joe Bonneau, Director
Burton Rosenberg, Director, Secretary
Matthew Smith, Director, Vice-President
Moti Yung, Director, President

Opening

- Meeting called to order, 11:00 EST.
- Review of previous minutes; minutes from last meeting will be corrected and the corrected minutes sent to the list. The minutes as sent will be considered approved unless there is an objection.

Review of Action Items

- Ray to explore Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for an FC location. These locations are dropped from consideration for FC 2018.
- Ray to ask MIT about providing teleconferencing services, through their Alumni services. The MIT offering has changed to a subscription service, which does not seem useful.
- Ray to put hotel and travel information on the FC17 website. Done
- Ray to assess if Adam Back has the time to continue as General co-Chair, and to respond as needed. On this meeting's agenda.
- Ray to ask conference volume editors to make December 10th a hard deadline. Papers on hand to the editors on December 10th shall be considered the final version. On this meeting's agenda.
- Ray to write Google, with CC to Moti, asking that it be a sponsor of FC17. Completed.
- Ray to ask Ahmad about approaching those sponsors that he had solicited for FC16. Completed.
- Ray to find out the dates of NDSS and communicate the FC18 dates. Completed. There is no conflict.
- Moti to propose a mechanism for handling press releases (deferred to closer to end of year). To be addressed.

- Moti to find out the dates of RSA. Done.
- Matthew to ask Bitt to sponsor FC17. Done.
- Matthew to ask Overstock to sponsor FC17. Done.
- Matthew to find out the dates of EuroS&P and communicate the FC18 dates. There is no concern for conflicts.
- Burt to check dates of CCS and PKC and communicate the FC18 dates. Moti is aware of the CCS date and there is no concern for conflicts. PCK 18 is currently suggested as March 25–28, and there may be ongoing concern to coordinate dates.
- Burt to ask the University of Miami about providing a teleconferencing service. There is no interesting offering.

FC16 Barbados

- The FC16 conference proceedings are not yet finished.
- *Action Item:* Ray to propose an additional editor to help finish the FC16 proceedings.

FC17 Malta:

- The papers have been accepted.
- *Action Item:* Ray to apply for ONRG funding.
- *Action Item:* Burt to contact the NSF for funding.
- Ray presents the working budget.
- Ray presents some details about the excursion to the cathedral in Valletta.
- Burt motions to accept the budget, Joe seconds. The working budget is approved.
- Adam will be offered a sponsorship-in-kind for Blockstream.
- *Action Item:* Joe to approach Zcash to sponsor.
- *Action Item:* Matthew to explore sponsorship by the European Commission.

Site Coordinator Proposal:

- The proposal for site coordinator was approved by vote, with all in favor except Ray, who abstained.

Director Nominations

- Moti will not run, and Matthew might not run, for director reelection. It is desirable to announce early to the membership upcoming vacancies on the board.
- It is briefly discussed the impact of IFCA board changes on the foundation steering committee. Whatever the current board is, so is the current steering committee.

FC18 Aruba/Curacao/St. Maarten:

- Ray notes the narrowing of the decision for the FC18 location to Aruba, Curacao or St. Maarten.
- The board will move ahead as previously planned to ask prospective PC's for FC18

FC19 Caribbean/Latin America:

- The issue of dates as discussed.

FC20 Asia/Indian Ocean:

- This agenda item was skipped.

New and concluding business:

- While there may be no need for a meeting before we meet in Malta, March 9 at 11:00 EST has been scheduled for a next meeting to be called if needed.
- Joe mentions that he feels there is an interest in having FC go back to Asia. Also, the possibility of a Cryptocurrency school.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM EST

Appendix: Agenda

- minutes of previous meeting(s)
- review of action items
- report of activities this period
- FC16 Barbados
 - proceedings
- FC17 Malta
 - accepted papers
 - budget
 - sponsorship
- Site Coordinator compensation
- director nominations
- FC18 Aruba/Curacao/St. Maarten
 - location
 - chairs
- FC19 Caribbean/Latin America
 - dates
- FC20 Asia/Indian Ocean
- new and concluding business
 - next meeting date

Appendix: Activities of Directors

* Ray's Activities:

- requested insurance certificates from subcontractors
- put up accommodation page on FC17 website
- put up travel page on FC17 website
- attended IBTM trade fair in Barcelona
- site inspection visit of Seychelles
- followed up with FC16 program chairs about proceedings
- checked NDSS dates for 2018 and 2019 and communicated FC dates
- added hotel booking links to accommodation page on FC17 website
- contacted Bailey Reutzell and offered press pass for FC17
- placed FC16 workshops proceedings order (with Burt)
- arranged event insurance for FC17 (with Burt)
- coordinated with Adam Back concerning General Chair tasks
- arranged Oxford University Press sponsorship
- Skype call with Nikos Bentenitis concerning IOHK sponsorship
- set up and initialized FC17 registration database
- put up registration page on FC17 website
- contacted WorldPay about settlement to EUR instead of USD
- discussed FC17 T-shirt design and production with Francesca Hall of Blockstream
- prepared preliminary FC17 budget
- contacted Google attendees about sponsorship
- usual treasurer and chair duties

* Burt's Activities:

- normal duties of secretary and director.

* Matt's Activities:

- normal duties of vice-president and director.

* Moti's Activities:

- normal duties of president and director.

Appendix: Open Action Items

1. The directors to develop a mechanism for handling press releases.
2. Ray to propose an additional editor to help finish the FC16 proceedings.

3. Ray to apply for ONRG funding.
4. Burt to contact the NSF for funding.
5. Joe to approach Zcash to sponsor.
6. Matthew to explore sponsorship by the European Commission.
7. Ray to call or cancel March 9th meeting.
8. Burt to post minutes of previous meeting to list.

End of Minutes _____