

Minutes of IFCA Combined Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017. 16:00 CDT

The Palace Hotel, Silema, Malta

Present: Ray Hirschfeld, Director, Treasurer, Chair
Christopher Allen, Steering Committee
Joseph Bonneau, Director Elect
Andrew Miller, Steering Committee
Burton Rosenberg, Director, Secretary

Opening

- Meeting called to order 16:20 AST.

Appointment of FC18 chairs:

- For the benefit of new steering committee members, Ray presents the historical IFCA approach to PC and GC.
- Names are discussed and the proposed chair will be asked.

FC17 evaluation:

- Ray notes that FC17 was more attended than ever before attendees.
- Christopher says that the workshops were what allowed his team to come to FC. That the workshops are just one day, was helpful. In reference to this perspective, the board discussed the concern that exotic locations can be difficult to get to.
- Joe opens a discussion of workshop scheduling; perhaps overlapping Bitcoin and WTSC, or having a half-day workshop on Thursday.
- Ray tables the discussion.

FC19/FC20 location ideas and long-term planning:

- The board will consider Asia in FC19 and Cuba in FC20.
- Ray will look at Rohan, Cuba, Uruguay and other traditional Caribbean locations, as per the AGM straw poll.
- The top rated Asian locations, by the previous night's AGM straw poll are Hong Kong, Mauritius, the Maldives, Thailand and Taiwan. The Maldives is difficult to get to. Ray says that the among the easiest for him to get quotes are Mauritius, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

- For future planning, Ray asks about Aruba for FC21, but Joe says too much of the ABC's. Ray also notes that Aruba is a lot like the Grand Cayman.

New steering committee mailing list:

- Ray will rename the mailing list from "directors@ifca.ai" to "steering@ifca.ai" and will update with everyone's email.

Committees:

- *GC Guidelines Committee:*
 - Tyler Moore as a draft, to be found in the email chain.
- *PC Guidelines Committee:*
 - Moti continues to work on this.
- *IET Special Issue Committee:*
 - This is handled this year by Yvo and Aggelos.
- *Fellows and Awards Committee:*
 - This committee was started by Yvo and Moti. The current board and steering committee discusses the purpose of the Fellows and Awards. Andrew asks for the benefit it brings the conference; Joe asks if it can be sufficiently distinguished from the IACR program.

New and concluding business:

- Christopher proposes to discuss the strategy on workshops; and to get feedback from workshops chairs. The topic is tabled.
- Joe, Andrew and Burt have no new business.
- Ray provides background to a proposal: The current IFCA Association has officers, but the Foundation does not. It is useful to have a President, for example, as the signatory of letters on behalf of the organization. Moti had suggested the role of President, and expressed willingness to serve as President.
- *Ray proposes* that Moti be asked to serve as president of this organization. Those present agree unanimously.
- *Action Item*, Ray to ask Moti to be President of IFCA.
- Next meeting to be arranged for two months from now.
- The chair adjourns the meeting at 17:15 CDT.

Appendix: Agenda

- FC17 evaluation
- appointment of FC18 general chair(s)
- appointment of FC18 program chair(s)
- FC19/FC20 location ideas and long-term planning
- new steering committee mailing list
- committees
 - GC guidelines
 - PC guidelines
 - fellows and awards
 - IET special issue
- new and concluding business
 - next meeting date

Appendix: Open Action Items

1. Ray to ask Moti to be President of IFCA.

End of Minutes
