

**Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting, by Conference Call.
Wednesday, 11 April 2007, 13:37 GMT.**

Present: Stuart Schechter, Director, Chair
Hinde ten Berge, Director, Vice President
Rachna Dhamija
Ray Hirschfeld, Director, Treasurer
Burton Rosenberg, Director, Secretary

Minutes

- Meeting called to order 13:37 GMT/9:37 EDT.
- Rachna presents feedback of the PC members of USEC concerning future attachment to IFCA. She solicited 16 of the USEC07 PC members and about half responded. The members strongly supported the formation of a steering committee, and also indicated that the Caribbean is a difficult destination. The PC generated most of the content, so their participation is crucial. Rachna feels that there should be one more year of collaboration with IFCA and then possibly USEC can be run independently of FC.
- Jean could not make the meeting but emailed her opinion that USEC be held jointly with FC next year and that:

“expectations of proceeding, planning, facilities, etc will be spelled out clearly. Presumably at that event there will be a formal announced meeting at some time during USEC, where it will create its own governing mechanism. That meeting will be announced in the schedule so interested ifca members can attend. In 2009 there would be no IFCA expectations of USEC.”
- The board requested that Rachna approach the USEC community to ask that they bring forward within two weeks a proposal for holding USEC08 jointly with FC08. The USEC community would form a Steering Committee to author said proposal. The proposal is expected to confirm 31 January through 1 February as acceptable dates for the workshop, and Cozumel as an acceptable location. It is expected that the Steering Committee would suggest that the already appointed GC of FC08 would be the GC of USEC08, with their confidence that the GC can and will make appropriate decisions for USEC08. IFCA expects that the Steering Committee will select a PC for USEC08. Rachna will inform the Steering Committee of the board’s suggestions for PC and invited speaker. Stuart will make sure that the Steering Committee has full access to the location proposal so that the committee is adequately informed.

- Rachna leaves the meeting at 10:44 EDT.
- Burt is to post the minutes of the last 3 board meetings, this meeting included, to the wiki. Acceptance of these minutes to be voted on at the next meeting.
- The discussion of FC09 tabled.
- Ray moves that the Location Proposal currently posted on the Wiki be accepted, pending reconsideration at the next meeting. Stuart seconds, the motion carries unanimously.
- Ray moves that the FC proceedings to be published by Springer not include papers from the USEC workshop. Hinde seconds. Burt tables the motion while he looks into the matter. The board requests that Burt take the motion off the table by email before the next board meeting, and that a vote be taken by email.
- Ray asks about reimbursements or other arrangements for contributors to FC07 or USEC07 stuck due to weather. It was agreed that they will be offered an 80% refund, as is the stated policy.
- Stuart moves to adjourn, Ray seconds, all for. Meeting adjourned 15:00 GMT / 11:00 EDT.
- Next meeting tentatively set for May 16 at 13:30 GMT.

End of Minutes _____