

Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting
Saturday 27 February 2011, 12:00 AST.
Bay Gardens Beach Resort, St. Lucia.

Present: Ray Hirschfeld, Director, Treasurer, Chair
Jon Callas, Director, Vice President
Sven Dietrich, Director
Andrew Patrick, Director, President
Burton Rosenberg, Director, Secretary

Minutes

- Meeting called to order 12:12 AST.
- The minutes of the last two meetings are accepted.

Review of action items

- Ray to close the FC10 budget. It is basically closed, except for the reception of the Everbank sponsorship. Andrew and Jon would like it closed as is, and credit the eventual fulfillment as a special item on whatever budget is open at the time.

Ray has been asked to have ready for the AGM a statement of the bottom line numbers for FC10.

- Burt has gotten corrected the insurance quote, and the bill has been paid.
- Ray has sent location proposals to the directors' list.
- Ray still to call Hofmann to discuss our copyright with Springer.
- Jon still to talk to Chris about his concerns of author copyrights.
- Sven spoke to Steven about proper registration of authors. Steven was not going to enforce this, and could not provide a number for the number of papers without a full registration associated.

The board agrees that this issue belongs to the GC and can resolve it as he or she sees fit. The board will review the registrations to inform any policies that might be considered in the future.

- Andrew has received the server logs for the analysis of advertising effectiveness. There are no further conclusions. IFCA spent CAD 430 for the Google Ads, and would to evaluate the return, possibly by asking the membership if they had seen and responded to the ads.
- The accompanying persons wiki was not realized. The issue is now moot, and the accompanying people seem not to need this service.

FC11 St. Lucia

- The board has become aware that Fabian was only going to provide two drinks per participant at the Rump Session. The board feels that this is not a good idea and will ask Fabian to see what he can do to provide an open bar for beer, soft drinks and rum punch, and maybe rum. Alcoholic drinks beyond those are not necessary, if budget is a problem.
- The board discusses the upcoming AGM. Ray should have FC10 financials available, and that the FC11 financials appear to be in the black; and that the reserves going into FC11 is \$75,000.
- The board reaffirms the policy stated by Jean Camp several years ago that IFCA should have two year conference expenses in reserve. The argument is that after a catastrophic year, without another year reserve, the conference could not run without personal risk to the board, or to who ever guarantees payment for the next year conference.

FC12

- The board considers the choice between Japan and a location in the Caribbean.
- Among the mentioned advantages of Japan is that we have a proponent for Japan, Kazue, that we will get Japanese participation, and to show sensitivity to the travel burdens of our Asian participants.
- Among the mentioned negatives of Japan is distance for non-Asian participants, and the expense of a Japanese location.

Future FC's

- For future locations, the idea of a winter location is considered, and will be put before the membership at the AGM. Example locations were Mount Tremblant and the Blue Lagoon in Iceland.
- Other ideas mentioned for 2014 were: another island in the Canaries, Malta, Sardinia, Sicily, Cape Town, Reunion, Seychelles, Mauritius, Cyprus, Morocco.

New and concluding business

- Travel from the north airport was discussed. The arrangements seem not to work. The board left off considering what could be done better in the future.
- The chair, hearing no objection, adjourns meeting at 1:02 AST.

Appendix: Agenda

1. minutes of previous meeting(s)
2. review of action items
3. FC12 PC and GC candidates
4. FC12 location
5. preparation for AGM
6. new and concluding business

Appendix: Open Action Items

1. Ray to close FC10 budget.
2. Ray to contact Alfred Hofmann at Springer concerning copyright.
3. Jon to talk to the FC11 author about his copyright concerns.

End of Minutes
