

Minutes of IFCA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 3 April 2013, 19:00 JST

Bankoku Shinryokan, Okinawa, Japan

Present: Sven Dietrich, Chair, President, Director

Tyler Moore, Vice President, Director

Ray Hirschfeld, Treasurer, Director

Moti Yung, Director

IFCA membership

Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 20:00 JST (delayed due to initial lack of quorum).
- The President opens the meeting and presents the agenda.
- President's report presented by Sven Dietrich:
 - Changes to IFCA structure are under consideration.
 - Copyright issues have been clarified to provide more access to conference proceedings.
 - Priority has been given to travel support for students.
 - Other activities are mentioned, including recent visit to Anguilla to touch base with registered office and investigate possibilities for bringing the conference back there.
- Secretary's report presented by Sven Dietrich (in absence of Burt Rosenberg):
 - Maintained relationship with registered office in Anguilla.
- Treasurer's report presented by Ray Hirschfeld:
 - The Treasurer presents a summary of the budgets of the past several conferences. FC13 is expected to break even or have a small surplus. Costs were higher than usual but were largely offset by increased local sponsorship.
 - Reserves remain level, sufficient to cover 2 years of calamities.
- Site Coordinator's report presented by Ray Hirschfeld:
 - FC will continue to broaden geographically, but for the time being will remain in the Caribbean at least 2 of every 3 years.
 - FC14 will be held in Barbados. The dates may change from those originally planned (the last week of February) because TCC 2014 and RSA 2014 are both planned on those dates. It would move to the preceding week or the

following week. The preceding week includes the US Presidents Day holiday, which could be good or bad for participants from the US (and their families). A straw poll indicated little concern among the attendees about this issue.

- Negotiations are underway to hold FC15 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. These commit IFCA more strongly than usual so feedback is sought from the membership. A straw poll shows sufficient support for the destination and no serious objections.
 - For future FC's held outside of the Caribbean, a straw poll is held to determine any preference between Asia/Pacific and Europe/Africa. No specific preference is expressed.
- FC 20th Edition:
 - Moti Yung outlines incipient plans to celebrate the 20th FC conference in 2016 by returning to Anguilla, inviting past participants, etc., and invites anybody with ideas or wishing to contribute to contact the IFCA Board.
- Online proceedings:
 - Tyler Moore gives an overview of progress in providing online access to FC papers. Pre-proceedings versions are available on the program page of the conference website. The publisher has indicated that we may also put up the final versions submitted to them (not those copy-edited by them). Past program chairs are being contacted to obtain these versions.
- Student support:
 - Tyler Moore reiterates IFCA's commitment to support student participation, this year providing not only registration fee waivers to stipend applicants but also partial travel support. Sponsorship and grants to fund this were actively solicited.
- Election of directors:
 - The director positions of Ray Hirschfeld and Sven Dietrich are up for election. The Board nominates Ray Hirschfeld and Sven Dietrich for the positions.
 - Tyler Moore asks if there are nominations from the floor. Radu Sion nominates Yvo Desmedt. The nomination is seconded and Yvo accepts the nomination.
 - The three candidates give brief overviews of their positions. Tyler Moore appoints two tellers and proceeds with distribution and collection of ballots.
 - Results of the first round of voting (later in the meeting): 50 ballots are cast, there are 24 votes for Ray, 23 for Yvo, and 22 for Sven. No candidate has a majority of the votes cast and according to IFCA's election guidelines, nobody is elected.

- Results of the second round of voting (later in the meeting): 51 ballots are cast, there are 31 votes for Ray, 28 votes for Yvo, and 22 votes for Sven. Ray Hirschfeld and Yvo Desmedt are elected.
- Resolutions:
 - Sven Dietrich presents an amendment to the General Guidelines proposed by the Board that would allow IFCA directors and officers to concurrently serve on the FC program committee (but not as program chair). A show of hands shows a clear majority in favor of the amendment.
 - The membership is informed of a planned resolution to allow registration fee waivers for directors in certain circumstances. Moti Yung explains the motivation for this. The resolution will be proposed for a vote at the 2014 AGM.
 - The membership is informed of a planned resolution to move IFCA to a Dutch foundation, in order to address some of the problems stemming from its current status as an Anguilla company. Ray Hirschfeld briefly explains the proposed structure and the plan of how to proceed over the coming year, including investigation of tax consequences, disseminating details of the proposal via the IFCA website and mailing list, and gathering comments from IFCA members and the larger FC community. If deemed feasible, the resolution will be proposed for a vote at the 2014 AGM.
- New business
 - There is no new business.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 21:30 JST (after start of the rump session, when the second round of election results are announced).

End of Minutes _____