

Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2015, 11:00 EST.
By Conference Call

Present: Ray Hirschfeld, Director, Treasurer, Chair
Yvo Desmedt, Director, Vice President
Burton Rosenberg, Director, Secretary
Matthew Smith, Director
Moti Yung, Director, President

Opening

- Meeting called to order 11:04 EST.
- Minutes of previous meetings accepted.

Review of Actions Items

- Ray to get past efforts at PC guidelines and send to Moti and Yvo. On going.
- Yvo to collect the names of all past FC speakers. On going.
- Burt to get attendee/membership list for the last three years. On going.

Report of director activities of this period

- Directors activities were reported; see appendix.

IFCA fellows and awards

- Yvo put the fellows and awards initiative before the membership at the last AGM, and it received a positive response. This is seen as encouragement to go ahead with the initiative.
- The number of fellows per year is discussed. The concern is that there be enough to continue momentum and interest in the program.
- The wording "virtual member" in the draft will be changed. The new wording should reflect participants who are sufficiently active.
- It was clarified that deployment awards and fellowships are in different areas. However it was decided that receiving a deployment award qualifies the receiver for a fellowship.

FC location ideas and long-term planning

- It was decided by email to hold FC16 in Barbados.

- Ray suggests a principle by which unusual locations not be seriously pursued for the conference before they are put before the membership.
- Ray suggests that FC 2017 be in Guatemala, FC 2018 be in Anguilla, with Curacao as a back up should Anguilla not be practical or possible, and FC 2019 be in Europe, possibly Iceland.
- Ray asks the board members suggestions of locations. Places suggested are: Iceland, Spitsbergen, Cyprus, Malta, Crete, Azores, Balearics, Vietnam, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Cuba, Curacao, Grenada, Grenadines, St Maarten, Sanabel-Captiva, Hawaii.

New and concluding business:

- Matthew asks if there will be a presentation to the board outlining anniversary preparations. It was decided that Ray will email the anniversary committee, and following that, Moti will contact the anniversary committee, requesting a status update on the anniversary preparations.
- Ray will post location information to the FC2016 website.
- Matthew reminds the board of the unminuted decision to have three competitions at the anniversary FC, with a prize of \$1,000 each, in certain areas of Financial Cryptography. The areas were discussed. Matthew is to write up his thoughts for the three areas. This write up will be discussed first by the board, and then presented to the FC Program Chairs.
- Ray notes that the FC budget will encumber the registration amounts of two FC attendees who paid, but should not have paid, as were selected by Bitcoin to receive free registration because of the Bitcoin sponsorship.
- Ray was considering a site visit to Malta. However it costs 220 euro a day, which would be reimbursed if the conference is held there. Ray and Moti consider this premature, and Ray will wait for site visit paid for by the destination.
- Next meeting set for Wednesday, 17 June, 15:00 GMT.
- Hearing no objection the chair adjourns the meeting at 12:15 EST.

Appendix: Agenda

- minutes of previous meeting(s)
- review of action items
- report of activities this period
- IFCA fellows and awards
- FC location ideas and long-term planning
- new and concluding business
- next meeting date

Appendix: Activities of Directors

* Ray's Activities:

- obtained proposals for FC16 location
- usual treasurer and chair duties

* Burt's Activities:

- normal duties of secretary

* Moti's Activities:

- normal duties of a director.

* Yvo's Activities:

- normal duties of a director.

* Matt's Activities:

- normal duties of a director.

Appendix: Open Action Items

1. Ray to get past efforts at PC guidelines and send to Moti and Yvo.
2. Ray to post location information for FC16.
3. Ray to email anniversary committee, and inform Moti once he has; Moti to then contact the anniversary committee.
4. Matthew to write a description for the anniversary special competitions.
5. Yvo to collect the names of all past FC speakers.
6. Burt to get attendee/membership list for the last three years.

End of Minutes
