

Minutes of IFCA Board Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2015, 11:00 EDT.
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 11:05 EDT.
- Minutes of the October 20 and August 5 meetings approved.
- The minutes read that the board approved new names for the sponsorship levels. The minutes state that the naming begins for FC17, but it was later decided to begin for FC16.

Review of Actions Items

- Ray to pursue ONRG funding for FC16. Ongoing.
- Moti to speak with Google about anniversary special sponsorship for FC16. Ongoing
- Yvo to collect the names of all past FC speakers. Ongoing.
- Yvo to contact Rainer to encourage progress on the IET Special Issue. Ongoing.
- Burt to pursue NSF student funding for FC16. Done.

Report of director activities of this period

- Directors activities were reported; see appendix.

FC16 Barbados:

- The budget is forecast to be in deficit. The catering and meeting costs are higher than in previous years at this location. Ray to work with the numbers, and see if the budget can balance while offering FC14 registration prices.
- Ray to submit the ONRG grant proposal within two weeks.
- Burt has submitted the NSF grant. The carry over budget from the previous NSF grants is just over \$4,000, so even without a new grant, 4 student stipends will be offered.
- The budget proposes 5 silvers, 1 gold, and 1 platinum. Gemini has committed to silver, and there are two tentative but hopeful.

FC17 (Europe):

- Ray has solicited proposals from Iceland, Malta, Sicily.
- Gibraltar and Mallorca are possibilities, but not to be pursued further at this time.
- Date of conference to be either the last week of March or the first week of April. Easter is April 16th, and should be avoided.
- Candidates for conference chairs was discussed.

FC18 Americas:

- Ray is focusing FC18 location efforts on Argentina and Uruguay. For Argentina, Ray will not consider Buenos Aires, rather a more typical FC location.
- Other destinations that have been discussed: Cuba, but deemed premature; Guatemala and Colombia, but there are security concerns; and Chile and Curacao.
- It was proposed by the hosting company in Uruguay that FC have a regional conference. Yvo suggests regional paid courses with invited speakers. Moti would coordinate any Latin American activity as a spin-off, riding perhaps the coat tails of an FC associated workshop.

Director Nominations:

- The board positions for Ray and Yvo end with the next AGM. Ray plans to stand. Yvo will stand if his arrangements for funding work out as planned.
- Director nominations will be placed on the agenda of the meeting held just before the conference.

IFCA Corporate Business:

- The Financial Cryptography Foundation (a Stichting) has received its DUNS number, and Ray pursues a US Tax number.
- The plan is that the foundation run FC17.
- Ray asks if he and Hinde should name the current board as initial Steering Committee, or if it should wait until after the FC16 AGM and elections. The general board advice was that Ray do what is most convenient for him.

IFCA fellows and awards:

- This discussion will be put on the agenda for the Sunday meeting before the AGM, and people will be approached at the AGM.

New and concluding business:

- Next meeting set for 28 January, 16:00 GMT.

- The board discusses the PC Guidelines. Moti suggests that this go to a committee formed from non-board members. Rather than creating the document in a vacuum, or off of the large IACR guidelines as a model, it is better written and refined by the current PC's themselves.
- Hearing no objection the chair adjourns the meeting at 12:20 EST.

Appendix: Agenda

- minutes of previous meeting(s)
- review of action items
- report of activities this period
- FC16 Barbados
 - program
 - budget
 - grants
 - sponsorship
- FC17 Europe
 - location
 - chairs
- FC18 Americas
- director nominations
- IFCA corporate/association business
 - foundation
- IFCA fellows and awards
- new and concluding business
 - next meeting date

Appendix: Activities of Directors

- * Ray's Activities:
 - attended ICCA Congress in Buenos Aires (cost to IFCA: \$247)
 - site visit to Punta del Este, Uruguay (cost to IFCA: \$5)
 - site visit to Salta/Cafayate, Argentina (cost to IFCA: \$30)
 - attended IBTM World trade fair in Barcelona (cost to IFCA: \$63)
 - attended post tour to Mallorca (cost to IFCA: \$4)
 - followed up with potential FC16 sponsors
 - followed up with potential FC16 panel moderators
 - posted student stipend information on FC16 website
 - usual treasurer and chair duties

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* Burt's Activities:

- normal duties of secretary

* Moti's Activities:

- normal duties of a director.

* Yvo's Activities:

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* Matt's Activities:

- normal duties of a director.

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End of Minutes
