

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

### **IASA General Assembly Texas A&M International University Laredo, Texas**

Date: July 21, 2017

Time: 4:30pm

(Agenda and IASA Financial Report 2017 estimate attached)

Most of the matters in the agenda had been discussed in the Executive Council meeting, held on July 18, 2017, in finalizing the agenda for the General Assembly and the ratification of proposed items by the General Assembly. The points in the agenda were taken up by the Assembly as follows:

1. **Introductory Remarks—IASA President:** The President of IASA and also the Chairperson of the Local Conference Organizing Committee, Manuel Broncano, welcomed the members to the meeting. He also stated that he wished to add another point to the circulated agenda--the election of the President.
2. **Treasury Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented by Manuel Broncano on behalf of the Treasurer and estimated figures were given. He informed the members that final figures would be circulated after the exact numbers would be known. He also said that the Conference budget is being managed through the University accounts office which will be transferred to the IASA account after the Conference account is settled.  
The President stated with gratitude that the Conference website was set up with an advance of \$400 by Zila Bernd and that she should be paid \$500 for extra work and staff assistance.  
He also informed the members that Marietta Messmer has generously donated her plenary lecture honorarium to the IASA.  
Virginia Dominguez pointed out that the estimated total before the Conference accounting, i.e. 370, should be added to the final balance, 5300, which makes the projected balance \$5670.  
The financial report was unanimously approved.
3. **Report on RIAS--Editor-in-Chief:** Giorgio Mariani, Editor-in-Chief, gave a report on IASA's official journal, RIAS. He began by thanking Cyraina Johnson-Roullier for her contribution to RIAS. She has now stepped down from the editorship of the journal due to personal reasons. He spoke about the problems that had been preventing the journal from being functional earlier but said that now the RIAS website and hard copy are of a very good standard and fully functional. The biggest achievement according to him has been the regularity of the journal which has been coming out in time for the last two years and is now indexed in important journal databases. He requested that scholars may register in various subject areas for peer reviewing. He also said that a book review editor is needed for the journal and

suggestions are invited for that and a call for book reviewers will also be put out. The Editor also said that the editorial board would soon be reconstituted and after summer the first e-meeting of the board would be held so that things are well structured and responsibilities assigned.

4. **IASA Website:** It was felt that the IASA website could benefit from some revamping and updating. A more permanent solution seemed to be the migration of the webpage to adapt to the times.
5. **Venue for IASA 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress, 2019:** The Executive approved the venue as the University of Alcalá, Spain, an advantage of the choice being that our current Treasurer, José Antonio Gúrpegui, is a faculty member at the University. The Conference would most likely be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, 2019, the theme for which is yet to be decided. José Antonio briefed the members about the venue.
6. **Registration of IASA in Spain:** It was decided to finally terminate the registration of the association in Holland and to re-register in Spain, most of the paperwork for which is already prepared. There were queries regarding the timeline for the completion of the process, the notarizing/registration expenses, the closing of the account in Holland, the transfer of the history of the association and the status of the association in Europe which were answered.
7. **Election of IASA President:** As the sitting President has the option of continuing for a second term according to IASA bylaws, the current President, Manuel Broncano, volunteered to continue and the General Assembly unanimously accepted the nomination, as had the Executive Council three days earlier when reviewing the slate of officers to be voted on by the General Assembly.
8. **Election of New IASA Vice-President:** The members were informed by the President that the Vice-President, Zila Bernd, has officially communicated that she would like to step down from the position per the original agreement that she would only serve a single term. The President nominated Manpreet Kang for the Vice-President's post and, as stipulated by the IASA bylaws, for her to then succeed to the Presidency following her two-year term as Vice President. The nomination was approved by unanimous consent.
9. **Appointment of New IASA Executive Director:** The President proposed Pawel Jedrzejko for the post of Executive Director. The proposal was approved by the General Assembly, as it had been by the Executive Council at its meeting three days earlier. Per the Association's bylaws, the Executive Director has the authority to sign official Association papers on behalf of IASA.
10. **Renewal of IASA Executive Council:** It was decided that the slate of new members of the Executive Council would be circulated for e-voting by the membership of the Association.
11. **Membership Fees:** It was decided that the membership fees will henceforth be paid for 2 years instead of 1 year at a time.

The list of members who attended the General Assembly is attached.