

# *International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics*

## IACT



### **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

**Osaka, Japan**

**Wednesday 02 August 2023, Time: 08.15 to 08.45 JST**

#### **1. Preliminary Matters**

Prof. Trusler presented the agenda.

Apologies were received from Prof. Luis Alejandro Galicia-Luna, Prof. Sergey Verevkin, Prof. Walter Chapman, and Prof. Eric May.

#### **2. Election of Board Members**

Prof. Trusler discussed how the interruptions in the conference schedule resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions on travel and large gatherings had resulted in all Board Members terms expiring and a need to return to an ordinary staggered cadence. This meant that half of the Directors would have an unusual 2-year term.

The Nominating committee identified the following candidates for Directors with 2-year terms, to expire in 2025:

- Margarida Costa Gomes (Laboratoire de Chimie ENS Lyon, France)
- Luis Galicia-Luna (Instituto Politecnico Nacional, Mexico)
- Luis M.N.B.F. Santos (University of Porto, Portugal)

The Nominating committee identified the following candidates for Directors with 4-year terms, to expire in 2027:

- Kenneth Kroenlein (Citrine Informatics, USA)
- Eric May (University of Western Australia, Australia)
- Ricardo Torres (Centro Universitário FEI, Brazil)
- Brian Woodfield (Brigham Young University, USA)

No additional nominations were received. As this slate corresponded to the complete set of openings, and informal voice vote was held. The candidates were elected with unanimous consent of the attending Membership.

#### **3. Constitutional Amendments**

A set of constitutional amendments, previously affirmed by the Board, were presented to the Membership for consideration. Prof. Trusler identified the primary change as removing the Counsellor role from the constitution. Dr. Kroenlein also identified superficial changes that had no impact beyond editorial concerns. Anonymous voting via Google Forms was opened, with a QR code provided for convenience and a link to be distributed by the Local Organizing Committee. Voting will be closed on September 1, 2023, 30 days after opening.

#### **4. Venues for Future Meetings**

Prof. Trusler informally announced that the 27<sup>th</sup> ICCT would be held in Porto, Portugal in 2025. Prof. Santos, head of the 27<sup>th</sup> ICCT Local Organizing Committee, spoke briefly about the location, timing and history. The official announcement will be made on Friday, at the Closing Ceremony.

A Call for Proposals for the 28<sup>th</sup> ICCT to be held in 2027 was issued. A form for potential locations will be hosted on the IACT website. Proposals are due by October 31, 2023 and a decision is to be made at a Board Meeting, expected before January 1, 2024.