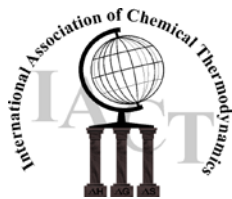


International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics

IACT



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Granlibakken Conference Center
Tahoe City CA, USA
Monday 6 August 2018, Time: 20.30 to 22:00

Present at the meeting:

Chairman	Prof. J P Martin Trusler
Treasurer	Dr Kenneth Kroenlein
Board Members	Prof. Margarida Costa Gomes Prof. Kazuya Saito
Counsellors	Prof. Watson Loh Prof. Eric May Prof. Luis Santos Prof. Sergey Verevkin

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Prof. Deresh Ramjugernath (outgoing Secretary), Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna, Prof. Heiko Heerklotz

2. Minutes of the 2015 Board Meeting (Boulder CO, USA)

2.1. All actions were completed except for the transfer of the IACT bank account. See minute 4.2 below.

3. Secretary's Business

3.1. IACT Awards 2020.

Watson Loh in place of the Secretary on the process and selection of candidates for the 2018 IACT awards. Five valid applications were received considered by a selection panel comprising members of the Board. As a result four awards were offered. Two of the potential recipients declined as they were unable to attend the conference. The remaining two successful candidates each receive an award of US\$500. The Chair would arrange payment after ICCT-2018.

It was agreed that in future only two awards would be offered with a fixed value of US\$1000. The terms of the award, including mandatory attendance of the ICCT, would be made clear in the call for nominations.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1. Financial Statement. As of June 2018, the IACT bank account balance stood at GBP 6702.20. Liabilities were US\$ 1000 for the IACT Junior Award prizes and an amount to be determined for the travel and accommodation expenses of the Rossini Award Lecturer. Elsevier, sponsors of the IACT Junior Awards, had not to date paid

their sponsorship of US\$ 1000 in either 2017 or 2018. The Treasurer would contact Elsevier to request payment.

4.2 IACT Bank Account. It had so far proved impossible to either share account access with the Treasurer (as a non-UK resident) or open a new account in the United States. It was suggested that after elections of new Board members a second UK resident might be available, in which case the position of Treasurer could be passed on to that person. At present, only the Chair has access to the account.

4.3 IACT Income. The only income stream currently available to IACT was Elsevier sponsorship of US\$ 1000 per annum. There was discussion of re-introducing a levy on each ICCT delegate. Instead it was agreed that ICCT organisers should offer a number of free student places on a competitive basis. The suggested number for 2020 was five.

5. IACT Board of Directors.

The following report was received from Prof. Li-Xian Sun in an Email to the Chairman, dated 23 June 2015:

The term of office was expiring for the following member of the Board:

- Prof. Deresh Ramjugernath
- Dr Kenneth Kroenlein
- Prof. Josefa Fernandez
- Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna
- Prof. Manuel Minas de Piedade
- Prof. Li-Xian Sun
- Prof. Eric May

This created four vacancies for Directors and two vacancies for Counsellors. After discussion, it was suggested to propose the following candidates for election at the Business Meeting on 10 August 2018:

Directors and Officers

- Dr Kenneth Kroenlein (USA)
- Prof. Josefa Fernandez (Spain)
- Prof. Luis Galicia-Luna (Mexico)
- Prof. Eric May (Australia)
- Prof. Alberto Stirrolo (UK)

Counsellors

- Prof. Walter Chapman (USA)
- Prof. Brian Woodfield (USA)

6. Hosting of future ICCT meetings

The Chair proposed London as the venue for ICCT-2020 and this was agreed. A local Organizing Committee including colleagues from both Imperial College London and

University College London would be formed and the IACT Board of Directors would serve as an International Advisory Board.

Several locations were suggested for ICCT-2022 and/or ICCT-2024 and it was agreed that proposals should be prepared for consideration by the Board with a vote by email by the end of October 2018. Proposals should include information on the local organisers, venues and accommodation options investigated, international travel facilities and the proposers vision for the conference. The suggested format was a PowerPoint presentation of five slides (maximum).

7. IACT Projects

There were no continuing projects and new proposals were welcome; these could be made to the Board via email at any time.

8. Any other business

The IACT website was currently out of date. Kenneth Kroenlein agreed to recruit a web designer to revamp the website and it was agreed to fund this (up to US\$ 1000) from the IACT account.

It was also agreed that IACT constitution was outdated and cumbersome, and it was agreed to revisit this matter at a future Board meeting.

Summary of Actions

- Chair (on behalf of the Treasurer) to arrange transfer of funds to IACT Junior Awardees
- Chair to organise election or re-election of IACT Board members at the Business Meeting on 10 August 2018
- Board to select a new Treasurer and a new Secretary after the Business Meeting on 10 August 2018
- Chair to formally convene the Local Organising Committee for ICCT-2018 and advance plans as rapidly as possible
- Interested Board members to submit proposals for future ICCT meetings to the Secretary by the end of October 2018
- Secretary to arrange for the Board to vote on the proposed future locations for ICCT-2022 and ICCT-2024
- Treasurer to arrange for revision of the IACT website by a web designer and provide editorial input