IUPS Board of the General Assembly Meeting  
23 July 2013  
4-5pm  
Room EX8  
ICC, Birmingham, UK


The meeting started at 4pm.

M. Spyer, chair, announced that he will step down after a four-year term. He would like to identify the members of the BGA who would like to serve one term and those who wish to serve longer. It is also important to elect a vice chair and replacements for the two members who are now Vice President and Treasurer of IUPS. Nominations will be solicited from member societies by the end of September 2013.

M. Gordon suggested that they form a Nominating Committee to help with the process. P. Hunter noted that it is important that a member of the American Physiological Society be on the Board.

L. Price was asked to send documents to the Board members. These include the bylaws, Long Range Plan, history of the dues structure and a list of the Board members with all contact information.

P. Hunter explained that even with the BGA in place, member societies may still contact members of the Executive Committee and Council directly. M. Gordon gave the history of the dues structure. The Membership Committee has tried to bring in new members which would increase the dues, but not substantially. The committee was asked to attempt a revision of the dues structure, but they found that it was extremely difficult and did not present a new structure.

M. Spyer emphasized that the BGA needs to know what is addressed in the Long Range Plan. M. Gordon reminded the members that every four years they will be asked to give a “state of physiology” report with the first being in 2017.
M. Spyer asked about the IUPS endowment. M. Gordon explained that it was invested, but that IUPS is going to form a development committee to target companies and individuals for donations. There has also been a suggestion that IUPS start a journal about the physiome.

M. Spyer wants the whole Board of the General Assembly to meet via Skype at each meeting. L. Price will help in getting the dates to the members well in advance of the meetings. Ten members need to be present at the meeting to have a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Price