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Teleconference Meeting

April 19, 2016

Present: D. Noble, P. Hansen, W. Boron, P. Wagner, S. Webster

With Regrets: J. Chan

1. Review and approval of April 2 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved.

2. EB Wrap-Up
3. Nomination Committee

W. Boron reported that he emailed C. Hidalgo, but had not yet received a response. He stated that he would contact her again, and request a response by the next day. D. Noble asked about ExCo's second choice should she not respond or decline. S. Webster said it was M. J. Campagnole-Santos from Brazil.

W. Boron stated that he is still working on his revisions to the Constitution and By-laws, consulting with D. Noble over the weekend. He would send the revised document to P. Hansen for review upon completion.

4. ISPC Meeting

W. Boron updated ExCo on the upcoming ISPC meeting. He reported that IUPS gave up having the ex officio members of ISPC at the second meeting as a cost cutting measure during the contract negotiations. He asked if IUPS was willing to pay for P. Hansen and J. Chan to attend. P. Wagner stated that if it was important enough, then ExCo should attend. D. Noble stated that he felt that it was important that ExCo attend, to represent the union. W. Boron motioned for a vote to fund ExCo travel to the ISPC meeting. The motion carried unanimously. P. Wagner stated that they should still make effort to have SBFis pay for their travel.

5. GA Delegates

P. Wagner reported on his work to determine delegate models for IUPS-2017. He presented several models, based on current dues, new dues, and a different minimum number of delegates per society. He stated that if delegates were proportioned directly to dues, then APS would have 30 delegates. D. Noble stated that the dues revision would make it so that only four societies would have more than one delegate. W. Boron stated that ICSU gave all unions and countries an equal vote in their proceedings, unless the matter was finances. He opined that APS would probably not approve of that option. D. Noble stated that of the three models presented, the third option seemed the most reasonable.

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W. Boron asked if the delegate proportions would be enacted in time for IUPS-2017. S. Webster stated that the Constitution and Bylaws stipulated that delegates were proportioned by dues, and dues were to be determined on a quadrennial basis by the GA at the recommendation of Council. W. Boron stated that the dues discussion was probably too big an issue to discuss electronically. D. Noble agreed, saying that holding a vote via mail risked a low voter turnout. P. Wagner stated that a formal proposal needed to be ready 2-3 months in advance of IUPS-2017. D. Noble agreed, stating that there was no reason for it not to be sooner.

D. Noble asked what the next step would be. P. Wagner stated that talking to APS and TPS should be the next step. D. Noble stated that he had spoken to TPS at EB, and they seemed aware that a substantial increase was coming. He was unable to schedule a meeting with APS. P. Wagner suggested drafting a document that explains the dues revision process, outlining the steps and rationale. He pointed out that APS and TPS were the ones who requested the dues revision in the first place. W. Boron stated that he would be happy to edit the document once it was drafted.

6. Trading Post

S. Webster reported that D. Huffman was making improvements to the Trading Post. He also stated that D. Huffman was open to any and all assistance that ADI was willing to offer.

7. ICSU Meeting

W. Boron reported on his trip to Paris for a meeting with ICSU. He reported that ICSU was revising its grants program, giving out three large (€100k) grants every three years, rather than ten small ones. ICSU members also voted on a proposal to make the elections process more transparent. A further issue was a five year program for major issues. W. Boron suggested including the promotion of “science for science’s sake” into the program.

He was also able to meet with the representatives of the bio-unions at the meeting as well. He reported that there was strong support for another inter-union meeting, similar to the Chicheley meeting in 2013. He proposed that IUPS start reaching out to other unions, such as mathematics, to gather support.

8. ADI Proposal

P. Wagner reported that he emailed the draft needs assessment survey to the marketing person at ADI, who acknowledged receipt. He has not heard further from her.

P. Hansen brought up the MoU from IUPS-2013. It stated that ADI would provide \$5k (airfare plus \$1000 honorarium) for the education lecture, and \$20k for an education workshop. P. Hansen stated that it also asked for a free booth to be provided, which would be a major cost. W. Boron asked if it was possible for ADI to increase their contribution. P. Hansen pointed out that a lecture does not cost \$5000, and the LOC already covers registration and hotel stay. P. Wagner asked if ExCo knew the cost of a booth, and was told no. P. Wagner expressed his discomfort in negotiating on behalf of a for-profit company, stating that IUPS would be essentially paying for the booth. W. Boron offered to speak to V. Antunes about the issue, as well as other matter related to the ADI proposal, such as branding.

9. *Physiology* Marketing

P. Wagner reported on the APS effort to market *Physiology* in order to make a profit. He was given two models by M. Frank. The first was to offer the journal to entire societies as a whole for \$12/member per year. The second was to offer individual yearly subscriptions for \$65/member. He felt that neither model was realistic for marketing to low-income countries. He also stated that it was not clear how to market the journal to the larger societies.

W. Boron pointed out that marketing the journal had two goals: establishing a stronger financial footing for IUPS, and outreach. He stated that he does not see the value in making smaller societies pay more for a journal subscription than they pay in annual dues. He suggested making the journal available at cost, or at a reduced subscription for those societies that cannot pay.

P. Hansen suggested contacting larger societies directly to sell the journal. D. Noble stated that doing so would show APS that IUPS was making an effort to sell the journal. P. Wagner pointed out that if nobody was able to afford the journal, then APS would have to reevaluate its position. He stated that TPS went with the \$65/member option.

10. Any other business

W. Boron had some questions about the viability of the *Physiome* business model. He asked S. Webster to arrange a meeting between him, D. Noble, and P. Hunter.