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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting June 21, 2016

Minutes

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

1. Review and approval of May 20 minutes and Action Items

The minutes were approved. S. Webster is to post them to the website, and distribute them to Council.

- a. S. Webster to post April 19 minutes and distribute to Council
- b. S. Webster to assist P. Hansen with Trading Post login

P. Hansen was able to access the Trading Post without difficulty. She stated that the website works well, and was straightforward in its operation. She asked the rest of ExCo to look at the Trading Post and provide feedback.

- c. S. Webster to schedule meeting between W. Boron and SBFis

W. Boron reported on his meeting with SBFis. He reported that B. Machado stated SBFis has a contract with MCI, who is in charge of setting the booth prices. SBFis agreed that any money from ADI should go directly to IUPS, to avoid Brazilian taxes. P. Hansen will reach out to ADI to confirm the arrangements.

- d. P. Hansen to continue work on ToR
- e. W. Boron to continue work on Constitution and Bylaws

Discussed below.

- f. W. Boron to send note to NomCom to schedule meetings

The Nominations Committee is meeting via teleconference on June 28, and in-person in Sao Paulo on August 29-30.

- g. D. Noble to write letter to SGP president to open dialogue

D. Noble will send out the letter soon. He asked ExCo to send bullet points to ensure he covered everything.

- h. W. Boron to discuss ICSU call for proposals with Vice President

S. Webster gave an outline of the ICSU grants program. As previously reported, the grant program is for €100k/year for 3 years. Leading proposals will involve two or more unions, and focus on science education, outreach, or public engagement. Proposals are due to ISCU by October 1. W. Boron would speak to A. McCulloch about ideas for proposals.

2. Occupational Physiology Commission

D. Noble discussed his recent call with S. Gangopadhyay from The Physiological Society of India. He reported that despite having several societies, India's National Academy is the adhering body. The individual physiological societies are mostly regional in nature, and work together well. During the meetings S. Gangopadhyay proposed a commission dedicated to Occupational Physiology.

P. Wagner asked if there was a formal proposal. D. Noble said there was not. P. Wagner stated that he felt Occupational Physiology was not physiologically unique, but an application of others. D. Noble suggested that it could fit in as a sub-section of another commission or committee. W. Boron stated that in his textbook, an example of occupational physiology had to do with the ventilation of a room.

P. Hansen suggested that ExCo request a formal proposal and rationale from S. Gangopadhyay, for further discussion in Brazil. W. Boron and S. Webster were detailed to draft a formal letter

3. Constitution and By-Laws update

S. Webster distributed the revised Constitution and By-Laws to ExCo. D. Noble suggested the inclusion of a "notwithstanding clause" to allow a council member to serve an additional term to preserve institutional continuity. W. Boron and P. Hansen would work on that later that day. Once the revisions were complete, S. Webster would send them to Council and BGA for comments.

4. UBS Rep Change

S. Webster reported that IUPS's representative at UBS had been reassigned. He and P. Wagner had a meeting scheduled with the new rep June 22nd to discuss IUPS's investment strategies. P. Wagner stated that previously, IUPS's funds were invested very conservatively. The funds would not increase a great deal during booms, but would be safer during crashes. ExCo agreed to continue this strategy.

5. Any new business

D. Noble brought up the subject of APS's response to P. Wagner's dues revision proposal. W. Boron stated that when the US National Academies were the adhering body, several societies fell under their umbrella, including SGP. D. Noble asked if the proposed dues for APS were approximately what the US National Academy's dues were. W. Boron confirmed this. He did point out that it was one society, and not four, paying the US dues.

P. Wagner stated that IUPS should respond to APS, to ensure that matters are settled. D. Noble proposed that W. Boron and P. Wagner draft a letter. As former Presidents of APS, they were most qualified to do so. W. Boron proposed that he schedule a teleconference meeting with APS leadership, himself, and P. Wagner.

P. Hansen asked about arrangements for the ISPC and Nominations Committee meetings in Sao Paulo. S. Webster stated he had been in contact with MCI in Brazil, but was having difficulty getting confirmation for anything. He did say that ISPC members would be housed at the Golden Tower Hotel, approximately 5 km from the University of SP. P. Hansen stated she had stayed at the hotel, and found it ok.

P. Wagner asked who in ExCo would be attending the CAPS meeting in Beijing. J. Chan, W. Boron, and P. Wagner will be attending. P. Wagner suggested they use the meeting as an opportunity to meet

with the organizers of IUPS-2021. He also suggested that ExCo finalize the proposed MoU, as well as a “template contract” so formal contract discussions can begin for IUPS-2021. He and W. Boron will work to combine their individual versions before the meeting.

Action Items

1. S. Webster to post May 20 meeting minutes on website
2. ExCo to look at Trading Post and provide feedback
3. P. Hansen to write to ADI to confirm IUPS-2017 arrangements
4. P. Hansen to continue work on ToR
5. W. Boron and P. Hansen to work on Constitution and By-Laws
6. S. Webster to distribute Constitution and By-Laws to Council and BGA
7. ExCo to send “bullet points” to D. Noble to include into letter to SGP
8. D. Noble to send letter to SGP to propose collaboration
9. W. Boron to talk with A. McCulloch regarding ISCU grant ideas
10. W. Boron to draft letter to S. Gangopadhyay requesting formal Occupational Physiology proposal
11. W. Boron and P. Wagner to combine MoU and “template contract” drafts prior to CAPS meeting.