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IUPS Executive Committee Meeting

August 5, 2017

Minutes

Present: J. Chan, S. Wray, P. Hunter, U. Pohl, P. Molina, W. Boron, P. Wagner, S. Webster

1. Welcome of incoming ExCo members

J. Chan welcomed new ExCo members S. Wray, P. Hunter, U. Pohl, and P. Molina. U. Pohl and P. Molina attended as observers, as their terms do not begin until 2018.

2. Feedback on BGA Report panel discussion

ExCo expressed their satisfaction with the discussion prompted by the BGA Report presentation. ExCo discussed how to maintain the momentum generated by the presentation. It was decided to issue a press release signed by D. Noble to relevant journals, such as *Nature*.

3. Items for discussion at Council meeting

S. Webster provided a draft agenda for that afternoon's meeting of the new IUPS Council. For the final agenda item, "Project items for IUPS", U. Pohl suggested asking Council what they felt IUPS needed to do going forward. P. Wagner suggested that IUPS produce a document with ideas that would grow the union, with some amount of investment. P. Wagner and U. Pohl will work on the document together. Ideas put forward by ExCo included creating a new journal, more frequent regional education meetings, and increased communications with member societies.

4. 2021 Contract

ExCo discussed the recent contract discussion with CAPS for the 2021 Congress. P. Wagner suggested that CAPS submit their comments on the draft contract in writing, so that ExCo can revise the contract accordingly. He suggested J. Chan write the letter, for S. Webster to transmit to CAPS.

5. Administrative Coordination

S. Webster solicited suggestions for holding teleconference Council meetings with the newly expanded Council. He suggested that the Council be broken up into three groups, so that teleconferences would be more manageable. ExCo felt the idea was potentially too complicated to implement.

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U. Pohl asked about alternatives to holding teleconference meetings via Skype. S. Webster detailed the various teleconference methods attempted, including Google Hangouts and Web Ex. W. Boron suggested that GoToMeeting could be used, as it does not require any additional software, and allows screen sharing. S. Webster pointed out that the software is not free for the host, and he would not be on ExCo after the New Year. ExCo agreed to try out GoToMeeting for the September meeting.

S. Webster asked ExCo about coordinating activities via Google tools, such as Calendar and Drive. He stated that he and W. Boron were in the midst of transferring the IUPS's documents from a private server hosted at CWRU, to an off-site Google Drive. U. Pohl asked about potential security concerns about such a server. W. Boron detailed the security features in Google products.