

IUPS Nominating Committee, November 17-18, 2012

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Selected candidates:

President – Denis Noble
1st Vice President – Yoshi Kurachi
2nd VP (co-chairs Education Committee) – Penny Hansen
Secretary General - Walter Boron
Treasurer – Peter Wagner

Since Yoshi Kurachi has not been in touch with IUPS for two years due to illness, Denis Noble needs to speak with him to bring him up to date and to alert Yoshi Kurachi about the possible portfolio of the incoming 1st Vice President.

Council
Julie Chan - Taiwan
Benedito Machado - Brazil
Tomasz Brzozowski - Poland
Xiaomin Wang – CAPS

[Addendum: After the meeting, the NomCom decided by email that Julie Chan be listed as 1st VP and that Katsuhiko Mikoshiba replace her as a Council member.]

Potential additional candidates to be nominated by delegates from the floor

Mike Spyer - UK
Oleg Krishtal – Ukraine
Byung Rim Park – Korea

Nominating Committee suggestions:

1. Write a job description for all positions:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary General
Treasurer
Council member
Commission chair
Board of the General Assembly member

2. Require that the sum of \$2,000 per year for each commission be used for symposiums at regional meetings pertaining to the commission's area of physiology. Alternatively, the commission could apply for up to \$6000 each over 3 year period between congresses to run the regional meetings. It is expected that the sum be used for travel support of young physiologists in attending these

scientific meetings. The symposium might be supported by additional funds from the regional groups. This would allow IUPS to maintain a presence at major conferences. Assign an Executive Committee member (possibly 1st Vice President) to coordinate the commissions' partnering with other societies.

3. Recommend to the General Assembly that a new position of Secretary General-elect be created by an amendment to the Constitution. The Secretary General-elect would serve four years and if re-elected would serve the next four years as Secretary General. This would provide for the overlap of seasoned officers. The IUPS Treasurer and Manager will generate draft text for an amendment to add the position of Secretary General-elect. A formal proposed amendment approved by the Executive Committee and Council would be sent to the member societies to vote on. Circulate a request for nominations for SG-elect to the member societies for the Nominating Committee to consider. One candidate would be chosen. Have a special election for the interim SG-elect by the end of 2013.

4. Create a uniform application process for each nominee which would include submitting a two-page bio-sketch with photo, a list of the most recent published articles, experience in organization of scientific affairs and cooperation and an endorsement letter from each person's society along with a statement of why he/she wishes to be elected to the position. Self-nomination would require two recommendation letters. Require each of the Executive Committee and Council members who wish to be considered for re-election to submit a statement of what they have accomplished in their first term of office. Create an internal page on the IUPS web site for society members to read the nominees' bio-sketches and answers.

5. Write IUPS policy statements on current topics such as animal rights and bioethics. Disseminate the statement paper to societies and the media.

The approved GA agenda should be sent out after the February 2013 ExCo meeting.