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## IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

*May 6, 2011*

Present : Denis Noble, Malcolm Gordon, Walter Boron, Peter Hunter, Leslie Price  
Not present: Xian Wang

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:30 a.m. EST

### 1. Approval of minutes of April 5, 2011 Executive Committee meeting

The minutes were approved. L. Price was asked to put P. Hunter as acting VP on the IUPS letterhead.

Action: L. Price will put P. Hunter on IUPS letterhead.

### 2. Funding for IUPS – W. Boron & M. Gordon

W. Boron gave a summary of the U.S. funding. NSF is not funding IUPS dues any longer. The U.S. dues are two years in arrears (2009, 2010). NSF might pay \$7-10K if other organizations also contribute, especially NIH. K. Bailey-Mathae, W. Boron and M. Gordon are working on putting together a package of funds from NIH institutes and U.S. societies. S. Chien will speak to Ginger of Microcirc and BMES at NIH about funding. He asked that an email be written and sent by IUPS to the two people he will be contacting. W. Boron and M. Gordon will contact some others. W. Boron will be in touch with A. Cowley of the Heart, Blood and Lung Institute. W. Boron and K. Bailey-Mathae have talked to M. Frank about getting APS funds for 2011 and future years in the amount of \$10-15,000. M. Gordon suggested IUPS look at other sources like large foundations such as Gates and Clinton. L. Price reminded ExCo that they had also talked about contacting businesses such as publishers and pharmaceutical companies.

D. Noble agreed that IUPS should take this through as outlined. He also remarked that The Physiological Society dues are rather low considering their size. The Royal Society was responsible for paying the loss at the 1993 Congress. Then The Physiological Society took over paying the dues for Great Britain with no argument.

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This could be seen as a precedent for the American Physiological Society to take over paying U.S. dues. IUPS gets the largest amount of dues through NAS. M. Gordon cautioned not to write off getting the U.S. back dues from 2009 and 2010. If funds are requested for projects in lieu of dues, it is possible that some of that money would be able to make up for the loss.

Action: L. Price and M. Gordon will draft emails to be sent to U.S. societies and NIH institutes informing them who will be calling on behalf of IUPS. These will be sent to W. Boron for approval. W. Boron will talk to A. Cowley, C. Ketchum and G. Schofield, program officers at NIH, for their input. L. Price will start researching foundations for grants.

**2. ADInstruments donation for education lecture/symposium at congresses – W. Boron**

P. Hansen and W. Boron had a phone conversation about ADInstruments' donations to the IUPS Education committee in the past. The Executive Committee approved the concept of a potential Education lecture at the 2013 Congress. P. Hansen met with Graham Milliken (CFO), Tony McKnight and Michael McKnight (CEO) of ADInstruments. She said that they have been giving \$20,000 per congress and would like to develop a contract for the donation of \$20,000 - \$25,000 every four years. IUPS would like the contract to read "in perpetuity." ADI would support an Education Committee lecture and/or satellite symposium. They are not interested in contributing to an endowment. ADI donated some funds to FAOPS.

P. Hansen thought M. Gordon, treasurer, and X. Wang, co-chair of the Education Committee, should draft a contract for ADI. W. Boron thought IUPS could ask for between \$10,000 and \$50,000 from them to be used during the four years between congresses. IUPS is concerned with the permanence of the funds.

**Comment [LP1]:** Amendment to minutes – P. Hansen told Walter that the plan was for ADI to draft a contract, which Penny would then forward to Malcolm and Xian for their feedback.

M. Gordon remarked that the Education Fund has about \$55,000 which has been invested. It will be used between Congresses for regional meetings at \$2,000 per event. The only new expense is the Congress lecturer for less than \$5,000. He/she could be the keynote speaker. The plan is to wait for a draft contract from M. Gordon and X. Wang. M. Gordon asked what the contract should look like. W. Boron will talk to P. Hansen about what should be in the contract.

Action: M. Gordon and X. Wang will write a draft contract for the next ExCo meeting. W. Boron will talk to P. Hansen about contents of contract.

**3. Charge, structure and procedures for the Board of the GA – M. Gordon**

M. Gordon presented a draft of the constitutional amendment concerning the creation of the Board of the General Assembly. P. Hunter was informed that since he is a Vice President, he will be president of the GA Board. He agreed to do so. ExCo gave approval to the idea of a constitutional amendment and the draft. M. Gordon will circulate the draft amendment to Council for comments. It will then be presented as a proposal on the Council agenda for discussion at the meeting in July, 2011. The final amendment will be sent to the members of the Board of the General Assembly for approval before it is put on the agenda for a vote at the General Assembly meeting in 2013.

W. Boron was concerned about how the Board is "elected." This is in response to The Physiological Society and the American Physiological Society. The Executive Committee needs to be sensitive to them when wording the amendment. He suggested that the term "elected" should be struck from the amendment. M. Gordon remarked that the ExCo needs advice from Council before any changes are made.

P. Hunter noted that commission chairs who are not members of council might not have their commission represented on the General Assembly Board.

A motion was made and seconded to circulate the amendment to members of Council.

Action: L. Price will email amendment to Council for comments.

**4. Website bids – L. Price**

L. Price reminded the members that she had emailed them three companies' proposals for redesigning the IUPS website. She asked that they go over the proposals, look at each company's website plus the ones it has designed and make a note of what the members like and don't like. ExCo members asked to have L. Price resend the proposals. D. Noble would like Council members to view the websites at the meeting in Oxford by computer, discuss and then resend proposals back to ExCo.

Action: L. Price will resend website proposals to ExCo members.

**5. Voting for IBRO candidates for nominating committee – D. Noble**

The ExCo agreed with D. Noble that IUPS should vote the way IBRO requires.

Action: D. Noble will vote "yes" for the IBRO candidate selected for the nominating committee.

**6. Council agenda items which can be handled by email – D. Noble**

D. Noble felt the reports listed on the agenda could be dealt with by email before Council meeting. The commission chairs would be asked if they are satisfied to have their reports dealt with this way. All reports would then be emailed to Council members with the recommendation that at the Council meeting the reports be approved as read. The deadline for getting these reports to L. Price would be the middle of June. ExCo approved of this proposal.

Action: L. Price will email the chairs of the Ethics, Education, Physiome and Membership Committees and ask them if they agree to use email to distribute their reports to Council.

**7. Letter of support to the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology – D. Noble**

D. Noble will write the letter of support to the Swedish Society.

Action: D. Noble will write a letter of support to the Swedish Society of Clinical Physiology.

**8. Suggested new archivist - Marion J. Siegman, PhD, Professor and Chair of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics at Jefferson University**

The previous archivist, Paul Deweer, recommended Dr. Siegman and spoke to her about the position of archivist. She indicated she would accept if asked. The ExCo approved her as the new archivist. W. Boron will contact her to formally offer her the position.

Action: W. Boron will call Marion J. Siegman to formally invite her to be the new archivist.
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**9. Approval of request for funds from Brazil for summer school**

M. Gordon plans to fund the Brazilian Summer School in the amount of \$3,000. The ExCo agreed.

**10. Other business**

M. Gordon suggested that the membership dues structure be changed by eliminating the use of units as written in the IUPS constitution. He would like to see an amount per delegate which would be easier to implement and would be fairer.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Price  
Manager