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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes May 10, 2016

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

1. Review and approval of April 19 minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

P. Hansen requested an update on the Trading Post. S. Webster reported that D. Huffman was working on improving the site based on some initial feedback. P. Hansen stated that she had been unable to login to the site, and S. Webster offered to meet with her via skype later that day to assist. She emphasized the need to have it ready for the AAPS meeting in September.

P. Hansen also asked about ADI's promise of support for both the Trading Post and IUPS-2017. S. Webster reported that he had not been able to schedule a meeting between W. Boron, V. Antunes, and B. Machado, due to travel.

P. Hansen asked about IUPS's efforts to promote *Physiology* worldwide. D. Noble stated that he had not done so. He stated that dues were a much more important issue to handle first. P. Wagner pointed out that email with M. Frank did not yield any results. D. Noble stated that in-person discussion would be needed.

J. Chan asked for an update regarding the ISPC meeting in Sao Paulo. W. Boron stated that he spoke with D. Noble about having a Council meeting either before or after, as 6 of the 10 Council members are on the ISPC. J. Chan also stated that ExCo should make a point to meet with the LOC.

W. Boron also suggested holding the first meeting of the Nominations Committee. He stated that four of the six members would be attending as members of ISPC. He stated that way, IUPS would only have to pay for two plane tickets, rather than five. D. Noble asked which parts of the three days scheduled were available to meet. He stated that some members may be needed to speak at Igasu Falls after the meeting. W. Boron stated that if necessary, Council or NomCom could meet before ISPC.

2. Nominations Committee approved

S. Webster announced that Council had unanimously approved the slate of candidates (W. Boron, P. Hansen, C. Hidalgo) it might be good to include names of all 6 members in this minutes) for the Nominations Committee. P. Hansen stated that the Terms of Reference would need to be completed before they met. She stated that NomCom would need to have Terms of References available for all

positions, just not those with upcoming vacancies. W. Boron reported that he is continuing work on the Constitution and Bylaws, and expects to have them ready for ExCo review within a week.

W. Boron stated that he would like to have NomCom meet at least twice via teleconference before meeting in person. This would allow the NomCom to get to know each other, and work more effectively in Sao Paulo. W. Boron would send out a note to the rest of the committee informing them of his plan. He asked D. Noble to participate in the first meeting to officially give the charge to the NomCom.

3. Response to Dues Revision letter

S. Webster reported that he received a letter from M. Frank confirming receipt of the letter.

4. IUPS-2017 Update

Updated quarterly report and budgets were provided by V. Antunes. S. Webster reported that the \$15 fee for senior registrants to fund young investigator travel had been added to the budget. W. Boron asked if APS or TPS had reported what they would be spending on their travel grants. He stated that such funds would impact the budget indirectly, as more travel grants would mean more registrations.

P. Hansen pointed out that the 10% of registration fees for future travel grants was not included anywhere in the budget. W. Boron stated that he would speak to SBFis about the matter during their meeting.

W. Boron reported that the ISPC had finally secured its fifth plenary speaker, Ada Yonath. He added that the submission period for symposia was closing soon. Once complete, ISPC would evaluate the proposals, and rearrange them as necessary to fill any holes.

5. Society of General Physiologists contact

S. Webster received an email from SGP requesting that IUPS advertise its symposium. SGP was previously a member of IUPS, but is no longer. D. Noble proposed it might be possible for SGA to share in the APS's dues if they were to rejoin. W. Boron stated that it would be best to start off small, before asking them to pay dues. ExCo agreed to advertise the ion channel symposium on the website. D. Noble stated that he will write to SGP's president to open a dialogue. W. Boron hoped that SGP might sponsor a symposium at IUPS-2017. He stated that a member of SGP's Council was a member of his staff. He offered to informally ask about SGP's interest.

6. Any new business

W. Boron reported that the ICSU grants program discussed at the last meeting had been officially announced. He stated that he needed to review the call to determine the best way to take advantage of it. He suggested putting together a consortium of unions for make a proposal for outreach or a scientific purpose. He stated that the ICSU Vice President in charge of the grants program was a multi-scale modeler, and may be amenable to such a program.

W. Boron also proposed that a meeting similar to the multi-scale modeling at IUPS-2013 might be in order. D. Noble stated that he was happy to bring in the Physiome committee to help plan such a meeting. He stated that it might be possible to offer publishing, similar to last time. He also stated that the prior meeting did not cost much, as IUPS was able to raise funds. W. Boron and D. Noble would discuss the matter offline.

Action Items

1. S. Webster to post April 19 minutes and distribute to Council

2. S. Webster to assist P. Hansen with Trading Post login
3. S. Webster to schedule meeting between W. Boron and SBFis
 - a. 10% registration fee
 - b. ADI support
 - c. Schedule, to facilitate Council, ExCo, and NomCom meetings
4. P. Hansen to continue work on ToR
5. W. Boron to continue work on Constitution and Bylaws
6. W. Boron to send note to NomCom to schedule meetings
7. D. Noble to write letter to SGP president to open dialogue
8. W. Boron to discuss ICSU call for proposals with Vice President