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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting January 30, 2020

Minutes

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

With regrets: S. Wray

1. Approval of minutes from November 27, 2019

The minutes were approved. J. Chan reported that she was finalizing the Council's contingent on the IUPS Nominations Committee. She stated that she would be sending out letters of invitation this week.

2. Publications Task Force

W. Boron reported on the activities of the IUPS Publications Task Force. He reported that *Physiome* was proceeding apace. He stated two finished articles were live on the "staging site", with eight more being prepared. He also stated that there were some potential legal questions to be answered with regard to ownership and intellectual property, but expected them to be ironed out soon. Among the issues was negotiating with APS and TPS about any potential rights issues. P. Hunter stated that his goal was not to replace any of their journals, but to supplement them. He also stated that the high standards for publishing were holding things up, but he would rather establish *Physiome* as a journal with high standards. ExCo agreed.

W. Boron also reported on the progress with the proposed monograph series with Elsevier. He reported that the task force was, in general, happy with the contract. There were some questions regarding indemnity and intellectual property. He asked for permission and funding to have an IP lawyer reviews the contract. He estimated the cost to be between \$500 and \$1000 USD. ExCo granted his request. W. Boron stated that the next step after agreeing to the contract, was to set up an editorial board for the series, as well as an editor-in-chief.

Going forward, W. Boron recommended to the ExCo that the task force eventually be raised to a standing committee of the IUPS. S. Webster stated that under the Constitution, the Council can only recommend the creation of a new standing committee, with approval of the General Assembly. ExCo agreed, and asked the task force continue its work until it could be made a standing committee

J. Chan thanks W. Boron for the report. ExCo members express their gratitude to W. Boron and members of the publications task force for their efforts to the tasks.

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3. Beijing congress preparation

U. Pohl provided an update on the preparations for the Beijing congress. S. Webster sent out the first round of invitation to the top ranked plenary and keynote speakers. As of the meeting, two keynotes and one plenary speaker had accepted, and one plenary declined. He stated that speakers were being allowed two weeks to respond. Given the differing definitions of “business” and “economy” class airfare, CAPS proposed a cap of \$2500 USD for plenary and \$1500 USD for keynote speaker airfare. The two Nobel laureates had been contacted, but have not yet responded. U. Pohl reported that the Call for Symposia will be released next week.

P. Molina expressed her concern that the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China would affect speaker confirmation. ExCo agreed there was nothing they could do to deal with that issue. S. Webster asked about the status of the contract. J. Chan stated that the revised airfare figures needed to be included, but she was hopeful that the contract would be signed before EB. She was in the process of scheduling a phone call with Y. Wang to discuss the contract.

4. IUPS Webpage

U. Pohl reported that he was pleased with the progress with the IUPS webpage. He stated that templates for text and pictures were being prepared, and should be sent out by the beginning of next week. If all goes according to plan, the new website should be up and ready to go by the EB meeting.

5. Meetings with national societies at EB

J. Chan reported that she and U. Pohl were finalizing invitations to member societies to meet with ExCo at EB. She stated that invitations will be sent to APS, TPS, and CAPS, and perhaps more. P. Molina stated that the invitation to APS needed to be sent out as soon as possible, as the APS leadership’s schedule is usually very tight during EB. She stated that IUPS needs to have a very detailed agenda that strategically presents the value of IUPS. U. Pohl stated that the invitation would be done soon, and sent to ExCo members for their review.

6. IUPS Membership Dues

U. Pohl brought up the letter from the Norwegian society stating they no longer wish to be an adhering body. He pointed out that the current president of SPS is Norwegian, and this may be a test of the new dues structure.

J. Chan asked if the 2020 dues would be under the current or new dues structure. P. Molina stated that the new dues structure was ready to go, and should be implemented. U. Pohl asked if the dues should be held back until after ExCo met with APS and TPS. P. Molina stated that the societies would either accept the new dues, or not. J. Chan asked if there was an explanation letter to accompany the new dues invoices. P. Molina said there was one, from when U. Pohl worked on the dues. She asked S. Webster to send her the most recent copy.

7. Agenda for face to face meeting at EB

S. Webster reported that conference rooms had been requested for Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4. He said that he sent a line to S. Whitsett to request that IUPS be given the same room for both days to simplify logistics. He stated that EB officially kicks off on April 4, so April 3 might be the best day to meet with member societies.

J. Chan asked ExCo to send agenda items to herself, U. Pohl, and S. Webster.

8. Any new business

J. Chan asked that S. Webster include a list of action items in future minutes for easy reference between ExCo meetings.

Action Items

1. S. Webster to post November 2019 minutes to IUPS website.
2. J. Chan to send out letters of invitation to potential Nominations Committee members.
3. W. Boron to consult lawyer to review Elsevier contract.
4. J. Chan to discuss contract with Y. Wang.
5. U. Pohl to finalize IUPS website templates, and distribute to ExCo.
6. J. Chan and U. Pohl to finalize society invitation letters, and send to ExCo for review.
7. S. Webster to send dues revision explanation to P. Molina for review.
8. ExCo to send agenda items to J. Chan, U. Pohl, and S. Webster.