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IUPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting

June 30, 2015

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

1. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. S. Webster to post March 12 Minutes to website.

The minutes were posted to the IUPS website.

b. D. Noble to draft cover letter to accompany minutes to Council listserv.

D. Noble did not send the May 12 minutes to members of Council. S. Webster to forward draft of letter to Council to D. Noble

c. W. Boron to meet with V. Antunes via Skype to continue work on the 2017 Contract

W. Boron reported on his progress. He and V. Antunes spoke via Skype and email. W. Boron reported that they were able to reach an agreement, and IUPS sent the revised contract to SBFis on May 29th. SBFis sent their changes back on June 19th. W. Boron reported that V. Antunes removed a clause in the contract stating that SBFis would provide an equivalent amount of money to the travel grants fund. W. Boron sent an email reply to V. Antunes, along with a request for another Skype meeting. This request was repeated by S. Webster twice, with no reply. W. Boron speculated that SBFis was making a game of delaying the contract negotiations.

ExCo stated their displeasure with the situation. P. Wagner suggested pulling out of the ISPC meeting in Aguas de Lindoia, or sitting down with V. Antunes and B. Machado upon ExCo's arrival. D. Noble reminded ExCo that the situation was unprecedented in the history of IUPS for a contract not to be signed after so long. He suggested that, as President of IUPS, he write a letter to V. Antunes (in his role as co-chair of the LOC and President of SBFis) stating the gravity of the situation. W. Boron suggested he speak to V. Antunes, to warn him of the coming letter. He stated that verbal disagreements could be less disruptive than ones in writing. He admitted that he does not expect any progress to come from the letter.

d. P. Wagner to ask permission from M. Frank to contact M. Matyas regarding the needs assessment survey.

e. P. Wagner to ask M. Frank his questions about APS's marketing of Physiology.

P. Wagner has sent several emails to M. Frank, but has not received any reply.

f. S. Webster to send P. Wagner updated membership information sheet. (complete)

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g. W. Boron and P. Wagner to draft letter to inform member societies of dues revision process and new invoice due dates.

S. Webster forwarded the draft letter to P. Wagner after its completion. P. Wagner admitted that his internet at home is not as reliable as his office, and it had fallen through the cracks. S. Webster resent the letter.

2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with no changes. S. Webster was directed to post them to the IUPS website.

3. ISPC Agenda

W. Boron reported that he and S. Webster forwarded the agenda for previous ISPC meetings to B. Machado. J. Chan suggested that the IUPS contingent of the ISPC meet before the official meeting to discuss the objectives. W. Boron stated that in 2003, a similar meeting was held by APS at EB meeting. P. Wagner suggested the meeting be held via teleconference.

4. IUPS Council Schedule

S. Webster submitted a document detailing the commitments of Council members in Aguas de Lindoia. He suggested Council meet for a full day on August 2, and afternoons August 3 and 4. The only schedule conflict would be P. Moody-Corbett, for one hour on the 4th. ExCo agreed to the proposal.

5. IUPS Council Agenda

S. Webster circulated agendas and minutes from previous meetings. P. Hansen pointed out that in previous meetings, commission chairs submitted reports to Council. She stated that it was probably too close to the meeting to ask for full reports, but felt that the chairs in attendance would be able to speak for a moment or two. She also stated that she will write a letter to the commission chairs.

S. Webster asked renaming the Commissions and Committees should be included on the agenda. D. Noble stated that Council had more important matters to discuss, and it could be tabled until a later date.

6. Budget/Financial Report

S. Webster reported that the current value of IUPS's accounts was \$366.8k as of the first of the month. P. Wagner reported that dues were coming in steadily, and IUPS was currently about \$10k ahead revenue wise, but flying Council to Brazil would put a large dent in it. S. Webster reported that about half of the expected revenue for the year had been collected, and Japan and Canada would be sending in payments soon. P. Hansen asked which large countries had not yet paid. S. Webster answered with Germany, France, and Russia, but Russia typically paid in December. Sending letters to societies who had not paid was discussed. W. Boron suggested that letters would need some "academic oomph" to be notices. D. Noble stated that he wanted to speak to member societies about potential support for IUPS-2017 anyway, and would be willing to make the calls. P. Wagner was also willing to call member societies, as long as S. Webster sent him the phone numbers.

7. Other/New Business