

Minutes

19th Biennial Business Meeting of The International Society for Plastination

Held in Dalian, China, July 21, 2018

1. The President, Professor Rafael Latorre opened the meeting. The membership was informed of the death of Lance Nash, an active member of the ISP for many years. The President paid tribute to Dr. Nash, and a minute of silence was observed.

2. The minutes of the previous AGM of the ISP (June 30th, 2016, Toledo, USA) were presented and approved.

3. President's report

The President Rafael Latorre reported that grant applications to attend this meeting had been received from students 1 from Africa, and 2 from Murcia, however the applicants had no budget to purchase tickets. In view of this, the President requested approval for financial help for transport to meetings for students.

Dr. Carlos Baptista reminded the meeting that this was the source of membership for the future, but it raised the issue of where to get funds, as conferences operate on a very tight budget. Should sponsorship from companies be explored?

The President: companies present (Biodur and Hoffen) were asked and they agreed to support one transportation student grant for the next ICP.

The President: all attendees at the workshops in Murcia automatically become members for 2 years. There is a budget from Murcia to sponsor 1 student to the ICP. This was to be decided by committee, the applicant must be a member of the ISP, they must present at the meeting, and they must submit a paper to the Journal.

Prof Sui (H-JS): it should be limited to students working in plastination. H-JS proposed that the host of the ICP could sponsor 1 student for registration and accommodation. This proposal for the 2020 meeting was approved.

The President stressed that it was important to update email addresses for the website/Groupspace. It was agreed to share email queries with all members.

4. Treasurer's report

Balance Transferred from Joshua Lopez (2016)	\$23,309.30
Income	<i>(ISP Membership is \$75. Total received after fees is \$72.52)</i>
Membership Dues (July-December 2016)	\$725.20 (10 Membership)
Membership Dues (2017)	\$432.88 (6 Membership)
<u>Membership Dues (January-July 1, 2018)</u>	<u>\$507.64 (23 Membership)</u>
Total Membership Dues	\$1,813.00

Expenses

Printing & Production Journal	(\$2,761.85)
Scholarship paid to students attending the Interim S Africa	
Paypal Charges (2016:; 2017:\$17.12;2018)	
<u>Bank Charges</u>	<u>(\$143.53) <i>Bank Charges relates to Chase Bank only</i></u>

Total Expenses (\$2,905.38)

Current Chase Account Balance \$21,294.75

PayPal Account:

Payments received:	\$2,400.00
Fees	\$97.66
Current PayPal Account Balance	\$2,302.34

Chase Account:

Fees
Current Chase Account Balance

Total Accounts \$22,838.75

The Treasurer Carlos Baptista reported that there was a problem that the ISP was failing to retain new members from the workshops after 2 years.

The new website hosting and domain name had been paid for in advance for 3 years.

The hard copy of the Journal cost 600 USD/issue for printing 40 copies. This was a considerable outlay for the ISP. There was discussion on whether the Journal should continue to be printed or issued as an electronic version only. The possibility of a two-tier membership (with or without the hard copy) was discussed. It was also suggested that an option to order a hard copy through a print-on-demand service should be included on the website.

A proposal to discontinue the hard copy of the Journal of Plastination was carried.

Dr. Octavio Lopez (OL) offered to help with marketing/support, for example communication with members, particularly targeting non-active members.

The possibility of automatic renewals was discussed. Renewals would automatically continue until cancelled.

Carlos Baptista: Groupspace has a link with PayPal, could generate an automatic reminder. Carlos Baptista agreed to look into automatic payments via PayPal

5. Editor's report

The Editor, Philip Adds (PA), reported that applications were in the process of being submitted to Scopus and Web of Science. Following feedback from the NLM on our application to Medline, the Journal now carries a statement of ethics. PA intends to prepare a new submission to Medline in the near future.

There were 6 papers currently undergoing review/revision, and 2 more had been submitted that were waiting to be sent out for peer review. Because English is not the first language of many of our contributors it is frequently necessary for manuscripts to undergo quite heavy English-language editing before they can be sent out for peer review. This takes up quite a lot of the Editor's time, and therefore, unfortunately, delays the peer review process. Because of the low number of submissions, PA is reluctant to reject papers outright, and some need a lot of work to get them up to an acceptable standard for publication.

PA reminded the meeting that it had been the intention of the Editorial Board to republish the 'Cook Book' of standard plastination procedures (last published in 2007). This was agreed several years ago, but despite repeated requests to the authors of the original articles for updated versions, only 1 has so far been submitted for publication. PA wondered if perhaps it was time to revisit this project, and aim to publish the new, updated cookbook in 2019.

RL proposed that the Journal should carry an Obituary of Lance Nash. Approved unanimously. RL to ask Dr. Ming Zhang to write it.

The use of a professional English-language editing service was discussed. It was generally felt that it would be too expensive, and unlikely to have the necessary expertise in the techniques of plastination.

Matthew Tinney kindly offered to help with copy editing.

7. New business

i. There had been no volunteers to host the 13th Interim Meeting

Carlos Baptista suggested emailing the membership, if it was felt that an interim meeting was still necessary.

Dr. Dmitry Starchik suggested that the unsuccessful candidate to host the ICP might wish to host the Interim Meeting.

ii. 20th ICP (2020)

Two bids were received: Temuco (Chile) in July, and Honolulu (Hawaii) in March, 2020. The two bids were put to a vote. The majority favored Temuco.

Carlos Baptista offered to contact Scott Lozanoff with a view to either hosting the 13th Interim Meeting, or submitting a new application to host the 2022 ICP.

iii. 21st ICP (2022)

There was discussion on two possible venues for the 21st ICP: Hawaii and Denmark. Further discussion with the potential hosts was needed.

8. Report of the Elections.

Carlos Baptista gave a verbal report on the outcome of the recent ISP elections.

President: Rafael Latorre; Vice-president: Dmitry Starchik; Secretary: Nicolas Ottone; Treasurer: Carlos Baptista; and Councillors Kees De Jong, Hong-Jin Sui, Onyemaech Okpara Azu, and Telma Masuko.

RL: thank Anthony Weinhaus for his support with this election process. Special thanks to Selcuk Tunali for his tenure as Secretary since 2016. Thanks to Bob Henry, Ming Zhang and Athelson Bittencourt for serving as councilors since 2016. He greatly appreciates the time they have dedicated to the ISP.

The meeting closed at 15.30