

MINUTES of IAMS Executive Committee Meeting

March 25-27, 1977 - Aarhus, Denmark

Present: A. Camps (Chairman), J. Aagaard, L. Egan, M.J. Gaxiola,  
F.J. Verstraelen (Secretary), *P.R. Clifford*

In attendance: A.F. Walls

- I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Amsterdam, November 26-27, 1976) were sustained. Information was given on the following points:
- a - J. Aagaard contacted CWME-WCC to find out about e.g. overlapping meetings. In the answers sent by Robins Strong no specific reaction was given.
  - L. Egan contacted the H.Q.'s of the Third World Theologians (TWT) to inform them about IAMS. As a result the Secretary of the TWT and two other members applied for membership.
  - b Concept of 'By-Laws: Executive Committee IAMS'  
With some minor changes this concept was accepted. Changes: ad 2c add:(art.7); point 6 should read: 'These by-laws of the executive committee may be amended by the ordinary voting procedures explained in art. 5 above and submitted for approval at the following General Meeting'.  
N.B. The question was, however, raised whether these By-laws should not be considered as 'internal agreement' of the Ex.Ctee (and open to changes); fear was expressed that putting them before the General Meeting would elicit too much discussion.
- II. GENERAL POINTS
- 103 responses to the questionnaire of January 17th, 1977 were received. The Report of the IAMS Conference at San José (July 1976), Costa Rica was published end of March 1977 in IAMS Newsletter no. 10, 90 pp. The IAMS Secretariat (Leiden) will operate with a working balance; twice a year it will account for the expenses under four major headings (1. General expenses e.g. travel; 2. Documentation/Communication; 3. Office expenses; 4. Miscellaneous).
- III. MEMBERSHIP
- a. The following applications were accepted:  
Individual members: Fr. Justinian Cherupallikat OFM Cap (India/Rome); Prof. Mariasusal Dhavamony S.J. (India/Rome); Phillip M. Sandahl (USA/Ecuador); Samuel Titilola Olandele Akande (Nigeria); Rev. Francis Furey (Ireland); Mr. Aulden D. Coble (Costa Rica); Rev. Sergio Torres (Chili/USA); Sr. Virginia Fabella (USA); Sr. Cathleen O'Neill (USA); Rev. Simon Edward Smith S.J. (USA); Prof. A. Rahman I. Doi (Nigeria).  
Corporate members: Christ the King Seminary, Karachi, Pakistan.
  - b. Membership would be considered of the following persons after having received their application form:  
Bro. Gary Perritt C.P. (Australia); Dr. John D. Floyd (USA); Mr. H.L. Ho (USA); Rev. R. Todd (USA); Eric de Rosny (France/Ivory Coast); Rev. Patrick Murphy (Papua New Guinea); Dr. Norman A. Horner (USA).
  - c. An invitation to become member will be sent to:  
Rev.Dr. J. Veitch (Singapore); Rev.Dr. A.K. Davidson (New Zealand); Rev.Dr. I. Cairns (Indonesia); Rev.Dr. K.W. Carley (Papua New Guinea); Rev. E.K.Mosothoane (S. Africa).
- N.B. As regards criteria for admission it was mentioned that individuals/corporate bodies should in one way or another be 'engaged in mission studies'.  
As regards the praxis of sponsors: in IAMS praxis up till now no applicant has

been turned down with only one sponsor, or even with no sponsor at all (e.g. people invited to join).

As regards corporate membership: there is no special application form; they should engage somehow in mission and/or ecumenical studies. The question in how far all missionary societies will qualify was left open (Cf. Discussion on criteria for membership at minutes preparing for Frankfurt Conference, 1974).

d. Dr. Max Warren accepted to be an honorary member.

#### IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Report of Treasurer: after presentation of the financial report by P. Clifford it was moved (A. Camps, L. Egan) 'to adopt the audited account for subsequent presentation to the General Meeting'.

- A resolution was accepted to appoint Mr. David Williamson as official IAMS auditor (P. Clifford would inform him about this decision).

- In view of IAMS to be registered as a Charity it was agreed to appoint trustees of the IAMS fund. 'At the executive committee meeting of IAMS, March 26th at Aarhus, Denmark it was resolved that P. Rowntree Clifford and David Kerr be appointed as trustees'.

- As regards 'delinquents' (failing to pay their dues) it was agreed that a reminder to pay the 1977 subscription would be enclosed in the IAMS Newsletter no. 10 (March 1977), giving them room for 'repentance'.

b. Special Fund: A. Camps explained the purpose of this fund ('self-reliance', etc.) and gave information about his efforts and results in collecting money in Europe up till now only from R.Catholic circles. The question was discussed how to raise money outside Europe and also from Protestant sources. L. Egan would try to

\* secure US\$ 10.000 from Catholic organizations in USA....

It was agreed that interest on Special Fund should be kept for Third World participation in IAMS activities. Interest on other money could be used for general IAMS expenses.

c. Expenses of Secretariat (Leiden) would meet with no problems, if properly accounted for (see ad II).

#### V. COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN IAMS

It was agreed that the IAMS Newsletter would appear 2 x a year. Suggestions for its content included: information about conferences; survey of lists of bibliographies/journals; list of Centers of Dialogue and their publications; description of e.g. AACC, CCA, etc.; Corporate members should report about their activities e.g. every two years.... However, it was stressed that it should be a Newsletter, not a Journal.

- A list of members should be provided 1 x a year.

#### VI. BIBLIOGRAPHY/DOCUMENTATION

A.F. Walls (in attendance) gave an extensive survey of problems and possibilities regarding IAMS responsibility in this field.

Positive recommendations were:

- To consider work regarding bibliography/documentation not as an appendix but as belonging to the aims of IAMS.

- The working party (Gort, Moritzen, Henkel, Walls; Bosch/Anderson as corresponding members) would be broadened as regards scope (IMB) and composition.

- IAMS should write to all missionary societies as regards the importance of Archives and their accessibility.

At the discussion following the following points were made:

- Should documentation/bibliography be considered as IAMS' main work?

- One should go by steps e.g. starting with our Corporate Institutes and connected organizations.

- The working party should be extended with a representation from Scandinavia.

It was resolved that the following steps would be taken:

1. Publication of Wall's report (summarized) in Newsletter no. 11
2. A. Walls to convene a meeting of the Working Party (4 European members) with J. Aagaard, representing Scandinavia in view of exploring new avenues for IAMS in the field of Documentation/Bibliography/Archives and of formulating concrete and practical proposals to be submitted to the next General Meeting.
3. A letter should be sent to missionary societies as regards the subject of Archives. A list of addresses would be provided by the Working Party.

#### VII. RESTRUCTURING THE IAMS

A. Walls commented on a former paper 'A Future Structure For IAMS?' in the light of the last Conference (San José, 1976). Too much money, it seems, is being spent on travel (5/6 of budget; 2/3 on 12 people only!)...

The following points were raised:

- to bring in a clear recommendation to the next General Meeting
- to collect a list of regional bodies concerned with 'mission studies' (description of these bodies, how often meeting etc.)
- prepare a first tentative list for members of exec. ctee, for additional information

#### VIII. FORTHCOMING GENERAL MEETING

Maryknoll (USA) was chosen as meetingplace for the next IAMS Conference/General Meeting.

- Maryknoll offers 175 rooms at its compound (150 at Fathers', 25 at Sisters' compound); the costs for accommodation would be about 12 dollars a day (= about US\$ 60 for the whole conference).

Time: from Monday-evening 21 August - Saturday 26 August (noon), 1978.

N.B. As regards integrating ASM meeting into IAMS Conference it was mentioned that 100 rooms should be reserved for participants from outside USA.

Topic: after several suggestions it was decided to involve all members in defining the topic of the Maryknoll Conference by putting 5 questions to them (these questions, prepared by this executive ctee meeting, have been sent to all members on June 7th, 1977).

Pattern of the Conference: several ideas were voiced:

- look at international meetings of parallel organizations, where there are often 1 or 2 key-lectures and many workshops (well prepared, with bibliographies and key-issues proposed)
- provide a broad context in which many members contribute (but at the same time trying to break through an often too superficial theology of mission).

Next meeting: October 13-16, 1977 at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, UK.

Focus on: preparing the next Conference/General Meeting - trying to realize already in this meeting a level of some spiritual depth (retreat) - inviting all members to take part.

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