

Minutes from IAMS Executive Meeting

Friday, July 30st 2004, 9.00-17.00

Regency Hotel, Port Dickson, Malaysia

(The final Executive Meeting of the 2000-2004 Executive Committee – held prior to 2004 conference)

Participants:

Officers: Paulo Suess (PS) (President); Darrell Whiteman (DW); Andrew Kirk (AK); Stephen Bevans (SB); Birger Nygaard (BN)

Other executive members: Emilio Monti (EM); William Burrows (WB); Cathy Ross (CR); Christopher Oshun (CO)

Other participants: Allan Anderson (AA)

Apologies: Klaus Schäfer (KS)

Agenda:

1. **Welcome - “warming up”**
2. **Comments to Minutes from New York Officer’s Meeting, New York April 2004**
3. **Conference Issues – general**
 - Report from the Local Program Committee – Philip Siew
 - How to divide into groups at morning sessions?
 - Research Reporting
 - “Thank you policy”
4. **Conference Business Sessions**
 - a) Leadership of sessions
 - b) Agenda
 - c) Invitation to IAMS from Kenneth Scott to host IAMS Conference in Edinburgh 2010
5. **Future of the IAMS Secretariat**
6. **Meeting of Associations**
7. **What issues should be listed for the Executive Committee to continue working on?**
8. **New honorary life members ?**
 - John Pobe?
9. **Any other Business**

1. Welcome - “warming up”

Documents: Agenda for the meeting – sent via to executive members 25.07
Greetings to the conference from Dr. Andrew Walls.

Background:

Discussion Agenda and time table were agreed on

Resolutions:

2. Comments to Minutes from New York Officer’s Meeting, New York April 2004

Documents: Agenda from New York Officer’s meeting with comments

Background: The decisions from the New York meeting do not have to be adopted by the full executive – but they are put forward for comments and explanation.

Discussion The minutes were briefly discussed

Resolutions: Minutes from the New York Officer’s meeting were received with thanks.

3. Conference Issues – general

Documents: Detailed time table for the conference
Background: Conference details had been work out by the general secretary in consultation with the local program committee

Local committee (LPC) chair Dr. Philip Siew and Dr. Hwa Yung were present for discussions related to LPC responsibilities

Discussion General conference issues were discussed and changes to the program etc. was agreed upon.

Resolutions:

4. Conference Business Sessions

Documents: Agenda for business sessions
Recommendations for changes to constitution and byelaws
Invitation from Kenneth Ross for IAMS to come to Edinburgh in 2010
Invitation from CEAMS to host the IAMS conference in 2008
List of Deceased IAMS members

Background: Previous discussions in Paris and New York on the need for changes to constitution and byelaws, especially in the area of procedure for elections to the executive committee

Discussion The agenda was discussed
Contents of the changes to constitution and byelaws were revisited and procedure for presentation was decided upon

Resolutions: The executive requests that John Roxborough chairs the Business Sessions.
Bill Burrows is requested to present the changes to constitution and byelaws.

Invitations from Edinburgh and CEAMS to host IAMS conferences are presented to the general meeting.
Decision on next conference is to be taken by the new executive.

5. Future of the IAMS Secretariat

Documents: Misc. email correspondence related to investigations into new secretariat possibilities.

Background: In New York the officers listed a number of possibilities for future of the secretariat. Since then other options have come up. The following persons have been approached without positive result:
- Kirsteen Kim, Birmingham
- Tom Ascherman, Rome
- Hwa Yung, Singapore

The following two persons/institutions are interested in further discussions during the conference:
- Johannes Kritzinger, UNISA, South Africa
- Frans Dokman/Rogier van Rossum, The Missiological Institute of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Discussion The general secretary presented a general framework for negotiations with potential secretariat hosts. The framework was discussed and agreed upon

Resolutions: The officers are requested to meet with Frans Dokman/Rogier van Rossum and discuss possibilities and conditions for taking over the secretariat. The following framework is given:
- The primary condition is that a qualified person will be available for the job as general secretary. If that condition is met, IAMS can be rather flexible on a number of other issues.
- IAMS will adapt ways of having executive meetings, conferences etc. to what realistic within the given framework and finances.
- The secretariat should at least be willing to work for the IAMS until the next conference, but preferably for a longer term (or possibly up to 2010).
- A stronger focus on new study projects would be welcome.
- IAMS would be willing to pay basic secretarial assistance (approximately ½ day per week average)

The executive is to endorse the agreement between the parties.

6. Meeting of Associations

Documents: Invitation to Meeting of Mission Study Associations, called for Saturday 31, 2004

Background: 18 associations and networks have responded positively to the invitation
It will be an informal meeting of listening to each other.
The primary objective is to strengthen relations and for IAMS to clarify its role in relation to other associations.

Discussion Separate notes from the meeting of associations is referred to

Resolutions:

7. What issues should be listed for the Executive Committee to continue working on?

Documents:

Background: The new executive is free to embark on whatever agenda they feel they should pursue. However, the present executive wants to pass on to the new executive the major issues, which it finds need to worked on.

Discussion A list of issues were worked out.

Resolutions: The outgoing executive lists the following issues for the new executive to consider for continued attention:

- Relations to other associations
- Development of corporate member category
- IAMS as facilitator of connecting – developing various means of electronic communication, etc.
- Next conference 2008
- Focus on more study projects and smaller conferences
- Status of the discipline
- How does IAMS reflect global Christianity ? Developing the IAMS constituency
- A major study process leading up to 2010

8 New honorary life members

Documents:

Background: In the period 2001-2004 three of the existing honorary life members have died

Discussion New candidates for honorary life membership were discussed

Resolutions: The following persons are awarded honorary life membership

- Dr. John Pobe, Ghana
- Dr. Andrew Walls, Edinburgh
- Dr. Frans J. Verstraelen, Zimbabwe

9. AOB

Documents:

Background:

Discussion No AOB. Meeting closed at 17.00

Resolutions: