

IAMS
13th Quadrennial Assembly
General Meeting
Saturday, 18th August 2012, 16:30 – 18:45
Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada

Chairing – IAMS President Jonathan Bonk

Minutes (draft)

1	<p>Opening The President of IAMS, Dr Jonathan Bonk, opened the meeting with prayer</p>	
2	<p>Roll Call Two lists were distributed among the participants for them to write their initials next to name.</p>	
3	<p>Acceptance of Agenda The General Meeting approved the agenda</p>	
4	<p>Acceptance of 2008 Minutes The General Meeting approved the minutes from the last Assembly</p> <p>The following remarks were given by participants in the general meeting: The minutes mentioned that IAMS was in a healthy financial situation despite of the excessive cost of Balaton, however, the current presidential address says something differently.</p> <p>It was explained that the minutes are done before the new executive committee takes over and that the time period before the final expenses for Balaton were finished revealed something differently.</p>	
5	<p>Remembrance of Deceased Members Jonathan Bonk read the names of the persons that had passed away since the last assembly. Additional names were added from the participants at the meeting. A minute silence was held whereafter Jonathan Bonk read Hebrews 12:1-2.</p> <p>2008 Gary Blair McGee Carl F. Starkloff, SJ</p> <p>2009 Arthur F. Glasser</p>	

	<p>Ogbu U. Kalu</p> <p>2011 Edward L. Cleary, OP Hans Kasdorf Doreas Akintunde</p> <p>2012 José Miguez Bonino Pieter Holtrop Jim Phillipps</p> <p>Additional deceased members: David Kerr Cyril Hally Ft Joseph Masler Makley???</p>	
6	<p>Report of the General Secretary (Cathy Ross) Handbook p. 70 - 75</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Cf. Constitution §6 report on activities since the last ordinary General Meeting and its proposals for advancing the objects of the Association is to be submitted.</p> <p>Cathy Ross highlighted items from her report in the handbook</p> <p><i>Executive Committee Meetings</i> The Executive Committee has used conference calling instead of meeting annually to reduce cost. The expenses for the conference calling has been absorbed by Overseas Ministries Studies Centre (OMSC)</p> <p><i>Renewal of Membership</i> The need for IAMS to send out three e-mail reminders to members to renew their membership subscriptions as the database reveals that only 215 individual members and 7 institutions have paid up their membership fees. 315 are inactive members most likely because their membership fees have not been paid. Overall, IAMS most likely could have a larger membership group. Everybody was encouraged to pay up their membership fees if they had not done so already.</p> <p><i>Website</i> The website provides easy acces to payment through either PayPal or Worldpay.</p> <p>The website's membership pages:</p>	

	<p>If a member logs on to the membership pages of the IAMS website, it's possible to search for members of region, country, and research interest.</p> <p><i>Application for membership</i> The criteria for membership were shown on a screen and everybody was reminded to encourage others to become members.</p> <p>Applications should be filled out on the website and the Executive Committee either accept - or not - each applicant based on the information provided.</p> <p>The IAMS newsletter has been sent out 6 times by Jonathan Bonk and with the help of Wilson Thomas of OMSC and CMS.</p> <p><i>Study groups</i> Currently, there are three active study groups: BISAM, DABOH and Healing/Pneumatology, but it is hoped that the Assembly creates new energy and new groups may emerge and remain active in between Assemblies.</p> <p><i>Journal</i> Dr Lalsangkima Pachuau has edited the journal Mission Studies for the last four years and more information can be found in Kima's report.</p> <p><i>Finances</i> It has been challenging but good. Dr. David Singh will be providing more information about the finances when he gives his report. Through the four years, we have been forced to trust God and are thankful to Him for providing for IAMS' needs.</p> <p><i>IAMS 40th Anniversary</i> IAMS is thankful for Dr Gerard Anderson's book on the history of IAMS for this 40th Anniversary celebration.</p>	
7	<p>Motions from the General Secretary (Cathy Ross)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept new honorary lifetime members Prof. Wilbert Schenk and Rev. Dr. John Roxborough where called up to receive their certificates. The other honorary members not present - Fr Sebastian Karotempel SDB, Dr Martin Conway, Fr Willi Henkel OMI, and Dr. Joachim Wietzke – will receive the certificate by post. 2. To move that Prof. Kirsteen Kim will be the next editor of Mission Studies and that Rev. Dr. John Prior will be the next Associated Editor. 3. A vote of thanks to Dr. Gerard Anderson for collating and writing the IAMS history 4. A vote of thanks to Dr. Jonathan Bonk for his work as President of IAMS over the past 4 year. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A vote of thanks to the Canadian Host Committee for their work in facilitating the conference 6. A vote of thanks to Rev. Dr. George Sumner, Principal of Wycliffe College for extending the invitation and to Karen Baker, the Executive Administrator for her work 7. A vote of thanks to Ann Chow, the Conference Coordinator for her work 8. A vote of thanks to the past Executive Mika Vähäkangas, David Singh, Lalsangkima Pachuau, Rose Uchem, Mariel deluca Voth, Ken Miyamoto, Paul Kollman, Gerard Goldman for their work and service to IAMS for the past 4 years. 9. A vote of thanks to Anne Henriksen and Briony Seymor for their services to the IAMS Secretariat. 10. A vote of thanks to Hugh de Saram and Tom Peek for maintaining the IAMS database and website, and to Thomas Wilson at OMSC for compiling the IAMS Newsletter. <p>All motions were moved and seconded.</p>	
8	<p>Report of the Treasurer (David Singh) A narrative was distributed to each member as updates have been made after the printing of the handbook's report (p. 76 – 78).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Cf. Constitution §6 report on activities since the last ordinary General Meeting and its proposals for advancing the objects of the Association is to be submitted.</p> <p><i>Income & expenditure</i> Between 2005 to 2008 income totaled £220k and expenditure £356k giving an overall deficit of £136k</p> <p>In reality the deficit was higher when the new Executive Committee took over in 2009, due to an invoice still outstanding from the Balaton Assembly amounting to approximately £24k. This amount was cleared in 2009, but causes the deficit at takeover to increase to around £159k.</p> <p>Between 2009 to 2012, total income is expected to be £240K and expenditure should be approximately £243K ending the year with a deficit of at around £3K and anticipating that no unplanned invoices need clearance by the new Executive Committee.</p> <p>If the additional invoice from 2008's Assembly did not exist, the surplus could have been around £21K instead.</p> <p><i>Cash balances (£)</i></p>	

	<p>The income and expenditure figures do not include the actual year-end assets/cash balances.</p> <p>When the executive Committee took over in 2005, they did not have to worry about raising funds to run the program of IAMS as the business high interests and the C&G savings accounts contained quite substantial amounts. 2008 opened with a balance of £142K, but ended with £26K due to the delayed invoice of around £24K. This did not give much working capital for the next Executive Committee and IAMS is gradually working its way up to a level of working capital needed (£40 – 50K) to run the IAMS programs during ‘non-Assembly’ years.</p> <p>This has been achieved through the following conscious measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort out the membership list to eliminate non-paying members from the mailing list to BRILL. • Reduce the cost of running the secretariat by about 6 times. Now it’s around \$13,000 including web development. • Cutting down on travel of the Executive Committee members and using teleconference instead (was hosted by OSMC) • Controlling the conference costs better acknowledging that student accommodations might be less than ideal but it can save money for the next Assembly. <p><i>Donor & Sponsors</i></p> <p>The total amount fundraised for was \$176K, and IAMS has received \$113K so far. The conference could not have been done without the donors and sponsors.</p> <p><i>Recommendations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage members to pay membership fees and not to wait until the Assembly due to the yearly running costs of IAMS • Increase membership fees and the vice president has a proposal • Seek ways to generate revenue from the publication of <i>Mission Studies</i> • Encourage/invite senior members of IAMS to help raise support and promote membership of the organization. 	
9	<p>Report of <i>Mission Studies</i>’ Editor (Lalsangkima Pachuau) In the Handbook p. 78-79.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Cf. Constitution §6 report on activities since the last ordinary General Meeting and its proposals for advancing the objects of the Association is to be submitted.</p> <p>Lalsangkima Pachuau expressed gratitude to have served with IAMS for the last 8</p>	

	<p>years and then proceeded with reading the report from the handbook.</p> <p>He introduced Mirjam Elbers who is working for BRILL and mentioned that they have had a very fruitful meeting discussing the future working relationship between IAMS and BRILL.</p> <p>Lalsangkima introduced Kirsteen Kim and John Prior and made a motion for a new editor, Prof Kirsteen Kim and two associate editors, Revd Dr John Prior and Dr Cathy Ross</p> <p>The motion was seconded and all were in favor of the motion.</p>	
10	<p>Plenary Discussion of Reports</p> <p>Comments and questions were raised from the members attending the meeting.</p> <p>The <u>Treasurer's report</u> should be corrected to say deficit of £3K and not surplus (third paragraph in report) and also under the heading Donors/Sponsors it should say \$113K and not £113K. In addition, David commented that another problem at Balaton was the 37% decrease in the American dollar to the Hungarian forint which was not anticipated and increased the problem. Therefore the current Assembly is budgeted in Canadian dollars.</p> <p>It was asked how much the membership fee would increase, but this would be proposed later by the Vice President, Mika Vähäkangas.</p> <p>It was asked what is expected of us to assist. David informs that one way to add to revenue is to make sure IAMS generates some income from <i>Mission Studies</i>. He informs how OCMS made revenue from their journal through reduced print cost and now earns revenue of £8K from the publication of <i>Transformation Journal</i>. It was stressed that it is difficult to increase IAMS income if members don't pay consistently on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Jonathan Bonk added that IAMS is not a seamless organization as everybody on the Executive Committee is volunteering and some things take a lot of time and energy. Jonathan commented that more needs to be done in soliciting institutional memberships but it takes time and if it's done in a systematic way he is convinced that it can bring in regular revenue. He is suggesting a motion in the IAMS' Constitution which will be discussed later.</p> <p>Mika Vähäkangas commented it will be a more active society if members take responsibility as there will be a larger chance of getting financial support for the organization.</p> <p>It was commented whether it was not more important to have members that pay instead of increasing the number of members.</p>	

	<p>Cathy Ross clarified that if members are not paying they will not receive the journal. IAMS is only sending a list to BRILL of paid up members.</p> <p>It was suggested that maybe the journal should be electronic if the financial cost for printing is too high. Jonathan mentioned that it is under consideration.</p>																	
11	<p>Election of New Executive Committee</p> <p><i>a. Report of Nominating Committee</i> A nomination committee had been appointed by the Regional Meetings consisting of : Cathy Ross (ex officio), Jonathan Bonk (Chair) , Ken Miyamoto (Asia), Gerard Goldman (Oceania), Nelson Jennings (N America), Viggo Mortensen (Europe), Rose Uchem (Africa), Mariel Deluca Voth (she was part of the North American group as she is the sole person representing Latin America)</p> <p><i>b. Motion to accept slate of nominees</i> Jonathan made a power point presentation where he explained of the election process and the regional meetings held on the 16th of August 2012.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee presented one slate of candidates for election as President, Vice-President and Executive Committee members.</p> <p>The suggested slate of nominees are:</p> <table data-bbox="402 1247 954 1591"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Mika Vähäkangas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President & North America</td> <td>Paul Kollman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Secretary</td> <td>Cathy Ross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Latin America</td> <td>Mariel Deluca Voth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia</td> <td>Atola Longkumer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Africa</td> <td>Nico Botha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Europe</td> <td>Valentin Kozhuharov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oceania</td> <td>Rosemary Dewerse</td> </tr> </table> <p>Jonathan Bonk advised that the next president (after Mika) ought to be Roman Catholic in order to make it fair. In 2008 it is a North American Mennonite (Jonathan Bonk) and in 2012 it is a European Lutheran (Mika Vähäkangas).</p> <p><i>c. Distribution of ballots</i> Ballots were distributed to vote either in favor or not of the nominees</p>	President	Mika Vähäkangas	Vice President & North America	Paul Kollman	General Secretary	Cathy Ross	Latin America	Mariel Deluca Voth	Asia	Atola Longkumer	Africa	Nico Botha	Europe	Valentin Kozhuharov	Oceania	Rosemary Dewerse	
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except the vice president. It was agreed to have a separate vote at the end of the meeting.

- d. *Collection and tabulation of ballots* (while ballots are being tallied, the business meeting will continue)

Ballots were collected and two volunteers, Roger Schroeder and Ed Schroeder counted the votes.

Yes: 101

No: 2

Blank: 3

Ballot is accepted

- e. *Voting for Vice President*

Besides Paul Kollman, Nico Botha was proposed as vice president by participants in the general meeting due to a different reasoning than provided by Jonathan Bonk.

Ballots were distributed to vote for Vice President: Nico Botha or Paul Kollman.

At the end of the General Meeting it was announced that Paul Kollman would be the next Vice President, but that a substantial number of participants supported Nico Botha.

Gerry Anderson

One issue has come up which has never been addressed before is the question of representation of corporate members and whether they are eligible to be elected as officers eg Mission agencies, seminaries, universities. This issue need to be clarified – this would not require an amendment to the constitution – all it would take is a vote as whether we believe representation by corporate members are eligible to be nominated as officers or not.

Chair accept motion

Propose show of hands as to whether representation if institutional members are eligible or not.

Someone might be a member of an organisation and not necessarily can commit for the four years – if the person is representing the institution .

Discussion:

The criteria for institutional members and individual are not the same - and if wants to be involved in representative role then one should be an individual

	<p>member. Too fast, institutional members are only ¼ or less of membership. Currently 7 members so not really viable and might shift to be taken over by institutions.</p> <p>Jerry Anderson: Agree to turn this to exec committee to consider and make a recommendation to the next assembly</p> <p>Jan Jongeel – now for the first time – and orthodox is elected to Exec committee.</p> <p>Please fill out form to be handed into Anne Henriksen</p> <p>Ken: announcement Asian rep meeting will be held at 9:30 tonight.</p>	
12	<p>Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, per March-May 2012 IAMS Matters (Jonathan Bonk) In the Handbook (p. 65)</p> <p>Background: Jonathan Bonk proposed the above amendment to the IAMS' Constitution due to the challenges facing the future Executive Committee.</p> <p><i>a. Motion:</i> That <i>when asked</i> the IAMS Officers together with the Executive Committee be authorized to form an IAMS Senior Advisory Group (SAG), <i>primarily but not inclusively from among lifetime members and past officers of the Association</i>. The SAG would be available to advise the Executive Committee and promote the mission of IAMS in ways that would include seeking financial support.</p> <p>Discussion: It was suggested to include the text in italics</p> <p>Resolutions: The above change to the Constitution was unanimously approved with the additional suggested text in italics.</p>	
13	<p>Assembly Venue Suggestion for 2016 (Mika Vähäkangas)</p> <p>Background: Decision on time and place for the next Assembly is to be taken by the executive. However, the general meeting can signal its interest.</p> <p>Invitation:</p>	

	<p>Invitation by Sang-Cheol (Moon), Korean Association of Mission Studies, Korean Mission Exec (inter-denom – mainly protestant) Missiological Forum. World Council of Churches has a plan to have a conference in South Korea, so IAMS could also plan to have an Assembly there.</p> <p>Discussion: Point of discussion of next venue, the executive will make final decision based on the Guidelines to Assess Invitations (Handbook, p 82)</p> <p>It is still possible to send invitations to Cathy or Mika before the new year.</p>	
14	<p>Other Matters</p> <p><i>Membership fees</i></p> <p>Background: The Executive Committee presented proposals for Membership Fees for 2013 – 2016 as it will be crucial for IAMS’ future economy.</p> <p>Discussion: The following indications (comments) were given by individuals in the general meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of increase is? Approximately 20 – 25% increase since last conference - Even reduced rate can be difficult for some to pay, however, not sure what can be done. - It has previously been proposed to have a graduated type of scale for memberships or - Propose to offer a reduced rate for members who also want to pay a membership for someone else. - It would be more dignified if can set up membership fee on basis of members without consideration of financial capability of the Association. It is suggested with a graded system - Universal criteria should be set if following previous discussion of no longer North and South nor denominations. - The fee is not large but it would be good for institutions to know more about IAMS financial situation and the support IAMS need from the institutions. <p>The Executive Committee responded that it has previously been discussed that the membership fee should depend on the members’ income, but this will increase the workload of the secretariat which works on voluntary basis and is already overworked.</p>	

	<p>In addition, if the Associations finances can get in order, not as much financial help might be needed for organizing the next Assembly, but the Executive Committee can concentrate more on raising funds for subsidies</p> <p>Resolutions: Membership fees for 2013 – 16 Individual Membership (normal) £35.00 Individual Membership (Developing countries, retired & students) £25.00 Corporate Membership (small) £100.00 Corporate Membership (large) £250.00</p> <p>The majority were in favor of the motion to increase the membership fees except four participants who were not in favor.</p> <p><i>Corporate Members Elected as Officers</i> It was suggested by an individual in the general meeting , whether representative or corporate members would be eligible to be elected as officers in the Executive Committee. It would not require an amendment to the constitution, but merely a vote.</p> <p>The chair accepts the motion and proposes by show of hands if institutional members are eligible or not.</p> <p>Discussion: The following remarks were given by participants in the general meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some might be a member of an organization but cannot necessarily commit for the four years - Institutional members are only 7, and the Executive might be taken over by institutions instead then. <p>Resolution: The Executive Committee is to consider the motion and make a recommendation to the next Assembly in 2016.</p>	
15	Closing	