

IAMS Executive Committee Minutes

Monday 12 July 2010 – Teleconference

Present:

Jonathan Bonk, Lalsangkima Pachuau, Mika Vahakangas, Paul Kollman, Gerard Goldman, Rose Uchem, Mariel Deluca Voth, Ken Myamoto, Cathy Ross, Berdine van den Toren

Apologies:

David Singh

Minutes January 2010 meeting – approved.

Financial report – accepted, with thanks expressed to Jon, Cathy, David and Mika, for their hard work to get to the current financial result.

Mission Studies report

Kima has announced that he wants to stop as editor for Mission Studies.

The procedure for appointing a new editor involves the appointment by the general assembly of members during the IAMS conference. This appointment can take place following a nomination on the basis of earlier contact with possible candidates. It is important to note that the publisher Brill also need to agree with the appointment, according to the contract.

Kima already proposed Paul Kollman as his successor, who is willing to consider this. Kima, Cathy and Paul are asked to also propose two or three other people as possible candidates. It is important to consider the broader representation of the worldwide and diverse membership of IAMS in the editor's board.

Kima asked for ongoing reflection on the number of issues of Mission Studies to be published per year. Currently there is a backlog of articles. The volume of article submissions has seriously increased over the past years. It might be possible to create one supplemental issue dedicated to the DABOH articles and another to the history of IAMS as collected by Gerald Anderson. Gerald Anderson's work is invaluable and all the archival material related to IAMS is coming together now at Yale university library. This suggestion of two supplemental issues is unanimously accepted by the committee.

Kima is thanked for all his good work for Mission Studies and the IAMS community.

Action:

Kima, Cathy and Paul – propose possible candidates for the post of Mission Studies editor

Kima – write a paragraph, advertising the upcoming vacancy of Mission Studies editor, to be published in the Mission Studies journal and on the website

Cathy – publish the advertisement for Mission Studies editor on the website

Electronic newsletter

An electronic newsletter can be a good way to communicate with the IAMS membership. Michael Poon is happy to prepare such a letter. The executive committee chair, Jon Bonk already writes a letter to all IAMS members, which is sent per Email, after each executive committee meeting. These letters are also published on the website.

Action:

Jon - write a membership letter following this meeting

Secretariat - Send out Jon's letter and place it on the IAMS website

New members

Accepted – 8

Rejected: 0

Follow-up: 3

IAMS archive

The committee approved unanimously to set aside US\$ 150 for archival material to be sent to Yale. In his letter, Jon will mention the good work of Gerald Anderson and Jon Bonk in bringing the IAMS archive in good shape.

Membership directory

As in earlier years, the secretariat will prepare an IAMS membership directory, which will list all member categories. Such a list will be easy accessible for the membership and also serve historical purposes. This time it will be created as a PDF file, which can be sent to our members through internet.

Action:

Secretariat – Create membership list and send out to membership, together with the letter from the IAMS president.

DABOH

This time there is no report from DABOH. Jon Bonk reported on the Rome meeting, and underlined the importance of the formulation of a Theology of Memory. DABOH is asked to create a 'handbook' for the curriculum development for the formation of students in this area. This 'handbook' will consist of different articles.

Father Merrick Roskowski, from the Vatican, is proposed as co-chair of DABOH, next to DABOH chair Michael Poon. Jon Bonk will mention this in his letter to the IAMS membership and will also encourage Father Merrick to be a network link between IAMS and the Roman Catholic mission networks.

Toronto Conference

Dates: 15 to 20 August 2012

The theme, as proposed by Jon Bonk: "Migration, Human Dislocation and the Good News: Margins as Central in Christian Mission Theory and Practice" will be discussed further through the google documents group that has been set up.

The Scripture passages, mentioned by Jon, should not be seen as limiting mentions. Speakers can of course use other passages; they should be seen as an invitation for further reflection.

Several of the IAMS study groups appear to be dormant. The committee reflected on creating new opportunities for study groups, i.e. Edinburgh 2010 special interest group or a group on Mission and Worship. Members will be invited to propose new interest groups. This needs to be done both by the Secretariat and by Jon in his President's letter.

Ann Chow has written a proposal budget, task list and events preparation timeline. Two or three other quotes need to be asked from reputable companies for event's management.

It is clear that for the event's manager's salary IAMS will have to fundraise. The Conference should be paid out of the registration fees. This fee can be reasonably high, knowing that those who cannot afford it can get sponsor money. This price needs to be discussed in the next meeting.

All Exec.Cie members need to write fundraising appeals to possible sponsor organizations.

Action:

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- **Write to possible sponsors with fundraise appeals.**

Cathy and Jon - Draft final conference announcements and invitation

Jon – Obtain quotes from two or three event's management companies

- **Send fundraise appeal templates to all Exec.Cie members.**

Secretariat – Keep record of all fundraising appeals and their outcomes.

Secretariat

Berdine van den Toren will from now on stop working for the IAMS secretariat. Anne Henriksen, from CMS will replace her.

Cathy Ross will no longer work for CMS, but move to London School of Theology. The Secretariat will continue to be based at CMS in Oxford, where both Anne Henriksen and Hugh de Saram are still working.

Next Meeting:

8 October 2010, Noon GMT

Action Points overview:

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