

Minutes for IAMS Executive Committee meeting 19 September 2011, 12pm GMT

The meeting began shortly after 12pm GMT.

1. Roll Call

Present via telephone were:

Jon Bonk, Ann Chow, Paul Kollman, Cathy Ross, Rose Uchem*, Mike Vähäkangas, Mariel Deluca Voth, Gerard Goldman, Kima Pachuau, Ken Miyamoto

Apologies for absence had been received from:

David Singh, Anna Hendrickson

IAMS President, Jon Bonk led prayer.

2. *Report from each member*

Cathy provided update on her health issues. She was assured of our prayers for good outcome

3. *Report from General Secretary*

Kept busy with membership applications

Issues with members not receiving journal. This is being forwarded on to Brill.

Jon's letter to members has had impact, people are making more contact and feeling more part of IAMS.

Fundraising in good shape. Requested additional \$117,000 and confident that we will achieve significant amount of this. Jon noted that those who have made donations are interested in providing support to sponsor participants. Missio is promising.

Action: Members to inform Jon what agencies/individuals are going to be contacted and if you require Jon to follow up.

4. *Treasurer's report (David Singh)*

Unfortunately David was not available for Meeting. No questions on David's Report

Encourage Members to update their membership – this greatly assists in revenue raising.

Important for members to have correct email address otherwise contact is lost.

Members to forward new email addresses to Secretariat.

Need to encourage new members to join.

Sponsoring one person to attend 2012 Conference is \$2,200

5. Report on conference website (Ann)

Ann requested to be put on newsletter email list

Registration website is almost ready to be tested by executive

One half of Executive to test dummy payment; and one half to test "apply for subsidy". Anne will send out instructions to send out test by end of the week.

Jon to write "welcome note" on Registration website

Conference website to be created by end of October.

Include Toronto information, excursions, study groups.

Ann will be meeting with local committee this on Friday 23 September.

Jon seeking Canadian Charitable status. Perhaps best to do this through Wycliffe College. Jon asked Ann to seek clarification on this at the coming mtg.

Executive can leave on Monday after Conference and volunteers will take over after executive leave. Executive members should arrive on 12 August.

The conference coincides with 40th anniversary of IAMS and this should be recognised/celebrated at the Conference.

6. Acceptance of new members

Accepted - 17

Rejected - 2

Follow-up - 2

Action: Change to "List of your publications"

7. Exec meeting in Toronto, March 2,3 – 2012

Total \$14,000 estimated costs

Jon spoke of the importance of having a face-to-face mtg in Toronto. Important for a number of reasons; testing immigration, seeing facilities, common cause.

Ann is confident that the dates would work for people at Toronto. Believes this is important for communication, with volunteers, local committee.

Jon moved that the full executive attend exec mtg in Toronto in March.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Members to contact Ann Chow regarding airfares. If members can get cheaper airfare then to go ahead. If not cheaper, then Ann to book flights through Menno travel.

Meeting to commence mid-morning 2nd March, Depart 4th

Accommodation available from 1st until 4th.

Meet at Wycliffe College

8. *Fundraising, study groups etc*

Jon is happy to make appeal using our names where appropriate and would like to prioritise this over coming months.

Jon urged members to use his letter to assist in any way.

Study groups:

Now have eight groups

World Christianity (Paul, Alan Jones)

Ethnic Minorities (Kima – no IAMS members)

DABOH (Jon Bonk, Mariel and Michael Poon)

Interfaith (Mika and David Singh, no IAMS member)

Healing (Cathy Ross and Christoffer Grundmann)

Gender (Rose)

BISAM (Gerard Goldman & John Prior)

Climate Change (Jon Bonk, Gerard Goldman and one other)

Kima suggested, "Migration Religion and Identity" to replace Ethnic Minorities and new . Kima to contact Martha to see if agreement can be reached.

9. *IAMS Matters newsletter*

a. *Next issue: link to web page/conference registration (November/December)*

Older members have noted that IAMS has sunk without a trace. The newsletter is an important effort to rectify this. Technical cost was \$850. OMSC covered this expense. Easy to introduce changes now.

Action: Note of appreciation from IAMS to OMSC for this support

It is acceptable that next edition of IAMS Matters notes that Kirsten Kim is available to be next editor of Journal

Members expressed gratitude for this excellent initiative.

b. *Invitation to paper writers from study group leaders*

Hope that Study Group leaders would want to write something here – update and encourage members to get ready for conference.

c. *Update on Toronto conference*

Newsy, interesting items on next conference will be included in future editions.

d. *News on publisher for IAMS History*

Eerdmans publication on history of IAMS to be published

e. *List of lifetime members - see number 4 of pdf of governance*

f. *News from members*

Not covered.

g. *Guidelines on how to nominate next executive - see number 2b of governance*

h. *Hotlink to constitution and bylaws - see link on front page of website*

<http://missionstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/iams-governance-manual-v0110811.pdf>

10. *Date and time of next meeting*

Cathy to email next date and time