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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 8th October 2010

By Conference Call

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Present:

David Singh
Mika Vahakangas
Paul Kollman
Cathy Ross
Jonathan Bonk
Rose Uchem
Gerard Goldman
Mariel Deluca Voth
Anne Henriksen (taking minutes)

Prayers were lead by Jonathan Bonk

1	Apologies Ken Myamoto Lalsangkima Pachuau
2	Welcome Cathy welcomed Rose Uchem and Anne Henriksen
3	New Applicants Accepted - 6 Rejected - 0 Follow Up - 2 It was suggested to change the bibliography section on the website to read 'Bibliography of Your Publications'. Action: Anne to tell Tom Peek
4	Conference 2012 Event Manager Regarding Ann Chow to be considered as Event Manager, Cathy referred to an e-mail that was circulated with attachments Cathy has looked through the documents and is in favour of employing her and it should be possible to finance her cost if spread over the next 2 years. Propose foundations to help fund her and the conference Action Ann Chow and all Executive Committee members Jon agreed and mentioned that the conference in Hungary not a very successful conference from a financial and administrative point of view. According to Jon, Ann's experience is a 'bargain' for IAMS especially if it can be

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paid over 8 payments. In addition, she will be able to raise money from mainly Canadian funds. She is God sent as she has connections and will help the secretariat and the conference be viable.

Paul is inclined to trust Jon and Cathy. He checked with two other companies/persons but they could not match Ann's amount and experience with Christian conferences.

A question was asked what the rate is between the Canadian & US dollars. It is on a par.

Cathy asked if there were any more comments and if not how would IAMS proceed.

Jon informed that the contract should be done from the secretariat. In principle her offer is accepted subject to formalities. Such as a corresponding revenue stream, which can help pay for her over the next two years. He suggested that Ann helps draw up the contract with Cathy. It will then be distributed to the Executive Committee and when agreed by all it will be signed.

The contract needs to be signed by November, but Ann is away at the moment.

Cathy asked for consent to accept her subject to negotiation on specific disbursement to the contracted amount.

Jon put motion and Rose seconded it

Action: Cathy to finalize agreed contract with Ann Chow

David said 'Accommodation' should be a line heading in the budget. In Malaysia \$48,000 was raised.

Paul mentioned that the details of the budget will be easier to discuss when Ann is on board.

Speakers

Cathy has drawn up a document with speakers, resource people and worship ideas. She asked the Executive Committee to add their ideas and comments.

Jon is recommending Doryttea Nagy as the main speaker as mentioned in an e-mail.

Cathy mentioned that they would need to start inviting people very soon.

Jon informed that the key speakers, Bible study readers etc. Are often booked far in advance and therefore it's important to find the key people for the key slots. However, he stressed that it's not possible to invite too many as there is no concrete conference plan at the moment.

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	<p>Action: Anne to make the spreadsheet and circulate.</p> <p>Action: Jon to write down a process that EC think will work. The key will be simplicity to ensure a timely outcome</p>
5	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>David Singh reported that the financial situation is better now than the start of the year.</p> <p>Income</p> <p>Referring to the financial report, the current balances are a total of \$65,000 in accounts where half is in investment with CNG and around 30 – 35,000 are available for use, which should provide enough to use this year and into the next year unless unforeseen expenses come up.</p> <p>Referring to the Income & Expenditure side, it's possible to see under actual income from MS that it gained \$9600 against the budget which is good</p> <p>Miscellaneous give an encouraging picture, since the gain is nearly \$6,000 against budgeted amount.</p> <p>David also mentioned that some income is expected next month which should increase it by \$2000 -3000.</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>The spending has been lower than budget, so therefore money has been saved.</p> <p>Under the Brill payments it was budgeted for \$5,600 but only \$2,500 have been paid out against list of members.</p> <p>The only group that has used its allocated amount was DABOH (spend \$3,190). Some money came with the help of Mika. David highlighted that maybe other groups have been inactive since they have not asked for money.</p> <p>The Secretariat only spent \$3,000 against budget of \$15,000. Excluding transaction charges and World Pay.</p> <p>Total expenditure came to \$7,000 against \$20,000. David stressed that it's above expectations and no serious deficit exists.</p> <p>David continued to report on the conference budget and mentioned that the future Conference in 2012 should not follow same model as the Hungary Conference in 2008 since it's not the best model. There were budget for \$300,000 and spending was \$329,000</p> <p>The conference in Malaysia is a better model as it left money to grow on because the income and expenditure did not depart substantially from the budgeted</p>

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	<p>amount.</p> <p>David thanked everybody for contributions or attracting funds. Special thanks went to Jon, Mika (especially for the €3,000 for Daboh), Gerard, Ken and Paul.</p> <p>For the 2012 conference, the Danish Mission Council intends to send €3,000. Also the American Society of Missiology has given money.</p> <p>Jon thanked Cathy's office for working infrastructural report and these thanks should be conveyed to the people involved. Cathy asked if she could buy something for Berdine (maybe £30 – 50) as a thank you for her contribution to IAMS. A general consent was given.</p> <p>Gerard commented that the budgeted amount of around \$7,000 – not \$12,000 for the secretariat was considerably less than previous \$25,000, and asked Cathy whether any injustice had incurred and if anybody had worked over the call of duty?</p> <p>Cathy mentioned that Berdine had 12-20 hours which she did not want money for.</p> <p>Mariel asked if it would be appropriate for a letter should be sent to Berdine thanking her. A general consent was given.</p> <p>Action: Cathy to prepare letter and buy a gift for Berdine and convey thanks to staff involved with database and website.</p>
6	<p>Discussion – re. Lapsed members</p> <p>Proactive</p> <p>Jon would like manually - either by email or letter - to follow up on lapsed members, since some are not aware they are lapsed. It would be good to send out an appeal from Secretariat office and use the entire membership list.</p> <p>Cathy stressed it would be a big job to do</p> <p>Jon expected it to take a day to make the distribution list and then around 5 minutes to send out to all those with e-mails and a bit longer to address the letter to individuals.</p> <p>Gerard informed of the complaints from members at the last conference and that there was a fair bit of disquiet. He suggested the letter could be apologetic and Jon agrees, since some members might have got frustrated with Brill and then have given up.</p> <p>Jon confirmed that the letter would begin with apology and also ensure that it does not occur again.</p> <p>Cathy mentioned that Jerry Anderson did not get his journal because of IAMS mistake and that in general people can find out if they are paid up through the</p>

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	<p>website. This would be good to have in the letter too.</p> <p>Action: Jon will write a letter similar to the recent presidential letter sent out but with a different introduction and then an invitation to the 'lapsed members' to renew their memberships. Jon will send it to the Secretariat for Cathy and Anne to work on.</p> <p>Cathy stressed that this should not just be to join but also to pay</p> <p>Action: Jon suggested for all executive committee members to browse the website and find ways it could be improved. Comments should be sent to Cathy</p>
7	<p>Discussion – re. Mission Studies & Kima's e-mail.</p> <p>Mika briefly summarize the e-mail exchanged between Kima and Brill.</p> <p>Mika believed the issue was a cultural class between the Western European academia where the position is taken almost as a scientific academic view and where faith background is automatically considered non-academic.</p> <p>In IAMS there is a minority of European Mission study scholars who represent this approach, but most will be in favour of Kima's approach.</p> <p>Mika stressed it's important to continue to balance between confessional and secular approaches because both is found among the members of IAMS. He suggested that one way would be to deeper discuss on this issue in mission studies and to make provision open to both approaches, but the editor presents himself and at the same time he is free to do so. Basically the way the Executive Committee chooses the editor is most likely to represent the majority of members while agreeing with others.</p> <p>David suggested it might be good to have a proper review system of the articles including both members that agree and disagree with the view presented and then can give feedback. David asked if each article is run by the associated editors and if they decide or if it's a single person who decides.</p> <p>Mariel agrees with David and mentions that at times the English is so poor it is difficult to translate into Spanish. Her concern is the process.</p> <p>Cathy suggests that the way forward would most likely be a face-to-face discussion at the next executive meeting even though it's far away.</p> <p>Jon proposed that Kima has a meeting with associated editors. He also stresses that the journal is not mission advocacy but a mission studies journal and maybe there is a need for a criteria to understand mission studies and a platform for mission studies. Jon preferred an editorial policy to assume an open stance. If Kima is instructed to meet with co-editors this might be the way forward.</p>

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	<p>Rose understands from the e-mail that Kima will not write any more editorials until the issue is resolved, but she is happy to leave it the way that is suggested.</p> <p>Cathy is not sure from the e-mail whether Kima does not want to write the editorial for the next one or not at all.</p> <p>Mariel thinks he will not write until settled.</p> <p>Jon recommends not getting into the micromanagement, but first for Kima to have the meeting. It might be that the mission studies journal has to have a more neutral stand. Like China, is not helped by this thinking, so it's a matter of editorial guidelines and rigorously following them.</p> <p>Rose is concerned that Kima will not write editorial and suggests that Jon encourages him to do so.</p> <p>Gerard trusts that Kima will take some of this on board</p> <p>Jon mentions that all collective e-mails have included Wendy Shamir and that maybe she needs to be excluded. Although, she might come up with some guidelines?</p> <p>A question was asked whether Kima is getting enough articles.</p> <p>Action: Jon to ask Kima to meet with co-editors and for Kima to convene to draw up some guidelines and criteria.</p> <p>A fuller discussion will take place when the executive committee meets face-to-face.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Approval of Honorary Life members – Cathy</p> <p>Cathy has a request from Jerry Anderson and asks for approval of honorary life members for four people, but asks Jon what the process of accepting is.</p> <p>Cathy recommended considering them person by person and that it might be good to have criteria of guidelines to make it more consistent. She asked Jon if criteria exist.</p> <p>All Executive Committee members agreed on the following four categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long term membership- Substantial contribution – active executive or in a study group- Age - retired for at least 5 years- Substantial record of service to mission study & publication to the field of mission studies

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	<p>David asks if they were not offered honorary membership, what would they be giving to us that is going to be absent now.</p> <p>Jon informed that one thing is profile and networks. It would be possible to announce the honour in various publications and websites and allow us to identify them with IAMS</p> <p>Gerard suggested it would be good to do in a community event rather than by a letter or website posting so he proposes that the conference in 2012 would be a good place to do it. It also helps lift expectations to honorary members who can help in resourcing funds, contact people that can be donors etc.</p> <p>Jon liked Gerard's idea of a certificate and letter at the Conference in 2010 but he would not make a bargain with them. Cathy supports idea.</p> <p>Rose was happy with the decision</p> <p>Mariel voiced concerned as it could raise expectation of other members.</p> <p>Action: Cathy to send out criteria to Executive Committee and check it out give comments</p> <p>CR to find out who should be present of possible honorary members and acknowledge them on this occasion</p> <p>Jon to forewarn them so they will be present at the Toronto Conference.</p>
9	<p>Proposed date of Executive meeting in Toronto 2012</p> <p>See under point nr. 10</p>
10	<p>Face to Face Executive Meeting in 2011?</p> <p>Cathy mentioned whether this will lead to face to face meeting in 2011</p> <p>Rose agreed with face to face meeting in 2011</p> <p>Paul mentioned that a meeting is considered in 2012, but if a meeting is held before then there should be no need for an additional meeting in 2012. Paul suggests that the meeting in 2011 in Toronto should be later than February – most likely in the period August to December</p> <p>David agrees with Paul because there is not a sufficient amount of money as the expenses will most likely be \$20,000. Cathy refers to Paul's suggestion to meet later in 2011 but not August as it's an</p>

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	<p>expensive month and then also meet a few days before the Conference starts. The issue might be finding a place in Toronto.</p> <p>Paul informed that Wycliffe will not be 'taken over' since it's only 6 – 12 people max. It's more finding a way of accommodation during the time of the meeting in 2011.</p> <p>Jon agreed with going later in the fall of 2011, as the details can be worked out and Ann Chow can help with it. Also if there was not enough money to meet, it might not necessarily be a full meeting but maybe who is close to Toronto.</p> <p>David suggested that maybe Cathy and Jon can represent the Executive Committee (EC) and of course also Paul.</p> <p>Mariel asked that Paul mention a meeting before the 2012 Conference.</p> <p>Cathy informed that the EC needs to be there before.</p> <p>Jon suggested that 3 days earlier than the conference starts would be good to do what needs to be done and to help IAMS members.</p> <p>Action All EC members to be at Toronto conference three days before</p>
11	<p>Review terminology for Women in Mission for the women in mission study group (Rose)</p> <p>Martha Frederiks put forward a suggestion to move a motion to change the name of the Women in Mission Study Group to Gender in Mission.</p> <p>Rose was in favour of this as there might be more people working in this study group.</p> <p>Cathy asked how we should proceed</p> <p>Jon informed that in principle can call the group the new name as there is no decree to this effect.</p> <p>Rose concluded then that the name has been changed and in subsequent correspondence will be referred to as Gender in Mission Group</p> <p>Jon referred to DAB which was changed to DABOH as an internal matter</p> <p>Action: AH to make sure website is changed</p>
12	<p>Catholic Missiologist Conference</p> <p>Gerard gave a brief report on the IACM conference</p> <p>Solid gathering around 100 people large rep from Asia</p>

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	<p>Sign group from Africa, small nr from the Americas</p> <p>AAMS Conference in September in Sydney next year. Gerard will send an e-mail regarding this.</p> <p>Conference in Africa in 2013 – Gerard to set venue for IACM It is 3rd or 4th conference. Numbers seemed strong and it will be first conference in Africa</p>
13	<p>Report on History of IAMS by Jerry Anderson</p> <p>Jon informed that a publisher is needed for the book and that there would be a number of options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Mission studies – not large circulations2) Regnum – wider circulations <p>All publishing by Regnum will be worldwide and in America by Wipf & Stock</p> <p>Jon further informed the book should be nicely bound and professionally edited giving it staying power for history.</p> <p>It's written primarily by one person but a few other have contributed. John Roxborough is doing DABOH</p> <p>The book will include pictures and most likely fine reference work. It would hopefully get indexed it should be circulated within academic and mission studies circles.</p>
14	<p>Next meeting: 10th Dec @ midday GMT</p>