

Minutes of the ISISA General Meeting

7th July, 2017 - Kangaroo Island, South Australia

The General Meeting (GM) opened at 2 p.m. in the Town Hall in Kingscote on Kangaroo Island, South Australia. The meeting was attended by 32 members of ISISA, including 2 Executive Committee members and various co-opted members.

Meeting Chair: Godfrey Baldacchino, ISISA President

Anna Baldacchino (University of Malta) volunteered to keep an accurate record of the meeting.

The agenda as circulated was presented for adoption. A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Dr Sophia Rolle, seconded by Dr Pete Hay and was approved unanimously.

In his introductory remarks, the Chair welcomed all members and referred them to the website link in which the agenda of this meeting, the minutes of the last GM, as well as the other documents that are relevant for this meeting were being made available.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence

Dana Lewis Ambrose, Laurie Brinklow, Marina Karides, Graeme Robertson and Huei-Min Tsai.

Item 2: Acceptance of Minutes of last General Meeting

The Chair referred the members to the Minutes of ISISA 2016 GM on the ISISA website. No comments were raised by the members.

Peter Clemens proposed a motion for the approval of the Minutes of the last GM as distributed. Jennie Teasedale seconded the motion.

- The motion to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7th July, 2017 in Mytilini, Lesvos Island, Greece, was approved unanimously.

Item 3: President's Report (vide Appendix 1)

The Chair reminded the members that the Report is also available on the website.

The Report highlights include:

- Replacement of Dr Rosie Alexander as the new ISISA Treasurer.
- Election of the Executive Committee next year in Terschelling, The Netherlands.

- Putting into practice of the extensive amendments to the Statute that were approved at the last GM, held in Lesvos, Greece, in May 2016. These included limiting ISISA membership to individuals; moving to an annual membership fee, starting from January 1, 2017; and offering more scholarships to deserving students to help defray some of the costs of attending ISISA conferences or supported events. The chair reminded those present that one can support these scholarships by either providing money for a scholarship (€500) or by paying a life membership (€200).
- Handing over of the Executive Editorship of *Island Studies Journal* to Adam Grydehøj in October 2016.

The motion to approve the President's report was approved by acclamation.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report (vide Appendix 2)

In the absence of Ms Rosie Alexander, Prof Stephen Royle read the financial report. Some of the highlights include:

- Income from membership fees was 1200 Sterling
- The treasurer will be writing to members whose membership has lapsed.
- The expenses for the scholarships for the Conference held last year in Lesvos, Greece were more than the income, but it was worth it to see students participating in the conference.
- The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed by Dr Pete Hay and seconded by Dr Bob Teasdale. And approved unanimously.

Item 5: Endorsement of Treasurer

The motion to approve Ms Rosie Alexander as the new Treasurer of ISISA was proposed by Prof Steve Royle and seconded by Dr Pete Hay and approved unanimously.

Item 6: Future ISISA Conferences

- The chair reminded members that in 2019 there will not be an ISISA conference as ISISA has reverted to having its conferences biennially. However, if there is an island studies conference taking place in 2019, ISISA would be happy to consider extending its support to such a conference.
- The chair also pointed out that those who wished to host future ISISA conferences, needed to fill in the application form that is available on the ISISA website.
- Confirmation of the next two ISISA Conferences:
 - No.16 IoW in Terschelling, The Netherlands, 10-14 June 2018
 - No 17 IoW in St John's, Newfoundland, Canada, 22-26 June 2020

Item 7: Election of Executive Committee in 2018

A call for nominations will be made available in January 2018. This is a voluntary position. Bob and Jennie Teasedale will join the executive committee from now to June 2018. Klaas Deen will also join the Committee as the prospective ISISA host in 2018.

Item 8: Other Matters

Dr Beate Ratter, ISISA Vice-President, proposed a vote of thanks to the Kangaroo Island members of the Organising Committee of the 15th *Islands of the World* Conference who have successfully and very competently put up a well organised ISISA conference that will stand out in terms of community engagement. The vote of thanks was approved by acclamation.

There being no other business, the General Meeting was adjourned *sine die* by the Chair and President Godfrey Baldacchino at 2.20 p.m.