

## **Minutes of the ISISA General Meeting, 5 November 2004, Kinmen Island, Taiwan**

### **Meeting opened at 9.45 a.m.**

**Meeting Chair:** Grant McCall, President of ISISA

Attended by 44 members in the audience and 11 Executive Members on the podium (Eric Clark, Calbert Douglas, Noni Georges, Mark Hampton, Grant McCall, Chris McMurray, Beate Ratter, Robert Read, Graeme Robertson, Naren Prasad and Huei-Min Tsai) plus Godfrey Baldacchino representing Lino Briguglio.

### **Item 1: Apologies for Absence**

Received from Lino Briguglio and Prem Saddul

### **Item 2: Approval of the Agenda**

*Proposed:* Mark Hampton *Seconded:* Stephen Royle

### **Item 3: Acceptance of Minutes of the last General Meeting**

The Minutes of the last General Meeting at Islands VII (2002) held on Prince Edward Island as distributed to those present were a true and accurate record of that meeting.

*Proposed:* Graeme Robertson *Seconded:* Denbeigh Armstrong

### **Item 4: Matters Arising**

There were no new matters arising.

### **Item 5: President's Report**

Grant McCall encouraged members to consider their islands as hosts for future conferences particularly those from the Caribbean.

*Proposed:* Randy Thaman *Seconded:* Stephen Royle

### **Item 6: Treasurer's Report**

A Financial Report for the inter-conference period 2002 to 2004 was presented. There is a surplus as of June 30, 2004 of £10,382.91 (Current Account £3831.65; Reserve Account £6530.91; Cash in hand £20.35). A breakdown of all income and expenditure was detailed. Following a question from Randy Thaman about what the ISISA Reserve Fund could be used for and subsequent general discussion, Mark Hampton stated the ISISA Executive would be happy to use this fund to subsidise costs for those coming from low income countries to present papers at future conferences.

*Proposed:* Elaine Stratford *Seconded:* Hiroshi Kakazu

### **Item 7: Venue for Islands IX**

Calbert Douglas announced that following a presentation of three bids to members of the ISISA Executive the previous evening that Maui, Hawaii, had been chosen to host the next conference in 2006. A brief introduction to the venue was then given by Dr Clyde Sakamoto, Chancellor, Maui Community College.

*Proposed:* Sarah Wright *Seconded:* Denbeigh Armstrong

#### **Item 8: Venue for Islands X**

Chris McMurray announced that Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, had been chosen to host the 2008 conference. A brief introduction to the venue was then given by Dr Changhoon Ko, from Cheju National University and President, World Association for Island Studies.

*Proposed:* Geoff Bertram *Seconded:* Dana Lewis

#### **Item 9: Okinawa Expert Meeting**

Hiroshi Kakazu, Vice President, University of the Ryukyus, informed the members about an island expert meeting and open symposium taking place on Okinawa next year.

#### **Item 10: ISISA Newsletter & Website Proposal**

Denbeigh Armstrong, University of Tasmania, indicated her willingness to arrange construction of an ISISA website and to edit future issues of the ISISA newsletter.

*Proposed:* Geoff Bertram *Seconded:* Elaine Stratford

#### **Item 11: Island Poetry Proposal**

Peter Hay, University of Tasmania, requested any members who had an interest in island poetry to get further details from him after the meeting.

#### **Item 12: Kinmen Declaration**

Godfrey Baldacchino presented the Kinmen Declaration on an overhead projector and read the eight recommendations that conference delegates wished to make to members of the international community, policy makers, legislators, non-government organisations and others who can impact relevant decision-making processes for small islands. Attention was drawn to the calligraphy at the bottom of this declaration made by Chu-Feng Lee, Magistrate Kinmen Island, which literally translated meant "Dao yu yen jeou" - "Study of Islands".

#### **Item 13: ISISA Executive**

Grant McCall announced that Clyde Sakamoto had been co-opted to the ISISA Executive since he will be organiser of the Islands IX conference.

#### **Item 14: Any other business**

Elaine Stratford, University of Tasmania, brought delegates attention to the 'Ten Days on the Island' festival taking place 1-10 April 2005 in Tasmania.

**Item 15: Formal Vote of Thanks**

Beate Ratter, on behalf of the ISISA Executive and delegates, expressed their sincere thanks to the organisers and in particular Huei-Min Tsai, sponsors and voluntary staff of this Islands VIII conference and the people of Kinmen for enabling this very instructive gathering to take place so successfully and for providing warm hospitality and many memorable experiences of their beautiful island.

The General Meeting closed at 10.35

Minutes provided by Beate Ratter and Graeme Robertson, Joint Secretaries of ISISA.