

Minutes of the ISISA General Meeting, 27 August 2008, Jeju Island, Korea

Meeting opened at 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Grant McCall, President of ISISA

Attended by 31 members in the audience, present from the Executive Members were Godfrey Baldacchino, Peter Billing, Ray Burnett, Ko Chang Hoon, Calbert Douglas, Mark Hampton, Grant McCall, Shunsuke Nagashima, Naren Prasad, Beate Ratter, Prem Saddul, Clyde Sakamoto and Huei-Min Tsai.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence

Received from D Armstrong, E Clark, C McMurray, B Potter, G Robertson and E Stratford.

Item 2: Approval of the GM Agenda

Proposed: Mark Hampton – *approved*

Item 3: Matters Arising

Motion by Calbert Douglas on the nomination of ISISA Institutions – see item 11

Item 4: Report of last Conference Maui 2006

Clyde Sakamoto gave a report on the success and the outcome of the last ISISA Conference held in Maui, including the acceptance of the Maui Declaration by the local government of the island.

Item 5: Treasurer's Report

A Financial Report for the inter-conference period 2006 to 2008 was presented by the Treasurer Mark Hampton. There is a surplus as of June 14, 2008 of £11,885 (Current Account £1215; Reserve Account £10670; rounded to whole pounds). A breakdown of all income and expenditure was detailed. 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.

Grant McCall, President of ISISA, suggested a one-time weaver for membership fee in 2008.

Proposed: Godfrey Baldacchino *Seconded:* Faiz Ahmend – *Accepted unanimously*

Item 6: Maui Fund for Sustainable development

Clyde Sakamoto announced that based on the successful meeting and in consequence of the IOW IX in Maui there was established a Sustainability Fund for the support and encouragement to foster sustainability on islands. Details will be provided to the treasurer.

Item 7: Motion to start a discussion about changing the name of the Association

Godfrey Baldacchino, PEI, presented a motion (copies distributed) to the General Meeting of ISISA concerning the change of name of the organisation to the new title for the Association “International Island Studies Association”. The motion was vigorously discussed.

Calbert H. Douglas proposed that the ISISA Executive Committee launches a consultation exercise that actively involves the general membership of the Association with a view to determining the direction of the organisation and to report back to the AGM at the next General Meeting of the Association, due at the 11th Islands of the World Conference in 2010.

Seconder: Prem Saddul – *Vote:* in favour: 26; abstaining: 3, result: *Accepted unanimously*

Item 8: Proposal for 2010 Islands of the World XI conference site

Grant McCall announced that Bornholm, Denmark, had been chosen to host the 2010 conference. An introduction to the venue was then given by Peter Billing and Christian Wichmann Matthiessen from the Centre for Regional and Tourism Research (CRT) in Bornholm. They declare that there is a strong interest in offering Bornholm, Denmark, as the venue of the ISISA Islands of the World XI in 2010.

The proposed theme of the Conference is “Celebrating Island Connectivities” and the Conference format should be celebrating the local diversity. The planned week could be the week of August 23-27 2010 (see copies of proposal by the CRT presented by Peter Billing, Director Centre for Regional & Tourism Research, on behalf of the local organizers in Jeju, August 26, 2008).

Proposed: Cal Douglas Secoded: Prem Saddul – Accepted unanimously

Item 9: Relationship between ISISA and the IGU (International Geographical Union) Commission on Islands

Stephen Royle, University of Belfast, informed the members about the IGU Commission on Islands which had its inaugural meeting in October 2007 in Taipei. At this meeting a group of ISISA members were present and agreed on seeking synergies between ISISA and IGU as much as possible. The long-standing record of ISISA can be used actively for collaboration with the IGU Commission and vice versa.

There is a hope to develop a mutually beneficial relationship, including the possibility of recurring cooperation. The intention was expressed to have commission meetings in conjunction with ISISA conferences as far as it is possible and suitable. The first attempt was made during the current conference Islands of the World X in Jeju, Korea.

Proposed to accept: Mark Hampton – Accepted unanimously

Item 10: Formal Vote of Thanks

Calbert Douglas, on behalf of the ISISA Executive and delegates, expressed sincere thanks to the organisers, in particular Ko Chang Hoon, sponsors and voluntary staff of this Islands X conference for enabling this interesting and instructive gathering to take place so successfully.

We also give our sincere thanks to Ray Burnett who organised the 1st World Island Film Festival as an independent pre-event of IOW X in Jeju.

Item 11: Any other business

- Grant McCall brought delegates attention to a proposal for the venue of ISISA XII in 2012 on the Andaman Islands that was brought forward by Prof. A.P. Singh, participant of this Conference and Member of ISISA.
- Calbert H. Douglas, University of Salford UK and Executive Member, proposed that “Institutional organisations, colleges or Universities, hosting, or have hosted, the International Small Island Studies Association (ISISA) Islands of the World Conference becomes an ISISA institution.”

Proposed to accept: Prem Saddul Secoded: Clyde Sakamoto

- Grant McCall encouraged members to consider their islands as hosts for future conferences particularly those from the Caribbean.
- Parade of the Convenors of the past “Islands of the World Conferences”: No. I 1986 Vancouver, Can.; II 1988 Tasmania; III 1992 Nassau, Bahamas; IV 1994 Okinawa, Jap.; V 1998 Mauritius; VI 2000 Isle of Skye, UK; VII 2002 Prince Edward Island, Can.; VIII 2004 Kinmen Island, Taiwan; IX 2006 Maui, USA; X 2008 Jeju, Korea and for the upcoming Conference XI 2010 Bornholm, Denmark.

The General Meeting closed at 20.35h,
Minutes provided by Beate Ratter, Secretary of ISISA