

**General Meeting of the  
International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA)  
Held at the Aula Magna, University of Zadar, Zadar, Croatia  
Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, from 12.45pm to 1.30pm**

**Item 1: Opening, Apologies for Absence & Approval of Agenda Item**

ISISA President Godfrey Baldacchino (GB) welcomed the members present and declared the General Meeting (GM) open. Executive Committee members Adam Grydehøj, Jonathan Pugh and Elaine Stratford were excused, being unable to attend the conference. Beate Ratter and Laurie Brinklow were also absent because, although they had attended this ISISA Conference, they had to leave for the airport that same morning.

The Agenda for the GM was approved as circulated.

**2: Approval of Minutes of last ISISA General Meeting (Held virtually and facilitated by Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, 18 June 2021.)**

GB presented the minutes of the 2021 GM. These were approved unanimously by the members. (Eva-Maria Knoll proposer; Rosemarie Azzopardi seconder).

**Item 3: Any Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes, other than what is already included in the agenda of this GM.

**Item 4: President's Report (Godfrey Baldacchino)**

GB presented the President's report. He highlighted the concerns of the ISISA Executive following the freezing of its funds at PayPal, and the need to regularise the association by having it registered somewhere as a non-profit and therefore under the purview of some authority. The ISISA Executive is recommending such a registration in Scotland. GB also encouraged members to consider taking out a life membership in ISISA.

The report was approved. (Gerard Persoon proposer; Elena Burgos Martinez seconder)

**Item 5: Treasurer's Report (Andrew Jennings)**

Andrew Jennings (AJ) presented the treasurer's report. There remains a healthy balance of over 16,000 sterling, but there has been very limit movement of funds since last year's (virtual) conference.

The Treasurer's report was approved. (Gerard Persoon proposer; Elena Burgos Martinez seconder).

**Item 6: Motion to approve revised ISISA Charter and register ISISA as an Unincorporated Association in Scotland (Andrew Jennings).**

AJ and GB recommended the adoption of the new constitution or charter of ISISA, set up according to the template of the Scottish Office for Charity Registrations. The main difference from the current statute is (1) the obligation to hold annual general meetings; and (2) to have a quorum, being proposed as 20 members.

After a discussion, the general meeting approved and adopted the new charter unanimously. (Serge Tcherkezoff proposer; Daniel Graziadei seconder)

**Item 7: Motion for ISISA Executive to explore supporting Island Studies Journal with its banking functions (Elena Burgos Martinez)**

Elena explained the justification for this motion, with ISJ needing to have its banking functions continue while the current ISJ Editor is moving from Denmark to China.

**Item 8: Motion to approve and empower the ISISA Executive to continue discussing details with Prof Luky Adrianto, Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences at Bogor Agricultural University, and his team, in the hope that a suitable arrangement can be made to host ISISA 2024 in Lombok, Indonesia.**

GB presented the bid to the GM. It was accompanied by a 3-minute video invitation, which was screened. Isye Susana Nurhasanah (Indonesia) represented the bidders at the GM and offered additional details.

After a discussion, it was decided to shelve the final decision on this bid to the incoming ISISA Executive. It was also noted that no representatives of the Indonesia bid were physically present at this ISISA Conference and that presidential elections were scheduled in Indonesia for summer 2024, and these may disrupt events.

GB, meanwhile, reminded all those interested in hosting an ISISA Conference to complete and submit the 3-page bid form that is available for this purpose.

**Item 9: Nomination and Election of ISISA Executive Committee: Office Bearers and Ordinary Members (Gerard Persoon)**

Gerard Persoon (Election Officer) read out the list of nominated candidates. Since there was one nomination for each of the four office positions; and only four nominations for the five ordinary member positions, it was proposed and accepted that the new ISISA executive committee 2022-26 be approved by acclamation:

For President: Laurie BRINKLOW  
For Vice-President: Sarah NIMFÜHR  
For Secretary: Anna BALDACCHINO  
For Treasurer: Andrew JENNINGS  
For Ordinary Members (up to 5): Rosemarie AZZOPARDI; Anica ČUKA; Ayano GINOZA; Adam GRYDEHØJ  
Co-Opted (Non-Voting) member: Tomislav OROZ

**Item 10: Vote of Thanks and Adjournment**

Outgoing President GB and Incoming Vice-President Sarah Nimführ proposed a vote of thanks to Anita Čuka and the Zadar Local Organising Committee and thanked them for a successful 18<sup>th</sup> 'Islands of the World' Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Anna Baldacchino*

*Incoming ISISA Secretary*

*17<sup>th</sup> June 2022*