

Minutes of the ISISA General Meeting, 28 June 2002, Prince Edward Island

Meeting opened at 3.30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Grant McCall, president of ISISA

Attended by 49 members in the audience and 7 Exec Members on the podium (Mark Hampton, Prem Saddul, Grant McCall, Chris McMurray, Peter Meincke, Beate Ratter, Graeme Robertson).

Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

Resolved: The Fourth General Meeting of the International Small Island Studies Association (ISISA) approves the Agenda proposed.

Passed unanimously

Item 2: Acceptance of Minutes of the last General Meeting

The Minutes of the last General Meeting at Islands VI (2000) in Skye as printed in ISISA Newsletter Vol 2, No 1 (May 2002) as a true and accurate record of that meeting:

Passed unanimously

Item 3: Matters arising

There were no new matters arising.

Item 4: Apologies for Absence

Lino Briguglio, Edward Towle

Item 5: President's Report (presented by Grant McCall, President of ISISA)

- GIN launching on 27 June, 2002
- Physical home of ISISA is located at the Centre for Research in Islands and Small States (CRISS), University of Surrey, UK with ISISA stamp and archive folders (in hands of Mark Hampton)
- New Health Workgroup was founded (headed by Chris McMurray)
- Study group on Higher Education on small islands to be founded (proposal by Efstathios Mavros, Cyprus)
- Theo Lewis Hills, founding president of ISISA, passed away in 2002. There will be a plaque to commemorate Theo Hills important contribution to island studies. A copy of that plaque will be sent to Theo's daughter. A Memorial Service will be held at McGill University, Montreal, Canada on September 20, 2002

Item 6: Treasurer's Report (presented by Mark Hampton, Treasurer)

A Financial Report for the Inter-conference Period 2000 to 2002 was presented. There is a surplus as of June 24, 2002 of £9339.06 (Current Account £2929.35, Reserve Account £6389.36, Cash in hand £20.35). A breakdown of all revenues and expenditures was presented. The bank account is established at the National Westminster Bank in the UK. There we do not pay tax as an accepted non-profit organisation.

Acceptance of the accounts: passed unanimously

Item 7: Venue for next ISISA Conference – Islands VIII (Chris McMurray)

There are four to five offers for holding the next Conference. The Exec Member Committee discussed the possibility of changing to a 2 yearly meeting with all pros and cons; discussed the distribution of conference venues across different parts of the world; and to decide on the first come, first get modus for the upcoming venues. Open discussion followed.

The Exec Committee is seeking endorsement to support the following policy:
We switch to a two yearly meeting. All offers are taken and put into a plan for the next ten years aiming for a regional balance of representation. In case of two offers the Exec will decide taking into consideration the first come - first get modus.

Endorsed by the members

Announcement of next venues (presented by Grant McCall)

2004, Kinmen Island, Taiwan presented a strong offer

2006, Malta, Islands and Small States Institute offered to host the Conference

Move accepted unanimously

Huei-Min Tsai presented the concept of the next Conference on Kinmen Island, Taiwan. They have already found sponsors and the support of the government of Taiwan. She expresses a formal thanks to the ISISA General Meeting and invites everybody to Kinmen in 2004.

Item 8: Amendment to ISISA Charter (Chris McMurray)

Currently office bearers in the ISISA Exec Committee are due to change every second term. In some cases this does not correspond to reality. There is a need to either change the modus of re-election or change the Charter.

Proposal: delete Art.VI last sentence: "They may be re-elected only for one further term."

Passed unanimously

Item 9: Election of ISISA Office Bearers (chaired by Peter Meincke)

There are proposals for the following offices:

President (one nomination): Grant McCall

Treasurer (one nomination): Mark Hampton

Secretary (one nomination): Beate Ratter and Graeme Robertson (to share tasks)

The proposed candidates were elected, accepted and declared elected

As Executive Members were proposed the following persons:

Peter Meincke, Chris McMurray, Prem Saddul, Lino Briguglio (not present), Anne Spears, Calbert Douglas, Naren Prasad, Robert Read, Eric Clark and Huei-Min Tsai.

The proposed candidates for Executive Members were elected, accepted and declared elected

Item 10: Formal Vote of Thanks (Grant McCall)

The president of ISISA on behalf of the entire Executive and the participants of the Conference expressed a formal Vote of Thanks to the University of Prince Edward Island and the Institute of Island Studies. A special heartfelt thanks was expressed to Anne Spears and Harry Baglolle as well as their support team for the excellent organisation of this Conference.

Item 11: Any other business

- As there is no Vice-President of ISISA the Exec Committee is asked to prepare a revision of the Charter and bring it to the General Meeting in the future.

The General Meeting closed at 5:30 p.m.

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