



Minutes of IQSA General Assembly, Leicester, United Kingdom, July 12, 2016

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1. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

(presented by Sandro Sozzo)

President: Paul Busch

Vice-President: John Harding

Secretary: Sandro Sozzo

Treasurer (not subject to elections):
Richard Greechie

Editor (not subject to elections):
should be assigned by the Council

Councillors serving till 2018 Biennial IQSA Meeting (they cannot be re-elected):

Roberto Giuntini
Lev Levitin
Jan Paseka
Sylvia Pulmannová
Frank Schroeck
Thomas Vetterlein

Councillors serving till 2020 Biennial IQSA Meeting:

Anatolij Dvurečenskij
Emmanuel Haven
Chris Heunen
Roberto Leporini
Mirko Navara
Ekaterina Turilova

(Tie among three candidates for the sixth position was decided by the Council according to the Constitution.)

Members of the Nominating Committee serving till 2018 Biennial IQSA Meeting (they cannot be re-elected):

Maria Luisa Dalla Chiara
Jaroslaw Pykacz

Members of the Nominating Committee serving till 2020 Biennial IQSA Meeting:

Roberto Beneduci
Christian De Ronde

2. BIRKHOFF-VON NEUMANN PRIZE 2016

(presented by John Harding and Sandro Sozzo)

The "Birkhoff-von Neumann Prize 2016" was awarded to Dr. Markus Mueller and Dr. Paolo Perinotti. The Award Ceremony of the "Birkhoff-von Neumann Prize 2016" took place on Thursday 14 July, during the 13th Biennial Meeting of the International Quantum Structures Association in Leicester.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

(sent by Richard Greechie)

According to the last bank statements, IQSA has in its coffers the following amounts:

In Ruston	23,020.89 USD
Euro-based Barclays' account	7,265.6604 USD
UK-based Barclays' account	455.949 USD
Paypal account	39.97 USD

In sum, the IQSA treasury now holds (the equivalent of) 30,782.47 USD.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(presented by J. Harding)

John Harding informed the memberships about the following financial aspects.

I. As charged at the last IQSA meeting, the association now has accounts in Ruston and Leicester, and both accounts now have 3 signatories.

II. Tax exempt status in the US allows a person to donate money to the organization and have the amount deducted from their US taxes. This may be of substantial benefit to the IQSA. There are few burdens associated with this. Once per year a box must be checked on a form saying that our gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less. Gross receipts are dues paid, charitable donations, and funds received for the benefit of the IQSA to support conferences. Minor items related to retaining tax exempt status would apply only in the unlikely event of an audit, and even then a reasonable worst case is that we would be told to make modifications if we wanted to retain tax exempt status. Tax exempt status in the US should be a non-issue in formulating IQSA policies.

III. A Paypal account has been set up for the association. This account allows us to conveniently put a link on the IQSA website to allow credit card, debit card, and Paypal payments not only from the US, but from most countries.

5. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

(presented by John Harding)

Membership dues for IQSA can now be paid also by using the Paypal system (see 4). Those wishing to make a donation to the association may do this via credit, debit, or Paypal, as specified on the IQSA website. The IQSA is a US tax exempt organization, and donations can be deducted from US income tax.

6. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

(presented by Sandro Sozzo)

The International Journal of Theoretical Physics (IJTP) accepted to publish the conference proceedings in a special issue of the journal, with Guest Editors: Emmanuel Haven & Sandro Sozzo. The deadline for submissions and length limits will be announced after a discussion of the details with the editorial board.

Navara observed that having a volume marked as conference proceedings would be a disadvantage for us.

According to Busch, the possibility to submitting in a special should be open to all authors.

Pykacz remarked that this is a responsibility of the editors.

Gudder maintained that only people who attended the meeting should be eligible.

Sozzo observed that this is an important aspect which should be discussed with the Editor-in-Chief of IJTP.

Navara commented that also this is the responsibility of the editors.

Chajda remarked that the tradition is that at least one of the authors should be a participant of the event.

Harding pointed out that the quality of the special issue should be carefully taken into account.

7. PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT IQSA BIENNIAL MEETING

The new President Paul Busch mentioned that one possibility is his institution in York; however, having the conference twice in a row in the same country is not optimal. In any case, there is time to decide.

Paul Busch also summarized, in his introductory speech, the situation and perspectives of IQSA.

An official proposal to run the next meeting in the Kazan Federal University was addressed by Ekaterina Turilova and jointly presented by Mirko Navara.

Sonja Smets wanted to inquire into the possibility to organize the next meeting in the Netherlands (Utrecht is preferable to Amsterdam). However, at that moment she was waiting for replies, which are expected in a few weeks.

Harding advanced that proposals can be collected several weeks, and the decision could be made by the Council in autumn.

Leifer maintained that Kazan is attractive, but it is difficult to reach from some places. In addition, it was mentioned that September is not good for the USA. Also Ballonoff observed that traveling could be a problem.

Gudder wondered about who will decide, whether the Council, or the General Assembly. It was agreed that the Council has to take the final decision.

Paseka maintained that the Membership should vote, or at least express an opinion whereas, according to Harding, it seems impossible to vote.

Sozzo observed that in all the events he attended, the venue was decided at the Assembly.

Harding suggested collecting opinions by e-mail (sent to membership).

Busch proposed to wait and address membership at large.

It was agreed that a deadline for decision should be set, say one month.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Navara wondered whether the name of the association should be “International Quantum Structures Association”, or “International Quantum Structure Association”.

Busch maintained that the web pages should be updated (in appearance).

Smets pointed out that new media, such Facebook, Twitter, etc., should be included.

Navara asked the participants who cares of Facebook, and 8 people answered positively.