



Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly of MSIS

Organized remotely; via Skype

December 13th, 2018

The quorum is reached

Martina Marchetti-Deschmann (MMD) and Tiffany Porta (TP) volunteer to take notes

1. **14:00 Opening of the meeting** by the President Ron Heeren (RH)

2. **14:05 Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting**

Presentation of the minutes of the last General Assembly

No changes were suggested. Approved by 7 e-votes and 1 verbal vote

3. **14:15 Approval of the annual report of the Board**

Short presentation by president; remind the purpose of MSIS

Approved by member majority

4. **14:30 Acceptance of the audit report and approval of the financial statements**

Short presentation provided by the Treasurer Markus Stoeckli (MS) summarizes the financial status of the society.

Actual financial balance: 4935 EUR

Approved by member majority

5. **14:35 Discharge of the Board –**

Discharge board for 2017, and acknowledgment of 2017 activities.

6. **14:40 Election of the President and the other Board members as well as the Control Board.**

Martina Marchetti-Deschmann (MMD) is suggesting Liam McDonnel (LMD) to be the next president; LMD accepts to present himself for the election

LMD is elected unanimously next President of MSIS for 2019

Ron Heeren (RH) presents a proposal for functions within the MSIS Board (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, education & initiatives) and names nominees for various functions:

MMD: vice-president

Markus Stoeckli, Treasurer

Tiffany Porta Siegel, Communication

Gérard Hopfgartner, Academia

Peter Marshall, Link with Industry

Ann-Christin Niehoff, Initiatives

Garry Corthals, Outreach

Malcolm CLench

RH: former president

7. **14:55 Determination of the membership fee**

Like last year, a brief discussion about membership fees in other societies is started, laying out the pros and cons of having/raising the fee; members will have reduced fees for the registration of the next Ourcon

It was decided by the GA to increase the membership fees to CHF15; accepted by majority

8. **15:00 Annual budget 2019**

Increase in membership

9. **15:10 Resolution on proposals by the Board and members**

Presentation the scientific program of MSIS and significant contributions of MSIS to international conferences (spring workshop, EMIM, IMSC)

Tiffany Porta (TP) presents some activities with MSI for 2019: MSACL US, Palm Springs, April 2019); MSI at EMIM, Glasgow, March 2019 (mini-symposium / Educational session about MSI (to take place prior to the European Molecular Imaging Meeting. Organized by the ESMI MSI Study Group (T. Porta, G. Hamm, G. Fletcher, K. Schwamborn); MSACL EU, Salzburg, September 2019; Tissue Imaging track – Clinical imaging; OurCon VII October 2018, St. Malo, France. Local organizer Charles Pineau; M4I workshop on MSI #3, Maastricht, Netherlands; Fall 2019

TP reminds the communication channels used by MSIS:

Website OurCon: <https://ourcon.org/>

MSI website: <https://ms-imaging.org/wp/>

LinkedIn: Group OurCon: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12037630/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/OurConMSI>

10. **15:20 Amendments to the Statutes**

No amendments to the Statutes were made.

11. **15:25 Decide on exclusions of members**

It was decided to exclude no members from MSIS

12. **15:26 Resolution on the dissolution of the association and the use of the liquidation proceeds**

It was decided to continue the Association. No dissolution nor liquidation process are needed

13. **15:27-15:55 Any other business –**

Several discussions about the last Ourcon organized in Charleston; majority of the attendees disagree with the choice of having speakers on invitation only; not much

room for networking due to very packed program; less opportunities than usual for young scientists

Michael Becker (MB): US meeting was polished and not really including the young researchers; Workshops have to stay in Europe. It was agreed that for the next Ourcon meetings: speakers will be decided upon abstract submission and by selection by the Scientific committee

RMA reminded that MSIS wants to be inclusive and do not limit the potential host institutions for Ourcon to be localized in US or EU

LMD: other conferences on our website will be listed on our website in order to have no conflicts of interests (e.g Asilomar/OurCon); with regards to the next Ourcon: Japan announced interest in organizing OurCon; US is hesitant about having 2020 again organized together with EU

MMD: Education: Website include COST actions / keep first COST action a stand-alone part of the website

14. 15:55-16:00 **Date next annual meeting and closure**

The next annual meeting will take place in Saint-Malo, France, during the next Ourcon Meeting in October 2019